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CUSTOMS and EXCISE DEPARTMENT,
Georgetown, Demerara,
British Guiana.
28th June, 1962.
FREEDON YEAR

Secretary to the Treasury,

Sir,

I have the honour to submit for the information of His Excellency the Governor, the Annual Report on the work of this Department for the year ended 31st December, 1961.

REVENUE.

2. The gross revenue collected by the department during 1961 amounted to \$29,876,081.89. After deducting various sums refunded during the year totalling \$44,184.88 the aggregate net revenue was \$29,831,897.01.

3. The following table gives particulars of net revenue collections on 1960 and 1961 together with the increase or decrease under each subhead.

SUB-HEADS OF REVENUE	1960		1961		INCREASE		DECREASE	
	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.	\$	c.
Import Duties	21,015,467.91		22,296,765.88		1,281,297.97		—	
Bonded Warehouses ..	81,205.37		79,397.48		—		1,807.89	
Export Duties	1,292,489.45		1,137,649.47		—		154,839.98	
Excise Duties —								
Rum	4,894,648.08		5,329,155.84		434,507.76		—	
Beer	596,333.54		558,365.99		—		37,967.55	
Bitters and Cordials ..	73,738.97		63,117.01		—		10,621.96	
Matches	42,962.76		48,704.00		5,741.24		—	
Methylated Spirits ..	2,109.59		2,258.86		149.27		—	
Miscellaneous	104,327.82		133,335.11		29,007.29		—	
Licences—								
Liquor	207,156.25		209,810.00		2,653.75		—	
Unspecified	4,745.00		4,710.00		—		35.00	
Other heads	9,460.48		12,812.25		3,351.77		—	
TOTAL NET RECEIPTS ..	28,324,645.22		29,876,081.89		1,756,709.05		205,272.38	
TOTAL NET INCREASE ..					1,551,436.67			

4. Of the total net revenue collected in 1961 approximately 74.6% was derived from import duty 3.8% from export duty 17.8% from excise duty on rum 1.9% from excise duty on beer 0.4% from other excise duties 0.7% from licences and 0.8% from other sources. The relative importance of the main revenue heads for the past two years compared with 1955 is indicated below.

PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL REVENUE

	1955	1960	1961
Import Duty	72.5	74.2	74.6
Export Duty	5.6	4.6	3.8
Excise Duty on Rum ..	19.8	17.3	17.8
Excise Duty on Beer ..	—	2.1	1.9
Other Heads	2.1	1.8	1.9
	100.0	100.0	100.0

A summary of the gross amounts of revenue derived from the principal classes of commodities imported and exported during each of the past five years, is given in Appendix 1.

5. The greatest amount of duty levied on a single commodity in 1961 was \$3,864,821 on tobacco. The yield on this item was 17.3 per cent of the total import duty collected on all imports for the year. The quantities of imported tobacco cleared for home consumption and the duty collected thereon during 1960 and 1961 were as follows:—

	1960		1961		Increase (+) or Decrease (—)	
	Quantity Lbs.	Duty \$	Quantity Lbs.	Duty \$	Quantity Lbs.	Duty \$
Tobacco in leaf —						
Moisture content below 25 per cent.	709,029	3,259,926	785,235	3,612,078	+ 76,206	+ 352,152
Moisture content 25 per cent. or more	30,908	80,361	27,849	72,407	— 3,059	— 7,954
Manufactured tobacco —						
Cigarettes	15,968	123,331	16,619	127,241	+ 651	+ 3,910
Cigars	793	6,702	765	6,459	— 28	— 243
Other kinds	6,394	40,394	7,383	46,636	+ 989	+ 6,242
TOTAL :	763,092	3,510,714	837,851	3,864,821	+ 74,759	+ 354,107

6. The total revenue collected on alcoholic beverages during 1961 was \$7,292,033 showing an increase of \$970,335 over collections for 1960. Of this total, import duty was \$1,368,874 in 1961 as compared with \$1,247,885 in 1960, while excise duty amounted to \$5,923,159 in 1961 and \$5,073,813 in the previous year. Comparative tables showing the excise and import duties collected on alcoholic beverages and the quantities of such beverages cleared for home consumption during the past ten years are set out in Appendix II to this report.

7. Comparison of the quantities of alcoholic beverages and tobacco cleared for home consumption during the year 1961 with those for the year 1952 shows the following percentage increases or decreases over the ten year period.

	<i>Increase</i> %	<i>Decrease</i> %
Malt Liquors	151	—
Imported spirits	—	10
Rum, home-made	36	—
Imported leaf tobacco (moisture content under 25%)	40	—
Imported tobacco manufactures	44	—
Wines, local and imported	6	—
Imported leaf tobacco (content 25% or more)	—	48

8. Claims for drawback of duty under the provisions of the Customs Ordinance passed to the Treasury for payment during 1960 and 1961 totalled:—

	1960	1961
	\$ c.	\$ c.
On goods re-exported	78,691.43	59,460.75
On gasolene used as fuel for driving machinery in the colony	27,293.19	18,597.86
TOTAL	105,984.62	78,058.61

CONCESSIONS TO INDUSTRY.

