

RETURN showing the CUSTOMS and EXCISE DUTIES collected at the several Ports of New Zealand during the QUARTER ended 30th SEPTEMBER, 1917—continued.

## EXCISE DUTIES.

HEADS OF REVENUE.	Rates of Duty.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Lyttelton.	Dunedin.	Other Ports.	TOTALS.		Corresponding Quarter, 1916.
							Quantities.	Revenue.	
Beer .. .. .	See below*	£ 9,169	£ 5,646	£ 6,464	£ 17,655	£ 9,585	2,558,579 gal.	£ 48,519	£ 41,505
Tobacco .. .. .	1s. per lb.	.. 171	.. 171	.. ..	.. ..	1,027	23,960 lb.	1,198	485
Cigars and Snuff .. .. .	1s. 6d. and 4s.†	130	..	..	..	..	1,252 "	130	113
Cigarettes, made by hand .. .. .	4s. "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
.. manufactured by machinery .. .. .	5s. 6d. "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Medicinal Preparations containing more than 50 per cent. of proof spirit	9d. "	231	49	171	351	18	21,867 lb.	820	833
Culinary and Flavouring Essences .. .. .	13s. and 14s.† per gallon	440	201	114	441	..	1,749 gal.	1,196	978
Perfumed Spirits .. .. .	20s. "	80	408	51	50	..	589 "	589	374
Toilet Preparations .. .. .	13s. and 14s.†	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
.. .. .	6s. "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. .. .	..	10,050	6,475	6,800	18,497	10,630	..	52,452	..
Corresponding Quarter, 1916 .. .. .	..	8,573	5,295	5,845	15,007	9,568	..	..	44,288

\* Rate according to the specific gravity of the worts. Minimum rate to 1st August was 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d. per gallon; from 2nd August to 14th September (inclusive), 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d. per gallon; from 15th September, 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>d. per gallon, with a maximum rate of 6d. per gallon.

† Higher rate from and including 2nd August, 1917.

Customs Department, Wellington, 7th November, 1917.

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