

for duty ; and of course, as it became known that the business was a profitable one, the growth increased until, for the last year, it was estimated that the crop could not be less than 5,000,000 pounds, and the quantity returned, by *some conscience-stricken party*, was ten pounds—netting the immense revenue of ONE DOLLAR. From the following it will be seen how steadily the amount returned has decreased, viz :

FOR THE PROVINCE OF QUEBEC.

For 1871-72.....	55,000	pounds	returned	for	duty.
" 1872-73.....	24,000	"	"	"	"
" 1873-74.....	1,700	"	"	"	"
" 1874-75.....	10	"	"	"	"

THE EFFECT ON THE TRADE.

The effect on the manufacture of cut tobacco and tobacco trade generally, has been nothing short of disastrous.

In former years Canada did support twelve steam cut tobacco factories, and a large number of smaller ones, working by hand, besides what many concerns cut who did not make a speciality of that grade of goods ; but now, all the smaller concerns are no more, and of the larger there are only four, who eke out an existence, and are surely expiring from over-competition with an article which is currently sold at a price below the bare amount of duty.

The general trade are not now doing a tithe of the business which was once done in the Province, for the same reason ; and many of the wholesale grocers seriously contemplate abandoning the keeping of tobacco of all descriptions as a part of their stock-in-trade.

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS.

By many in authority it is broadly asserted that it is an utter impossibility that there can be anything like the