

RETURN showing the CUSTOMS and EXCISE DUTIES collected at the several Ports of NEW ZEALAND during the QUARTER ended 31st DECEMBER, 1917—continued.

EXCISE DUTIES.

HEADS OF REVENUE.	Rates of Duty.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Lyttelton.	Dunedin.	Other Ports.	TOTALS.		Corresponding Quarter, 1916.
							Quantities.	Revenue.	
Beer	Minimum 5½d. maximum 6d., per gallon	£ 14,039	£ 8,168	£ 10,312	£ 25,528	£ 15,177	3,012,679 gal.	£ 73,224	£ 49,637
Tobacco	1s. per lb.	..	213	..	..	581	15,880 lb.	794	656
Cigars and Snuff	4s. "	251	..	..	..	..	1,255 "	251	86
Cigarettes, made by hand	4s. "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
manufactured by machinery	5s. 6d. "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Medicinal Preparations containing more than 50 per cent. of proof spirit	9d. "	251	92	144	339	62	23,680 lb.	888	758
Culinary and Flavouring Essences	14s. per gallon	561	106	126	545	..	1,911 gal.	1,338	1,284
Perfumed Spirits	20s. "	446	524	50	100	..	1,120 "	1,120	595
Toilet Preparations	14s. "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
"	6s. "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. .. .	..	15,548	9,103	10,632	26,512	15,820	..	77,615	..
Corresponding Quarter, 1916 .. .. .	..	11,520	6,106	6,546	18,191	10,653	..	..	53,016

COMPARATIVE RETURN OF EXCISE DUTIES FOR THE YEARS 1917 AND 1916.

Year 1917 .. .. .	..	46,069	27,936	31,748	79,426	48,328	..	233,507	..
Year 1916 .. .. .	..	43,316	23,780	25,056	66,447	41,480	..	..	200,079

Customs Department, Wellington, 12th February, 1918.

W. B. MONTGOMERY, Comptroller of Customs.