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MINERAL STATISTICS & MINES

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NOTES

The year used throughout this report is the calendar year, and the ton that of 2,000 pounds, unless otherwise stated.

The fiscal year begins the 1st of July.

The figures given throughout the report referring to exports and imports are compiled from data obtained from the books of the Customs Department and will occasionally shew discrepancies, which there are no means of correcting, however.

The figures given in the tables of exports and imports under the headings of each province do not necessarily represent the production and consumption of these provinces; e. g., material produced in Ontario is often shipped from Montreal and entered there for export, so falling under the heading, Quebec.

TO DR. ALFRED R. C. SELWYN, C.M.G., F.R.S., ETC.,
Director Geological Survey of Canada.

DEAR SIR,—I beg herewith to submit the annual report of the division of Mineral Statistics and Mines for 1889.

I regret that it has to be handed in somewhat later than usual, but owing to an unfortunate complication of circumstances this could not be avoided.

My predecessor, Mr. Coste, ceased all active participation in the work in March, 1889, whilst I was placed in charge of the work of the division in the November following. In this way, for about six months the office was short-handed, Mr. Brumell, the assistant to the division, being left to carry on the work on the lines previously followed by my predecessor, whilst his time and attention were largely occupied in collecting data and making enquiries in connection with the Petroleum and Natural Gas industries.

Thus the routine and other work of the division has unavoidably fallen in arrears, and it will yet take some time and considerable effort to bring it up to a state of efficiency whilst not neglecting the current business of the office, which matters have absorbed all my own attention and effort for the past few months.

The accompanying report will, for these reasons, be found less full and interesting and more purely statistical than I could have wished; for, outside of Mr. Brumell's studies before alluded to, and apart from the statistical data of past years, the division was found to be furnished with little or no information relating to the Mines and Mining industries of the Dominion.

A beginning has been made towards rectifying this state of things, and if I can get an opportunity during the present summer season I shall make myself familiar, personally as far as possible, with the districts and people with whom we have to deal in the prosecution of the work. I hope thus to be able to deal more efficiently and satisfactorily with the information coming to hand and to better perform the functions of my office.

The report will be found to contain articles on Petroleum and Natural Gas, by Mr. Brumell, assistant to the Division, which, in view of his investigations of these subjects for the past two years, I entrusted to him.

Thanks are also due to him for his very able and willing fulfilment of the duties of his office.

Our acknowledgments are also due to the Provincial Departments of Mines of Nova Scotia and British Columbia and to the Dominion Customs Department for aid received, as well as to all those, too numerous to specify, who supplied us so willingly with statistical and other information.

I remain, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ELFRIC DREW INGALL.

SUMMARY OF THE MINERAL PRODUCTION OF CANADA
IN 1889.

| PRODUCT. | QUANTITY. | VALUE. | COMPARED WITH 1888 (a). |
|--|------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Antimony Ore tons. | 55 | \$ 1,100 | Decrease. |
| Asbestos " | 6,113 | 426,554 | Increase. |
| * Bricks thousands. | 200,561 | 1,273,884 | do |
| * Building Stone cub. yds. | 341,337 | 913,691 | do |
| Cement bbls. | 90,474 | 69,790 | do |
| Charcoal bush. | 1,593,300 | 93,463 | do |
| Coal tons. | 2,719,478 | 5,584,182 | do |
| Coke " | 54,539 | 155,043 | do |
| Copper (fine, cont'd. in ore). lbs. | 6,809,752 | 885,424 | do |
| Fertilizers tons. | 775 | 26,606 | do |
| Fire Clay " | 400 | 4,800 | |
| Flagstones sq. feet. | 14,000 | 1,400 | Decrease. |
| Glass and Glassware | | 150,000 | do |
| Gold ozs. | 72,328 | 1,295,159 | Increase. |
| Granite tons. | 10,197 | 79,624 | Decrease. |
| Graphite " | 242 | 3,160 | Increase. |
| Grindstones " | 3,404 | 30,863 | Decrease. |
| Gypsum " | 213,273 | 205,108 | Increase. |
| * Iron " | 73,231 | 2,763,062 | do |
| Iron Ore " | 84,181 | 151,640 | Decrease. |
| Lead (fine, contained in ore). lbs. | 165,100 | 6,604 | do |
| * Lime bush. | 2,948,249 | 362,848 | Increase. |
| Limestone for flux tons. | 22,122 | 21,909 | do |
| Manganese Ore " | 1,455 | 32,737 | Decrease. |
| Marble " | 980 | 980 | do |
| Mica (exports of cut and crude) lbs. | 36,529 | 28,718 | |
| Mineral Paints tons. | 794 | 15,280 | Increase. |
| Mineral Water galls. | 424,600 | 37,360 | do |
| * Miscellaneous clay products | | 239,385 | Decrease. |
| Moulding Sand tons. | 170 | 850 | Increase. |
| Petroleum bbls. | 639,991 | 612,101 | Decrease. |
| Phosphate tons. | 30,988 | 316,662 | Increase. |
| Pig Iron " | 25,921 | 499,872 | do |
| Platinum ozs. | 1,000 | 3,500 | Decrease. |
| Pyrites tons. | 72,225 | 307,292 | Increase. |
| Salt " | 32,832 | 129,547 | Decrease. |
| Sand and Gravel (exports) " | 283,044 | 52,647 | Increase. |
| Silver ozs. | 383,318 | 343,848 | Decrease. |
| Slate tons. | 6,935 | 119,160 | Increase. |
| Soapstone " | 195 | 1,170 | do |
| * Steel " | 27,873 | 973,282 | do |
| Sulphuric Acid lbs. | 10,998,713 | 152,592 | do |
| * Tiles thousands. | 10,526 | 134,265 | do |
| Estimated value of mineral products not returned (principally nickel, iron and structural materials) | | 992,838 | |
| Total | | \$19,500,000 | Increase. |
| Total, 1888 | | 16,500,000 | |