9. The value of goods imported free of duty under the Industries Aid and Encouragement Ordinance amounted to \$1,746,374 in 1961 as compared with \$14,611,564 in 1960. In addition import duty amounting to \$34,347 was refunded by order of the Governor in Council on goods valued \$308,096.

10. Assistance was given to various industries by concessions of duty free gasolene and drawback of duty on gasolene at the rate of 21 cents per gallon. The amount of duty so remitted amounted to \$281,977 in 1961 as compared with \$315,279 in 1960.

11. The following table shows the industries which benefited from the concessions on gasolene:—

INDUSTRIES	Duty Free gasolene issued during 1961 (gallons)	Duty at 32 cents per gallon \$	Drawback gasolene issued during 1961 (gallons)	Duty at 21 cents per gallon \$	Total Duty Concessions \$	Percentage of Total %
Balata and rubber production	2,240	717	—	—	717	0.2
Gold, columbite, tantalite and diamond mining	245	78	—	—	78	—
Wood-cutting	276,815	88,581	2,420	508	89,089	31.6
Rice production	532,105	170,274	—	—	170,274	60.4
Sugar production	—	—	53,192	11,171	11,171	4.0
Ranching	9,345	2,990	—	—	2,990	1.1
Other agricultural production	2,310	739	—	—	739	0.3
Launches, tugs, etc.	—	—	18,772	3,942	3,942	1.4
Bauxite production	—	—	14,177	2,977	2,977	1.0
TOTAL:	823,060	263,379	88,561	18,598	281,977	100.0

TOTAL TRADE.

12. The following table shows the total value of the external trade of the colony for each of the past five years:—

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Imports	118,469,312	116,026,343	110,620,386	147,211,350	146,549,911
Domestic Exports ..	106,979,421	96,315,628	101,985,268	124,988,219	146,484,266
Re-exports	974,175	744,740	1,353,907	1,526,110	1,169,684
Stores for ships and aircraft —					
Domestic produce ..	39,831	30,053	33,769	43,039	41,859
Foreign produce ..	92,261	137,126	147,110	265,267	572,410
TOTAL TRADE ..	226,555,000	213,253,890	214,140,440	\$274,033,985	294,818,130

The above figures include:—

Exports of gold mined in the Colony	498,707	644,466	39,302	—	353
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Excluded from the above figures are:—

Other bullion and specie:—					
Imports	183,806	69,353	218,594	333,054	410,113
Exports	98,926	48,816	24,480	8,640	18,360
Transshipments	190,879	1,272,330	1,009,395	1,417,571	909,451
Exports from bonded warehouses	302,601	504,202	758,792	890,021	473,474
Personal effects:—					
Imports	437,939	381,905	380,964	387,374	451,017
Exports	478,522	481,035	542,977	489,121	594,971

BALANCE OF VISIBLE TRADE

13. The visible trade balances for the Colony for the years 1957 to 1961 were as follows:—

Unit — B.W.I. \$

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Domestic Exports ..	107,019,252	96,345,681	102,019,037	125,031,258	146,526,125
Re-Exports	1,066,436	881,866	1,501,017	1,791,377	1,742,094
TOTAL EXPORTS ..	108,085,688	97,227,547	103,520,054	126,822,635	148,268,219
TOTAL IMPORTS ..	118,469,312	116,026,343	110,620,386	147,211,350	146,549,911
Visible Trade Balance of } †	10,383,624	18,798,796	7,100,332	20,388,715	+ 1,718,308

EXPORTS

14. The total value of goods exported from the Colony during the year 1961 (including goods exported through Parcels Post and the personal effects of emigrants) was \$148,863,190 as compared with \$127,311,756 in 1960 which shows an increase in the Colony's Export Trade of \$21,551,434 or 16.9 per cent.

15. Exports of domestic produce were valued \$146,545,155 (including stores for ships and aircraft valued \$41,859) in the year 1961 as against \$125,050,939 (including stores \$43,039 in 1960. Exports of foreign produce (re-exports) were valued \$2,318,035 (including stores \$572,410) in 1961 and \$2,260,817 (including stores \$265,267) in 1960.

