

RETURN showing the CUSTOMS and EXCISE DUTIES collected at the several Ports of NEW ZEALAND during the QUARTER ended 31st DECEMBER, 1918—*continued.*

EXCISE DUTIES.

HEADS OF REVENUE.	Rates of Duty.	Auckland.	Wellington.	Lyttelton.	Dunedin.	Other Ports.	TOTALS.		Corresponding Quarter, 1917.
							Quantities.	Revenue.	
Beer	Minimum 5½d., maximum 6d., per gallon	£ 11,702	£ 6,442	£ 10,074	£ 19,073	£ 14,913	2,516,286 gal.	£ 62,204	£ 73,224
Tobacco	1s. per lb.	..	187	..	..	345	10,640 lb.	532	794
Cigars and Snuff	4s. "	202	..	..	..	..	1,010 "	202	251
Cigarettes, made by hand	4s. "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cigarettes, manufactured by machinery	5s. 6d. "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Medicinal Preparations containing more than 50 per cent. of proof spirit	9d. "	660	179	245	827	51	52,320 lb.	1,962	888
Culinary and Flavouring Essences	14s. per gallon	367	188	125	568	..	1,783 gal.	1,248	1,225
Perfumed Spirits	20s. "	449	..	87	50	..	586 "	586	1,120
Toilet Preparations	14s. "	43	..	67	..	..	157 "	110	113
	6s. "	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Totals .. .. .	..	13,423	6,996	10,598	20,518	15,809	..	66,844	..
Corresponding Quarter, 1917 .. .. .	..	15,548	9,103	10,632	26,512	15,820	..	..	77,615

COMPARATIVE RETURN OF EXCISE DUTIES FOR THE YEARS 1918 AND 1917.

Year 1918 .. .. .	..	53,714	29,592	40,260	93,350	59,809	..	276,225	..
Year 1917 .. .. .	..	46,069	27,936	31,748	79,426	48,328	..	..	233,507

Customs Department, Wellington, 24th February, 1919.

W. B. MONTGOMERY, Comptroller of Customs.