COMPARATIVE TABLE of CUSTOMS DUTIES collected during the Years 1887 and 1890-continued.

	1887.		1890		_	
Articles.	Rate.	Duty collected.	Rate.	Duty collected.	Increase in 1890.	Decrease in 1890.
_		£		£	£	£
Twine	15 per cent	691	20 per cent	2,565	1,874	•••
" reaper-and-binder	15 "	1,096	15 "	659	••	437
Umbrellas and parasols	15 "	916	20 "	2,720	1,804	
Varnish Vegetables—	6d. per gal	655	1s. 6d. per gal.	1,698	1,043	••
Fresh	free		20 per cent	195	195	
Preserved	15 per cent	78	20 "	56		22
Vinegar	6d. per gal	2,321	6d. per gal	1,799		522
Waterworks' materials other than iron pipes	free	••	20 per cent	23	23	••
Watches	15 per cent	3,149	20 "	2,753		396
Wax	under Stearine	0,220	1½d. per lb	1,672	1,672	
Whiting and chalk	1s. per cwt	557	1s. per cwt	610	53	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Wine—	is por one	00,	Is. per ent	010	00	••
T 1	5s. 6d. per gal.	17,551	6s. per gal	16,689		862
T3 413 3	F. 03	5,347		4,492	••	855
	C- C1	2,458	. "	2,734	276	000
Sparkling	4s. 6d. "		" " · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			• •
Australian		6,105	5s. "	9,602	3,497	••
Woodenware	15 per cent	582	15 per cent	1,362	780	••
Woollens	15 "	12,033	20 "	25,734	13,701*	• •
blankets	15 "	2,525	20 "	4,182	1,657	·
Woolpacks	2s. 6d. and 1s. 3d.	4,883	2s. 6d. and 6d.	2,347	••	2,536
	per dozen		per dozen			
Yarn	under Woollens		20 per cent	946	946	
Zinc—			_			
Perforated (sheet)	15 per cent	76	25 "	109	33	
Manufactures	15 ,	3	25 "	74	71	
Parels post			l	2,376	2,376	
Total Customs duties		1,280,586		1,500,084	··	
				1,000,009		••
Increase in 1890, as compared with						
1887, exclusive of primage	•••	• •	••	• •	219,498	• •
Primage		••	• •	••	41,311	••
Total increase including primage		••	••		£260,809	
Excise—						
m 1	1s. per lb	445	1s. per lb	731	286	
3	1		1s. 6d. per lb	271		73
Cigars and cigarettes	1s. "	044	re. ou. her in	411	••	15

^{*} These figures represent increase and decrease under trade-return headings, but, owing to changes in the mode of entering goods for duty, some of the amounts are not reliable for purposes of comparison.

ARTICLES grouped in Classes for Purposes of Comparison under the Tariff of 1888.

Note.—The tariff of 1888 altered the duty on certain lines of goods which were previously entered at uniform rates under general headings, such as "drapery," "hardware," &c. In the following return, articles are therefore grouped in classes, in order to show more accurately the general effect of the changes, a comparison of the general headings only being misleading. A large amount of apparel was, for instance, entered as "drapery" in 1887-88.

					1887-88.		1890-91.		
Articles.						Value or quantity entered for home- consumption.	Duty.	Value or quantity entered for home- consumption.	Duty.
						£	£	£	£
Apparel		,	• •)		(319,020	79,755
Collars and cuffs						125,520	18,828	188	47
Furs			• •		• •	j)	1	3,472	868
Cotton dress-prints,	&c.					46,668		1` '	
Cotton piece-goods						16,380	2,457	109,970	10,997
Drapery		• •	• •) 564 005		(238,935	47,787
Sĥawls		• •		••		564,027	84,604	1,365	273
Textile piece-goods, including woollens and linens					54,040	8,106	195,485	39,097	
Hosiery	••	•				40,233	6,035	71,520	14,304
Millinery						1	1	23,100	4,620
Feathers						27,307	4,096	4,040	1,010
Haberdashery						42,760	6,414	16,565	3,313
,,	• •					3,519	!	34,875	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Sewing-cottons, sil	ks, and	threads				20,876		37,212	•••
Blankets						10,360	1,554	22,245	4,449
Hats and caps				• •	•	22,780	3,417	48,350	9,670
Rugs-woollen, cotto			••	,,	• •	460	69	8,560	1,712