

The revenue accrued on all these works, was \$62,788, of which \$51,065 has been collected, and \$6,902 remitted by authority.

**CULLING TIMBER.**

31. The fees accrued from culling timber in 1877-78 amounted to \$56,489, while the amount collected was \$53,521, thereby increasing the outstanding balances from \$26,813 to \$29,781. A considerable portion of this balance will probably be lost, but such of the items as are considered good have been placed in the hands of the agents of the Minister of Justice for collection.

Outstanding balances.

32. The cost of the Cullers' office for 1877-78 was \$49,940, being \$6,549 less than the accrued revenue for that year.

Cost of cullers office less than revenue.

**BILL STAMPS.**

33. The revenue from this source in 1877-78 was \$200,614 as compared with \$208,968 in the previous year. There has, therefore, been a further decline of \$8,354. The decrease last year was \$17,991.

Comparison of revenue.

**WEIGHTS, MEASURES AND GAS :**

35. An account of the expenditure and receipts in connection with this service, will be found at pp. 36 to 44 and pp. 220 to 234 of the appendices. There has been a large falling off in the revenue from this service in consequence of the amendments to the Act by which the fees for a second or any subsequent verification, are reduced by 75 per cent, as also by a readjustment of the tariff by which the first fees were reduced. The amount accrued in 1877-78 was \$32,101 as against \$54,549 in the previous year. A special report in relation to this service has been prepared, which together with the statistical details of the work done, will form a supplement to this Report.

Expenditure on revenue. Supplementary report to follow.

**PREVENTION OF ADULTERATION OF FOOD.**

36. During the past fiscal year the expenditure under this Act was \$5,947. A full account of the work done, with the Reports of the Analysts, will be found in a Supplementary Report.

Amount expended. Supplementary report to follow.

**OUTSIDE SERVICE.**

37. During the fiscal year examinations of outside officers, were held in the months of July, August and September, at the principal places with the following results:—

Examination of officers.

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| First Class.....  | 8  |
| Second Class..... | 19 |
| Third Class.....  | 15 |