16. The following table shows a comparison of the value of total exports by sections of the Standard International Trade Classification for the years 1960 and 1961 with actual and percentages increases and decreases:—

Total Exports according to Sections	1960	1961	Increase (+) or Decrease (—)	
Section	\$	\$	\$	%
0 — Food	78,321,279	85,929,820	+ 7,608,541	or 9.7
1 — Beverages and tobacco	3,135,806	3,187,954	+ 52,148	or 1.7
2 — Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	36,268,156	50,050,333	+ 13,782,177	or 38.0
3 — Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	245,866	556,964	+ 311,098	or 126.5
4 — Animal and vegetable oils and fats	2,541	1,189	— 1,352	or 53.2
5 — Chemicals (pharmaceuticals, toilet preparations, etc.)	1,368,722	1,286,724	— 81,998	or 6.0
6 — Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material (manufactures of wood, of leather, of glass, etc.)	4,996,681	5,448,336	+ 451,655	or 9.0
7 — Machinery and transport equipment	1,202,121	740,588	— 461,533	or 38.4
8 — Miscellaneous-manufactured articles (furniture, travel goods, clothing, etc.)	522,466	510,380	— 12,086	or 2.3
9 — Miscellaneous transactions	1,248,118	1,150,902	— 97,216	or 7.8
TOTAL VALUE OF EXPORTS	127,311,756	148,863,190	+ 21,551,434	or 16.9

IMPORTS

17. The total value of imports (including goods imported through Parcels Post and the personal effects of immigrants) reached the sum of \$147,000,928 in 1961 which compared with the total of \$147,598,724 for 1960 shows a decrease of \$597,796 or 0.4 per cent.

18. The following table shows a comparison of the value of imports by sections of the Standard International Trade Classification for the years 1960 and 1961 with actual and percentage increases and decreases:—

Imports according to Sections	1960	1961	INCREASE (+) or DECREASE (—)	
Section	\$	\$	\$	%
0 — Food	24,754,712	25,750,695	+ 995,983	or 4.0
1 — Beverages and tobacco	2,118,169	2,376,372	+ 258,203	or 12.2
2 — Crude materials, inedible, except fuels	919,283	810,971	— 108,312	or 11.8
3 — Mineral fuels, lubricants and related materials	11,183,256	12,927,116	+ 1,743,860	or 15.6
4 — Animal and vegetable oils and fats	1,802,085	1,370,087	— 431,998	or 24.0
5 — Chemicals (dyes, pharmaceutical products, fertilizers, etc.)	10,245,679	13,435,555	+ 3,189,876	or 31.1
6 — Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material	36,085,389	33,249,784	— 2,835,605	or 7.9
7 — Machinery and transport equipment	44,898,515	41,936,015	— 2,962,500	or 6.6
8 — Miscellaneous manufactured articles (furniture, travel goods, clothing, etc.)	15,092,295	14,555,448	— 536,847	or 3.6
9 — Miscellaneous transactions	499,341	588,885	+ 89,544	or 17.9
TOTAL VALUE OF IMPORTS	147,598,724	147,000,928	— 597,796	or 0.4

DIRECTIONS OF TRADE

19. The following table shows the percentage distribution of the Colony's trade with principal countries during each of the years, 1959, 1960 and 1961.

COUNTRIES	IMPORTS			DOMESTIC EXPORTS			TOTAL TRADE		
	1959	1960	1961	1959	1960	1961	1959	1960	1961
United Kingdom ..	45	39	38	41	37	25	43	38	31
Canada ..	8	10	7	28	25	26	18	17	16
Other Commonwealth Countries ..	16	15	15	15	16	16	16	16	16
United States of America ..	14	20	20	9	17	21	11	18	20
Other Countries ..	17	16	20	7	5	12	12	11	17
TOTAL ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

The percentages are based on C.I.F. values in the case of Imports and F.O.B. values for Exports. Although Re-exports are not shown separately in the above table they are included in computing the percentages for Total Trade.

TRADE WITH BRITISH CARIBBEAN TERRITORIES

20. The total value of all goods (including the personal and household effects of emigrants exported to the British Caribbean Territories during the year 1961 was \$23,801,889 of which the value of domestic produce was \$23,128,994 of the domestic exports 60.6% went to Trinidad 18.7% to Jamaica 10.4% to Barbados and 10.3% to the other territories.

21. The value of Imports from the British Caribbean Territories (including the personal and household effects of immigrants) amounted to \$16,110,301 of which 94% came from Trinidad, 2.4% from Barbados 1.4% from St. Lucia 2.1% from Jamaica and 0.1% from the remaining territories.

TRANSHIPMENT TRADE

22. The total value of goods landed in the Colony for transshipment and transhipped during 1961 was \$909,451 as compared with \$1,417,571 in 1960 and \$1,009,395 in 1959.

SHIPPING

23. There was 2,452 vessels entered at the ports of the Colony during the year 1961 as compared with 2,393 vessels in 1960. The number of vessels cleared during 1961 was 2,331 as against 2,321 vessels in 1960. The following table shows the number and net registered tonnage of shipping entered and cleared at each port of the Colony during the year 1961 together with total increase or decreases in number and tonnage in relation to the previous year.

