

EXHIBIT No. 21—*continued*.

The annual drink bill, estimated from the Customs and excise returns for the sixteen years from 1870 to 1885, inclusive, average £2,599,553 per annum. This would give for the fifteen years from 1870 to 1884, inclusive, a total of £38,993,295. Following this are given below the annual expenditures for the twenty-six years which have since elapsed to 1910, inclusive. The estimated population prior to 1896 was exclusive of Maoris, but in 1896 and onward has been inclusive of them.

Year.	Estimated Population.	Estimated Cost of Liquor consumed. £	Cost per Head of Population. £ s. d.
1870 to 1884		38,993,295	
1885	600,000	2,289,514	3 16 0
1886	600,656	2,154,855	3 11 9
1887	603,361	2,093,430	3 0 5
1888	607,380	2,085,162	3 8 8
1889	620,279	1,911,788	3 1 8
1890	625,508	2,111,498	3 7 6
1891	634,058	2,083,898	3 5 9
1892	650,435	2,169,166	3 6 8
1893	672,265	2,198,335	3 5 5
1894	686,128	2,099,552	3 1 1
1895	703,360	2,129,119	3 0 5
1896	757,503	2,265,900	2 19 8½
1897	762,079	2,371,738	3 2 2½
1898	776,288	2,458,998	3 3 4
1899	790,387	2,557,968	3 4 9
1900	803,333	2,747,170	3 8 4½
1901	822,779	2,922,982	3 11 0½
1902	840,031	2,953,298	3 10 3¾
1903	865,560	3,056,590	3 10 7½
1904	889,776	3,152,849	3 10 10¼
1905	915,060	3,120,705	3 8 2¼
1906	944,490	3,360,121	3 11 1¾
1907	967,017	3,667,379	3 15 10
1908	994,434	3,751,968	3 15 5½
1909	1,021,214	3,628,137	3 11 0½
1910	1,040,442	3,803,438	3 13 1¼
1911	1,075,250	3,859,371	3 12 6½

Total for forty-two years £111,998,224

Landed value in 1910, £466,785; and in 1911, £442,251—all sent out of the Dominion.

EXHIBIT No. 22.

RETURN SHOWING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF DUTY COLLECTED ON SPIRITS, BEER, AND WINE AT EACH PORT IN NEW ZEALAND, AND THE AMOUNT OF CONSUMPTION THEREOF PER HEAD OF POPULATION, DURING 1911.

Ports.	Spirits at 16s.	Wine.	Beer (Imported).	Beer (Excise).
	£	£	£	£
Auckland	135,263	7,808	6,729	28,108
Kaipara	..	1	..	..
Tauranga	683	7	..	..
Poverty Bay	19,874	1,288	1,143	2,654
New Plymouth	13,011	786	344	779
Patea	1,637	172	3	..
Wanganui	26,576	1,419	1,490	3,438
Wellington	135,801	10,389	8,093	13,421
Napier	29,859	1,947	1,108	4,096
Wairau and Picton	4,746	213	132	1,100
Nelson	8,236	406	956	2,021
Westport	4,944	389	..	1,846
Greymouth	11,330	797	134	2,059
Hokitika	3,514	155	..	2,573
Christchurch	109,321	7,227	4,215	17,923
Timaru	15,854	515	199	2,320
Oamaru	..	15	..	..
Dunedin	84,912	4,351	2,583	35,034
Invercargill	28,671	720	236	1,715
Totals	634,232	38,605	27,365	119,087
Total quantities	792,790 gal.	143,152 gal.	273,650 gal.	9,526,960 gal.
Amount per head	2·5 „	0·2 „	0·4 „	13·3 „
Duty per head	£1 19s. 2¾d.	1s. 1d.	9¼d.	3s. 4d.

NOTE.—Spirits: Adult male population, including Maoris. Wine and beer: male and female population over fifteen years, including Maoris.

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