* Incomplete.

(a) Comparison of values only.

EXPORTS.

MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS, MINED OR MANUFACTURED IN CANADA, DURING 1889.

| PRODUCT. | VALUE. | PRODUCT. | VALUE. |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------------|
| *Acid, Sulphuric..... | \$ 1,152 | Lime and Cement..... | \$ 161,249 |
| Asbestos, first class..... | 319,461 | Mica, crude and cut..... | 28,718 |
| do second class..... | 27,308 | do ground..... | 1,879 |
| do third class..... | 13,375 | Oil, crude and refined.... | 10,777 |
| Barytes..... | 80 | Ore, Antimony..... | 695 |
| *Brick..... | 1,906 | do, Iron..... | 39,887 |
| Coal..... | 2,334,905 | do, Manganese..... | 29,350 |
| Coke..... | 1,050 | do, Silver..... | 212,163 |
| Copper..... | 168,457 | Phosphate..... | 394,768 |
| *Fertilizers..... | 1,411 | Plumbago (graphite).... | 538 |
| Gold..... | 609,250 | Salt..... | 2,390 |
| Glass and Glassware..... | 6,287 | Sand and gravels..... | 52,647 |
| Grindstones..... | 29,982 | Slate..... | 3,303 |
| Gypsum (crude)..... | 194,404 | Stone, unwrought..... | 21,374 |
| do (ground)..... | 772 | Stone, wrought..... | 28,204 |
| Iron and Steel, about..... | 310,000 | Other articles..... | 30,407 |
| | | Total..... | \$5,038,149 |

* For last six months of year only.

EXPORTS.

PRODUCTS OF THE MINE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 1889.

| EXPORTED TO | VALUE. | EXPORTED TO | VALUE. |
|--------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| United States..... | \$3,753,351 | British West Indies..... | \$ 4,130 |
| Great Britain..... | 422,355 | Japan..... | 4,000 |
| Newfoundland..... | 153,311 | Norway and Sweden..... | 1,200 |
| Sandwich Islands..... | 17,380 | United States of Columbia | 796 |
| St. Pierre..... | 16,564 | British Guiana..... | 702 |
| Germany..... | 15,856 | Danish West Indies..... | 586 |
| Mexico..... | 10,118 | | |
| Spanish West Indies..... | 7,640 | Total..... | \$4,419,170 |
| Belgium..... | 6,000 | | |
| France..... | 5,181 | 1888 "..... | \$4,110,937 |

IMPORTS.

MINERALS AND MINERAL PRODUCTS DURING 1889.