PORTS	ENTERED		CLEARED		TOTALS	
	No.	Tons Net	No.	Tons Net	No.	Tons Net
Georgetown	1,269	1,994,224	1,247	1,973,935	2,516	3,968,159
New Amsterdam	194	262,114	144	254,707	338	516,821
Springlands	631	12,553	628	11,137	1,259	23,690
Morawhanna	283	283	237	237	520	520
KAITUMA	75	115,480	75	115,480	150	230,960
TOTALS 1960	2,452	2,384,654	2,331	2,355,496	4,783	4,740,150
TOTALS 1961	2,393	2,445,201	2,321	2,406,955	4,714	4,852,156
Increase (+)	59	—	10	—	69	—
Decrease (—)	—	60,547	—	51,459	—	112,006

AIRCRAFT

24. During 1961, seven Airlines—British West Indian Airways Ltd., Pan American World Airways Inc., K.L.M. Royal Dutch Airlines, Air France, British Overseas Airways Corporation, B.G. Airways (Government) Ltd., and the Brazilian Airways Company (Cruzeiro De Sul)—operated scheduled flights to and from the Colony. The numbers of Aircraft entering the Colony increased from 1,347 in 1960 to 1,447 in 1961. The numbers departing were 1,342 in 1960 and 1,445 in 1961.

RUM DISTILLATION, COMPOUNDS ETC.

25. Six rum distilleries operated during the year. The quantity of rum produced during 1961 was 2,790,833 proof gallons as compared with 2,897,775 proof gallons in 1960, which shows a decrease in production of 106,942 proof gallons or 3.7 per cent.

26. The quantities of rum produced at each distillery operating in the Colony during the years 1957 to 1961 are shown in the following table:—

DISTILLERY	PROOF GALLONS				
	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
BERBICE:—					
Skeldon ..	306,662	230,382	147,531	66,070	
Albion ..	619,275	554,381	368,206	424,339	317,609
Blairmont ..	290,053	219,193	184,384	272,699	163,412
DEMERARA:—					
Enmore ..	431,179	358,919	281,849	251,309	274,170
La Bonne Intention ..	257,033	207,032	139,790	—	
Diamond ..	1,012,966	1,299,542	1,027,273	995,773	1,045,386
Versailles ..	61,203	41,663	44,047	72,957	60,886
Uitvlugt ..	522,433	527,082	702,816	814,628	929,370
TOTAL ...	3,500,804	3,438,194	2,895,896	2,897,775	2,790,833

27. The following quantities of methylated spirits were cleared for home consumption during the past five years:—

YEAR	LIQUID GALLONS
1957	38,127
1958	38,134
1959	35,394
1960	42,192
1961	45,177

28. During the year under review 51,429 proof gallons of locally produced rum were issued for use in the manufacture of compounds (except gin) under the provisions of the Bitters and Cordials Ordinance as follows:—

PROOF GALLONS	
Bay Rum	2,671
Lime Rum	41,519
Medicinal preparations	6,386
Other Compounds	853
TOTAL	51,429

29. Consumption of locally produced rum rose to 555,120 proof gallons showing an increase of 92,607 proof gallons or 20 per cent above the previous year. Consumption of local wine fell by 17 per cent from 29,595 gallons in 1960. Clearances of gin rose by 18 proof gallons and the total quantity cleared during the year 1961 was 2,086 proof gallons.

30 The following table shows the quantities of excisable spirituous liquors (except methylated spirits) cleared for home consumption during each of the past five years.

COMMODITY	Unit of Quantity	QUANTITY				
		1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Rum	P. Gal.	524,519	500,705	469,900	462,513	555,120
Gin	P. Gal.	1,186	1,069	1,481	2,068	2,086
Wine	L. Gal.	28,738	29,419	30,905	29,595	24,697
Bitters	P. Gal.	63	64	—	61	—
Liqueurs	P. Gal.	48	12	69	2,093	18
Bay Rum	L. Gal.	919	1,870	770	1,066	1,121
Lime Rum	L. Gal.	6,388	6,380	7,393	7,764	5,872
Medicinal preparations	L. Gal.	11,324	10,510	112,035	5,454	3,532

31. The following shows the quantity of Beer produced locally during the past five years:—

1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
L. Gal.	L. Gal.	L. Gal.	L. Gal.	L. Gal.
395,580	995,917	733,363	873,939	760,197

32. The quantity of beer cleared for home consumption during the year 1961 was 691,779 liquid gallons which compared with 795,284 liquid gallons in 1960 shows a decrease of 103,505 liquid gallons or 13 per cent.

33. During the year 1961 the quantity of locally manufactured matches cleared for home consumption was 194,816 gross of boxes not exceeding 60 matches each on which excise duty amounting to \$48,704 was collected. Corresponding figures for 1960 were 171,852 gross boxes and \$42,963 excise duty.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE LEGISLATION

34. Customs Legislation for the year 1961 affected amendments to the principal Ordinance Chapter 309, as well as to parts I and III of its Schedules. In addition several buildings were appointed private warehouses.

