

Opium is much adulterated. It has been stated in Athens by a person engaged in the extraction of opium that grapes, freed from their seeds and crushed, were almost universally mixed with the poppy-juice, and that the inspissated juice of the grape thickened with flour is often used for the same purpose. In the report on the progress and condition of India for 1871-72 it is stated that the cultivation of opium in India is increasing, there being at the time of the report 500,000 acres in Bengal, and 608 acres in Bombay planted with the poppy, and that the exports of opium for the same year amounted to 893,364 chests, valued at £13,365,288 sterling, or \$66,826,440.—(*United States Dispensatory, 15th Edition, title: Opium.*)

Value in crop in India \$66,826,440.

Having thus shown the enormous value of the opium crop in India, for which Great Britain insisted upon having China as a market, it may be of importance to ascertain what quantity is imported into Canada, its value, and the duties paid. It is clearly recognized as a legitimate article of trade and commerce, and the accompanying return shows that during the last three years there has been imported into the several Provinces of the Dominion a total in value of \$400,555, on which duties were paid to the Dominion revenue of \$79,110.

STATEMENT of the Quantity and Value of Opium entered for Consumption in each Province of the Dominion, also the duty collected thereon during the fiscal years ended, 30th June, 1882, 1883, 1884 respectively.

PROVINCE.	ENTERED FOR CONSUMPTION.					
	OPIUM.			OPIUM PREPARED FOR SMOKING.		
	Quantity.	Value.	Duty.	Quantity.	Value.	Duty.
1882.	Lbs.	\$	\$	Lbs.	\$	\$
Ontario.....	790	2,444	488 80	....	....	....
Quebec.....	1,868	5,591	1,118 20	....	....	....
Nova Scotia.....	186	471	94 20	....	....	....
New Brunswick.....	184	613	122 60	....	....	....
Manitoba.....	4	15	3 00	....	....	....
British Columbia.....	21,567	78,833	15,766 52	2	28	10 00
Prince Edward Island...	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total.....	24,599	\$87,967	\$17,593 32	2	\$28	\$10 00
1883.						
Ontario.....	....	....	....	7	2 50	....
Quebec.....	1,792	5,133	1,026 60	....	....	....
Nova Scotia.....	....	....	....	....	....	....
New Brunswick.....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Manitoba.....	1	5	1 00	....	....	....
British Columbia.....	30,235	106,367	21,273 40	3	43	15 00
Prince Edward Island...	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total.....	32,028	\$111,505	\$22,301 00	3	\$50	\$17 50