

COMPARATIVE RETURN for the last THREE FINANCIAL YEARS respectively, showing the CUSTOMS RECEIPTS during each Year, under the several heads of SPIRITS, TOBACCO, TEA, SUGAR, and AD VALOREM, showing the INCREASE or DECREASE under each head for each year; also, WINE, BEER, FRUITS (DRIED), and other FIXED DUTIES.

ARTICLES.	Customs Receipts for Year ended 30th June, 1875.	Customs Receipts for Year ended 30th June, 1876.	Customs Receipts for Year ended 30th June, 1877.	Financial Year ending 30th June, 1875, compared with Financial Year ending 30th June, 1874.	Financial Year ending 30th June, 1876, compared with Financial Year ending 30th June, 1875.		Financial Year ending 30th June, 1877, compared with Financial Year ending 30th June, 1876.	
					Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
					£	£	£	£
SPIRITS	349,812	370,977	367,251	21,165	...	...	...	3,726
TOBACCO	108,046	121,874	126,726	14,828	...	...	4,852	...
TEA	68,076	71,188	76,516	3,112	...	...	5,328	...
SUGAR	114,299	122,449	126,883	8,150	...	...	4,434	...
	640,233	686,488	697,376	47,255	...	...	14,614	3,726
AD VALOREM,—								
Apparel and Slops	27,368	23,661	16,646	...	3,707	...	...	7,015
Bags and Sacks	9,651	8,077	8,162	...	1,574	...	85	...
Blankets	3,148	3,145	3,131	...	...	...	...	14
Boots, Shoes, and Leather	15,590	12,837	17,850	...	2,753	...	6,013	...
Drapery, Haberdashery, and Soft Goods	173,685	138,456	122,826	...	35,229	...	1,223	15,630
Carpeting and Druggeting	5,198	3,527	4,750	...	1,671	...	1,126	...
China and Earthenware	7,745	6,239	7,365	...	1,506	...	892	...
Drugs and Druggists' Ware	6,818	8,607	9,499	...	...	...	...	1,374
Hardware and Ironmongery	20,672	19,825	18,451	...	250	...	...	929
Stationery	9,247	9,477	8,548	...	7,365	...	...	14,317
Miscellaneous	85,426	92,791	78,474	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL AD VALOREM	364,548	326,642	295,702		9,384	47,290	8,339	39,279
WINE	39,708	38,668	37,093		...	1,040	...	1,575
BEER (BOTTLED)	21,308	20,748	19,663		...	560	...	1,085
" (DRAUGHT)	3,227	3,171	3,966		...	56	795	...
FRUITS (DRIED)	9,077	13,592	12,760		4,515	...	...	832
OTHER FIXED DUTIES	145,175	136,004	132,580		...	9,171	...	3,424
	218,495	212,183	206,062		4,515	10,827	795	6,916
TOTAL RECEIPTS	1,223,276	1,225,313	1,199,140					

No comparison can be made with 1874, as *ad valorem* duties were not in force throughout that year.

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