The relative enactments are as follows:—

Legislation Ordinance	Relevant Sections Amended.	Subject Matter of Amendment
No. 29 of 1961 <i>Orders in Council and Confirming Resolutions.</i>	Amendment to Section 2 of the Customs Ordinance.	Amplifying the meaning of the designation "Officers".
O. in C. No. 102 of 1961. Confirming Resolution No. IX of 1961.	Renumbering item 50 of part III of the First Schedule as item 50 (1) and adding Sub-item 50 (2).	Exempting from import duties, robes, gowns and academic dress of approved educational bodies and institutions.
O. in C. No. 13 of 1961. Confirming Resolution No. X of 1961.	Adding item 66 to part III of the First Schedule.	Exempting from import duties, supplies, and equipments imported for sole use of the Extra Mural Department of the U.C.W.I.
O. in C. No. 15 of 1961. Confirming Resolution No. XI of 1961.	Amendments to item 071—02 to 071—03 of Part I of the First Schedule.	Increasing the rates of import duties on coffee, coffee extracts, coffee essences and similar, preparations containing coffee.

Legislation Ordinance	Relevant Sections Amended	Subject Matter of Amendment
O. in C. No. 34 of 1961. Confirming Resolution No. XIX of 1961.	Amendments to item 45 of Part III of the First Schedule.	Exempting from import duties, additional articles for garment factories, viz elastic, hooks and eyes, bias binding, ribbons, laces.
O. in C. No. 72 of 1961. Confirming Resolution No. IV of 1961.	Deleting Sub-item (1) of item 5, and substituting therefor sub-item 1 (a)—(d).	Exempting from import duties accompanied baggage of a passenger, tourist or settler, and defining the limits of duty free allowance to them.
O. in C. No. 72 of 1961. Confirming Resolution No. IV of 1961.	Adding sub-item 5. Adding item 67 to Part III of the First Schedule.	Defining the designation "Tourist." Exempting from import duties specified articles and materials when imported by an accredited representative or correspondent of any official national Tourist Agency of a State to encourage visits for cultural and similar purposes to that state.
O. in C. No. 74 of 1961. Confirming Resolution No. III of 1961.	Adding items 12, 13 and 14 to the Second Proviso to the Trade Classification List and Tariff of part I of the First Schedule.	Item 12 admits free of duty (pref) at 5% (general), textile yarns for weaving and knitting of fabrics by or on behalf of a manufacturer. Item 13 admits free of duty (pref.) and at 5% (general) greige fabrics for use in a textile dyeing and finishing factory. Item 14 admits free of duty (pref.) and 5% (general) chemicals for use in a textile bleaching, dyeing and finishing factory.

NOTICES OF APPOINTMENT OF WAREHOUSES

Number of Notice	Authority for Appointment	Place or Area Appointed
<i>Queen's Warehouse</i> No. 418	Given under Section 2 of Chapter 309.	Approving the Government Warehouse at Kingston as a Queen's Warehouse.
<i>Private Warehouse</i> No. 398	Given under Section 2 of Chapter 309.	Appointing a building at Bugle Saw Mills Mud Lots 3 and 4 Water Street, Georgetown as a private warehouse.
No. 564	Given under Section 2 of Chapter 309.	Appointing a building at Lot 3 High and America Streets, Georgetown as a private warehouse.
No. 285	Given under Section 2 of Chapter 309.	Appointing a part of a building at Mud Lot 10, Water Street as a private warehouse.
No. 305	Given under Section 2 of Chapter 309.	Appointing the ground floor of a building at Lot 92, Smyth Street, Georgetown as a private warehouse.
No. 412	Given under Section 2 of Chapter 309.	Appointing part of the ground floor of a building at Lot 223 South Road and Wellington Street, Georgetown, as a private warehouse.
No. 445	Given under Section 2 of Chapter 309.	Appointing part of a building at Lot 13 and 14 Water Street, known as Bookers No. 2 Bond, as a private warehouse.
No. 158	Given under Section 2 of Chapter 309.	Appointing a building in the Briana Manufacturing Co. compound at Lot 13—18 Lombard Street, Georgetown.
No. 211	Given under Section 2 of Chapter 309.	Appointing the south western portion of a building at Lot 16 Water Street, Georgetown.
No. 235	Given under Section 2 of Chapter 309.	Appointing part of a building at Lot 12 Barima Avenue, Bel Air Park as a private warehouse.
<i>Government Warehouse.</i> No. 235	Given under Section 2 of Chapter 309.	Appointing the southern part of the Terminal Building at Atkinson Field as a Government Warehouse.

REVENUE OFFENCES

35. During the year 1961 there were 120 breaches of the Customs Laws detected as against 82 in 1960 and 121 prosecutions for offences against the excise laws as compared with 136 in the previous year.

