

PROVINCE.	ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION.					
	OPIUM.			OPIUM PREPARED FOR SMOKING.		
	Quantity.	Value.	Duty.	Quantity.	Value.	Duty.
1884.	Lbs.	\$	\$	Lbs.	\$	\$
Ontario.....	2,087	3,241	648 20			
Quebec.....	2,007	5,463	1,092 60			
Nova Scotia.....						
New Brunswick.....	63	227	45 40			
Manitoba.....	1	3	60			
British Columbia.....	56,542	192,149	38,429 80	15	214	75 00
Prince Edward Island..						
Total.....	60,700	\$201,083	\$40,216 60	15½	217	\$76 25

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Commissioner of Customs.

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Smuggling into
the United States.

These returns show an amount of importation of opium into British Columbia entirely out of proportion to the population, as compared with that of the other Provinces, and equally out of proportion to consumption by the number of Chinese in the Province. It may in some degree be explained (though not justified) by the long continuous boundary line between British Columbia and the United States, extending for hundreds of miles along the 49th parallel, through unsettled districts, affording extraordinary facilities for smuggling opium by the Chinese in British Columbia into the United States for the use of the many thousands of their countrymen in Oregon, Washington Territory, California and along the Pacific coast.

Opium licences
in Victoria.

Its use also, as a legitimate source of municipal revenue, is recognized by the city of Victoria, having, during the first half of the current year, issued to the Chinese eleven opium licences at \$500 a piece, netting a revenue of \$5,500 to the city. It is difficult to make the Chinese understand, why its use is so objectionable, when the Dominion Government permits it to come into the country as a common article of trade, and the city government makes money by granting licenses for its sale. Nor can they understand why they themselves are so objectionable, when in addition to the opium licenses—the city government grants them liquor licences for selling spirits at \$50 a piece, thus adding still more to the city revenue.

Spirit licenses.
to the Chinese.

From this opium comes chloral, morphine and other extracts and compounds far more dangerous in their effects, and much more used by the higher and cultivated members of English, European and American society than is the opium for smoking by the Chinese. Of chloral though not well understood before 1869, in 1878 (less than ten years) its con-