A summary of offences over the past five years follows:—

CUSTOMS

YEAR	No. of Cases	Cases of Imprisonment	Fines imposed or compensation paid	Proceeds of sales	TOTAL	Cases pending at end of year
			\$	\$	\$	
1957	161	1	5,080	134	5,214	1
1958	51	—	1,892	124	2,016	—
1959	53	—	1,679	340	2,019	1
1960	82	—	7,458	51	7,509	—
1961	120	—	8,484	390	8,874	2

EXCISE

YEAR	No. of Prosecutions	No. of Convictions	No. of cases dismissed	Cases of Imprisonment	Fines imposed	Proceeds of Sales	Cases pending at end of year
					\$	\$	
1957	144	130	14	—	6,207	310	28
1958	104	75	22	1	3,917	2,404	7
1959	141	85	17	8	15,992	197	40
1960	136	95	29	—	8,802	525	19
1961	121	85	17	—	7,756	500	20

TRADE PER CAPITA

36. Imports and Exports per head of population for the past five years were:—

Year	Imports	Exports
	\$	\$
1957 ..	227	207
1958 ..	216	181
1959 ..	199	186
1960 ..	263	227
1961 ..	249	252

STAFF

37. From 16th June, 1961, through the end of the year, Mr. W. R. D. Glasford, Comptroller, was on Vacation Leave and consequently, Mr. F. A. Gomes, Deputy Comptroller acted as Comptroller, and Mr. J. R. Hill, Assistant Comptroller as Deputy Comptroller. The Supervisors who acted as Assistant Comptroller were Mr. H. D. Ezechiels, Supervisor Class 1 (from 16th June to 26th November, 1961, inclusive) and Mr. W. J. I. Cox, Supervisor Class 1 (from 27th November, 1961 onwards).

2. I regret to report the death of Mr. H. F. Birch, Porter which occurred on 15th November, 1961. Mr. A. R. F. Cabral, Supervisor Class I, and Mr. C. R. Small, Class I Guard retired from the Service during the year. Twenty-two (22) other Officers and employees left the Department for reasons shown in the following table:—

	Transferred	Resigned	Dismissed
Officers	3	6	2
Clerical Assistants	3	4	—
Guards	—	2	1
Watchmen	—	—	1

3. Three Class I Officers, Messrs. C. E. Martindale, Hari Singh and S. C. Odle, completed five-month courses of instruction at the Customs and Excise Training School, Trinidad

REGISTRATION OF SHIPPING

38. Under the Merchant Shipping Act as applied to this Colony by Law of Merchant Shipping Ordinance, Chapter 3, the Comptroller continued to carry out the duties of Registrar of Shipping. At Georgetown during the year 1961, six vessels with a total net tonnage of 259 tons were registered, including one vessel of 130 tons which was registered anew. The registry of five vessels with a total net tonnage of 295 tons was closed. On 31st December, 1961, there were 99 ships with a total of 6,413 tons net remaining on Register at ports of the Colony.

GENERAL

39. On 11th March, 1961, a fire occurred at the Government and Queen's Warehouses, formerly known as the Colonial Bonded Warehouse, at Stabroek, Georgetown. There was a total destruction of Government building, offices, stores and furniture, and a complete loss of warehoused and unentered goods.

40. Alternative warehousing accomodation has been provided for at the Government Spirit Warehouse, Kingston; but it is confined to tobacco, cigarettes, cigars, wines, liqueurs, bitters, cordials, and spirits other than perfumed spirits, because of the limited storage facilities of the building which has also been approved as a Queen's Warehouse for the deposit of goods required to be so stored.

41. Nine new private warehouses were consequently approved for the storage of warehouse goods other than those specified at paragraph 40.

42. The southern portion of the terminal building at Atkinson Field was appointed a Government Warehouse; and an agreement was made and entered between the Government and Messrs. D. A. Thani of Lot 15, Water Street, Georgetown, for the establishing and operating of a booth in the Terminal Building for the sale of certain goods free of import duty to tourists, intransit and outgoing passengers.

43. The cost of collecting the Customs and Excise Revenue during the year under review was 2.43 per cent of the total revenue as compared with 2.41 per cent in the preceding year.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. R. D. GLASFORD,

Comptroller of Customs and Excise.

APPENDIX I.

**Summary of the Gross Amounts of Customs Revenue on Imports and Exports for
the Five Years ended 31st December, 1957 — 1961, Distinguishing
the amounts derived from the Principal items of Merchandise.**

PRINCIPAL ARTICLES.	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
A.—FROM IMPORTS	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Arms, (Ordnance), Ammunition and Explosives	31,350	33,271	24,827	30,823	24,196
Bakery Products	24,363	18,907	21,021	29,016	39,985
Beer, Ale, Stout and Porter	698,186	323,451	363,653	630,959	722,475
Blacking and Polishes	33,314	33,336	35,155	36,319	35,129
Brooms and Brushes, Household	9,734	12,016	10,194	10,560	14,598
Butter	31,227	37,524	35,941	45,613	38,039
Candles	2,625	2,666	2,854	2,870	2,879
Cement	56,611	46,288	54,550	72,602	120,865
Cheese	46,868	55,382	43,189	60,746	59,575
Chemicals, other than Salt	64,940	57,505	62,501	98,445	93,776
Chinaware and Porcelain, Earthenware and Pottery	23,158	32,541	28,227	51,881	48,244
Cider	11,035	10,035	24,565	37,042	40,785
Clothing—under and outer Garments including Hosiery	345,161	342,156	342,175	598,777	518,787
Coal	641	530	178	297	300
Cocoa	18,067	15,843	16,206	17,719	16,883
Confectionery	100,445	110,499	141,093	151,783	131,897
Cordage and Twine	27,896	33,455	29,085	45,818	40,383
Cork Manufactures	1,452	1,210	1,049	1,028	788
Cotton Fabrics of Standard Type, and Manufactures thereof (except apparel)	319,443	327,683	203,825	285,352	316,614
Cutlery	41,349	51,224	43,265	56,836	56,982
Electrical Goods and Apparatus	436,324	418,166	383,384	574,929	615,248
Fabrics of regenerated or partly regenerated cellulose, protein and similar fibres, and Manufactures thereof (except apparel)	388,676	374,003	462,614	494,470	508,371
Feeding Stuff for animals	31,623	29,428	47,568	60,675	53,923
Fish and Fish preparations	77,856	86,290	82,117	98,565	95,696
Footwear	161,236	140,864	134,102	162,965	170,153
Fruit and Nuts used as Fruit	106,018	111,939	118,734	132,028	132,817
Glass and Glassware	130,613	148,831	141,691	104,583	163,232
Grain, Flour and Pulse	695,863	653,872	688,590	683,297	769,061
Greases and Fats	20,488	12,713	14,060	275,129	26,325
Hardware	50,936	43,669	43,669	53,578	57,827
Hats, caps and other Headgear	78,847	56,141	56,236	87,014	72,349

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the Five Years ended 31st December, 1957 — 1961, Distinguishing
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PRINCIPAL ARTICLES.	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
A.—FROM IMPORTS—(Continued)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Jams and Jellies	7,931	6,828	8,962	9,711	10,060
Jute Manufactures, Other than Cordage and Twine	35,356	32,849	26,553	35,709	23,058
Leather and manufactures of	3,886	4,141	4,364	4,328	3,574
Lime, of all kinds, except Manurial Lime	5,302	6,924	7,255	902	7,595
Linen and Hemp Manufactures (except apparel and Cordage)	10,597	3,343	2,725	1,616	1,874
Machinery	725,495	620,431	648,879	1,154,290	1,454,634
Manures, Manufactured	104,011	103,273	112,913	64,586	79,929
Margarine and Shortenings	27,840	24,306	35,293	49,158	47,343
Matches	45,917	8,873	1,034	1,317	1,486
Meats	97,035	103,232	100,578	171,196	141,328
Medicines and Pharmaceuticals	247,725	255,873	279,757	295,146	305,220
Metals	787,776	649,370	821,001	988,862	1,014,559
Milk, condensed, evaporated and Powdered	221,384	217,771	193,860	220,864	223,367
Miscellaneous Foods and Food Preparations, n.e.s.	175,335	279,444	396,277	277,080	299,446
Musical Instruments	58,149	59,722	56,715	65,998	61,373
Oils—					
Animal and vegetable—unrefined (not essential oils)	46,409	29,047	24,791	38,425	25,597
Edible	18,657	2,743	4,985	5,125	4,731
Refined—fuel distilled, including gas oil and diesel oil, and other fuel oils	111,538	95,506	116,449	144,161	99,942
Refined—Illuminating Kerosene	260,726	283,824	312,840	341,020	367,729
do. —Lubricating	164,793	142,305	148,120	275,129	216,856
do. —Motor Spirit	1,200,773	1,234,387	1,369,765	1,422,813	1,526,138
Paper manufactures	251,292	248,967	239,306	189,186	226,198
Perfumery, cosmetics and Toilet Requisites (except soap)	192,360	189,132	220,318	284,933	291,404
Pickles, Sauces and Condiments	22,194	21,941	24,895	28,273	32,411
Pigments, paints, varnishes and other related materials	109,741	106,233	101,591	168,440	144,123
Plate and Plated ware	4,365	5,188	2,736	1,806	4,984
Rubber manufactures (except apparel and tyres and tubes)	38,089	42,012	48,612	29,011	64,686
Salt	49,591	47,818	48,474	51,972	52,104

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PRINCIPAL ARTICLES.	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
A.—FROM IMPORTS—(Continued)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Silk Fabrics and manufactures thereof (except apparel)	1,086	635	2,093	1,209	1,435
Soaps and cleansing preparations	64,121	69,706	76,046	86,384	109,063
Spices	43,952	26,949	38,302	33,827	45,387
Spirit—Potable	357,659	427,369	403,575	529,386	553,334
do. —Other	1,152	1,388	1,710	1,125	1,763
Stationery, other than Paper	24,535	29,144	29,244	33,636	37,415
Sugar	7,579	8,495	7,394	7,187	10,317
Tar and Pitch	4,698	5,178	3,611	3,782	12,073
Tea	53,000	57,506	55,004	56,104	58,250
Tobacco	2,869,040	3,351,911	3,373,679	3,340,287	3,858,361
Toys and Games	68,509	81,636	102,665	113,632	127,520
Umbrellas and Parasols	19,558	14,337	13,556	23,498	13,296
Vegetables	161,155	152,179	581,630	690,404	159,032
Vehicles—Road, including parts, tyres and tubes	1,229,638	1,203,039	1,351,517	1,828,797	1,636,794
Wines	34,224	32,597	35,161	50,498	52,280
Wood and Timber and Manufactures of ..	92,363	99,081	90,129	151,692	74,344
Woollen and Worsted Fabrics and Manufactures thereof (except apparel)	123,019	125,688	101,275	147,976	146,121
Other Goods and Special Transactions ..	1,844,424	1,724,830	1,677,645	2,704,074	3,223,965
TOTAL FROM IMPORTS : ..	16,090,328	15,857,622	16,959,602	21,116,274	22,340,681
B.—FROM EXPORTS					
Bauxite	991,222	613,927	681,608	942,713	722,845
Diamonds	4,160	4,659	9,140	13,834	18,186
Sugar	—	—	255,156	308,990	313,243
Other Goods and Special Transactions ..	7,109	6,877	21,707	31,797	47,223
TOTAL FROM EXPORTS	1,002,491	625,463	967,611	1,297,334	1,101,497
GRAND TOTAL	17,092,819	16,483,085	17,927,213	22,413,608	23,442,178

APPENDIX II.

Excise and Import Duties Collected on Alcoholic Beverages.

YEAR	SPIRITS				WINES		MALT LIQUOR		Cider, imported	Total Revenue (Spirits, Wines, Malt Liquor and Cider).	YEAR
	Imported Spirits (Whisky, Brandy, Gin, Rum, Liqueurs and other potable)	Rum Home-Made	Gin, bitters and other potable home-made.	TOTAL	Imported	Home-Made	Imported	Home-Made			
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
1952	209,511	2,956,722	749	3,166,982	21,667	14,233	643,654	—	1,383	3,847,919	1952
1953	233,772	3,148,116	59,606	3,441,494	24,032	10,956	631,393	—	3,083	4,110,958	1953
1954	278,526	3,602,200	28,251	3,908,977	23,290	12,420	730,188	—	2,888	4,677,763	1954
1955	359,551	3,965,826	60,615	4,385,992	27,767	12,858	979,677	—	5,720	5,412,014	1955
1956	350,688	4,077,894	23,736	4,452,318	30,899	15,834	773,011	—	8,550	5,280,612	1956
1957	357,659	4,227,056	10,368	4,595,083	34,224	14,369	698,186	72,505	11,035	5,425,402	1957
1958	427,369	4,406,203	10,079	4,843,651	32,597	14,710	323,451	473,638	10,035	5,698,082	1958
1959	403,575	4,476,671	14,748	4,894,994	35,161	15,453	364,091	454,383	24,565	5,788,647	1959
1960	529,386	4,440,122	22,560	4,992,068	50,498	14,797	630,959	596,334	37,042	6,321,698	1960
1961	553,334	5,329,155	23,289	5,905,778	52,280	12,349	722,475	558,366	40,785	7,292,033	1961

Quantities of Alcoholic Beverages Cleared for Home Consumption.

YEAR	SPIRITS — Proof Gallons				WINES, MALT LIQUOR AND CIDER—Liquid Gallons					YEAR	
	Imported Spirits (Whisky, Brandy, Gin, Rum, Liqueurs and other potable).	Rum Home-Made	Gin, bitters and other potable home-made	TOTAL	WINES		MALT LIQUOR		Cider, imported		TOTAL
					Imported	Home-Made	Imported	(1) Home-Made			
1952	19,860	407,851	125	427,836	4,943	28,467	397,483	—	3,546	434,439	1952
1953	12,962	434,223	8,219	455,404	5,604	21,913	373,508	—	6,248	407,273	1953
1954	15,290	495,098	3,872	514,260	4,823	24,840	431,089	—	5,837	466,589	1954
1955	18,500	495,728	7,577	521,805	6,621	25,716	468,501	—	11,466	512,304	1955
1956	18,088	509,737	2,967	530,792	5,887	31,669	368,921	—	17,270	423,747	1956
1957	18,191	524,519	1,297	544,007	6,387	28,738	333,188	360,412	22,278	751,003	1957
1958	20,704	500,705	1,145	522,554	6,235	29,419	155,351	906,285	20,228	1,117,518	1958
1959	14,242	469,900	1,550	485,692	6,749	30,905	157,854	733,363	25,428	954,299	1959
1960	18,713	462,513	2,350	483,576	9,508	29,595	272,353	795,284	39,577	1,146,317	1960
1961	17,852	555,120	2,426	575,398	10,711	24,697	306,897	691,779	41,121	1,650,603	1961

NOTE (1) The figures in this column exclude an allowance of 9 per cent. of the quantity produced, and include clearances free of duty. Also, the quantity shown for a calendar year cannot be directly related to the revenue figure for that year shown in the table above, because of the time allowed to elapse between the charging of duty and the actual payment thereof.

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