| PRODUCT. | VALUE. | PRODUCT. | VALUE. |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Alum and Aluminous Cake | \$ 26,395 | Iron and Steel, all sorts.. | \$1,908,966 |
| Antimony..... | 14,342 | Lead and mfrs. of..... | 356,732 |
| Arsenic..... | 3,999 | Lime..... | 7,835 |
| Asbestos and mfrs. of.... | 15,602 | do Chloride of..... | 59,533 |
| Ashes, Pot, Pearl and Soda. | 3,462 | Litharge..... | 24,652 |
| Asphaltum..... | 33,550 | Lithographic Stone..... | 3,625 |
| Baryta..... | 611 | Manganese Oxide..... | 2,833 |
| Borax..... | 23,544 | Marble..... | 109,099 |
| Brass and mfrs. of..... | 548,563 | Mercury..... | 8,534 |
| Bricks..... | 11,459 | Mineral waters..... | 37,969 |
| do Bath..... | 2,765 | Nickel..... | 101 |
| do and Tiles, fire..... | 18,502 | Paints..... | 533,351 |
| Buhrstones..... | 5,850 | Paraffin wax..... | 6,424 |
| Building Stone..... | 128,108 | Petroleum and mfrs. of.. | 505,995 |
| Cement..... | 12,959 | Plaster of Paris..... | 9,755 |
| do Portland..... | 243,134 | Platinum..... | 4,155 |
| Chalk..... | 6,169 | Potash Salts..... | 13,354 |
| Clay, all sorts..... | 23,877 | Precious Stones..... | 159,948 |
| Coal, Anthracite..... | 4,808,230 | Pumice..... | 3,526 |
| do Bituminous..... | 3,257,437 | Salt..... | 306,064 |
| do Dust..... | 43,641 | Sand and Gravel..... | 33,766 |
| Coal Tar and Pitch..... | 102,476 | "Sillex"..... | 991 |
| Coke..... | 130,921 | Slate..... | 25,093 |
| Copper and mfrs. of..... | 443,235 | Soda Salts..... | 302,194 |
| Copperas..... | 3,096 | Stone or Granite, N.E.S.. | 78,090 |
| Earthenware..... | 275,371 | Spelter..... | 50,267 |
| Emery..... | 15,945 | Sulphur..... | 40,677 |
| Fertilizers..... | 47,706 | Sulphuric Acid..... | 2,854 |
| Flagstones..... | 46,741 | Tiles, Sewer, etc..... | 82,127 |
| Fuller's Earth..... | 508 | Tin and mfrs. of..... | 1,334,577 |
| Glass and Glassware..... | 1,257,661 | Whiting..... | 28,225 |
| Graphite and mfrs. of..... | 28,577 | Yellow Metal..... | 94,937 |
| do Pencils..... | 57,300 | Zinc and mfrs. of.. | 106,095 |
| Grindstones..... | 24,742 | | |
| Gypsum..... | 2,158 | Total..... | \$17,910,980 |

ABRASIVE MATERIALS.

The total production of grindstones during 1889 was 3,404 tons, with a value of \$30,863. These figures show a very considerable decrease of 2,360 tons and \$20,266 from last year.

New Brunswick.

The returns received from New Brunswick give a total production of grindstones for that province of 2,692 tons, having a value, at the quarries, of \$23,735. This is the production of six operators, or one less than last year, and shows a decrease in production of 1,101 tons and in value of \$6,994.

Nova Scotia.

The returns, as given by the Inspector of Mines of Nova Scotia, show a production of but 712 tons of grindstones, valued at \$7,128. Here also, as in New Brunswick, we find a very considerable decrease, amounting to 1,259 tons and \$13,272.

Exports and imports.

The exports and imports of grindstones, as well as of buhrstones, emery, pumice stone and silex are detailed in the following tables :—

ABRASIVE MATERIALS.

TABLE 1.

EXPORTS OF GRINDSTONES.

| PROVINCE. | 1887. | 1888. | 1889. |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Ontario..... | \$ 500 | \$ 252 | ..... |
| Quebec..... | 12 | ..... | \$ 1,387 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 10,425 | 11,430 | 7,150 |
| New Brunswick..... | 17,832 | 16,494 | 21,437 |
| Manitoba..... | ..... | ..... | 8 |
| Totals..... | \$28,769 | \$28,176 | \$29,982 |

ABRASIVE MATERIALS.

TABLE 2.
IMPORTS OF GRINDSTONES.

| PROVINCE. | 1888. | | 1889. | |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|-------|----------|
| | Tons. | Value. | Tons. | Value. |
| Ontario..... | 1,390 | \$15,915 | 1,404 | \$16,065 |
| Quebec..... | 505 | 6,094 | 471 | 6,719 |
| Nova Scotia..... | .... | 199 | 55 | 935 |
| New Brunswick..... | 1 | 9 | 1 | 8 |
| Manitoba..... | 56 | 786 | 24 | 359 |
| British Columbia..... | 6 | 199 | 30 | 656 |
| Totals..... | 1,958 | \$23,202 | 1,985 | \$24,742 |

ABRASIVE MATERIALS.

TABLE 3.
IMPORTS OF BUHRSTONES.

| PROVINCE. | 1887. | 1888. | 1889. |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| Ontario..... | \$1,184 | \$ 239 | \$ 917 |
| Quebec..... | 2,325 | 3,507 | 4,933 |
| British Columbia..... | 26 | .... | .... |
| Totals..... | \$3,535 | \$3,746 | \$5,850 |

ABRASIVE MATERIALS.

TABLE 4.

IMPORTS OF PUMICE STONE.

| PROVINCE. | 1888. | 1889. |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|
| Ontario..... | \$1,629 | \$ 1,832 |
| Quebec..... | 1,255 | 1,575 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 23 | 35 |
| New Brunswick..... | 26 | 80 |
| Prince Edward Island..... | .... | 4 |
| Manitoba..... | 5 | .... |
| British Columbia..... | 19 | .... |
| Totals..... | \$2,957 | \$3,526 |

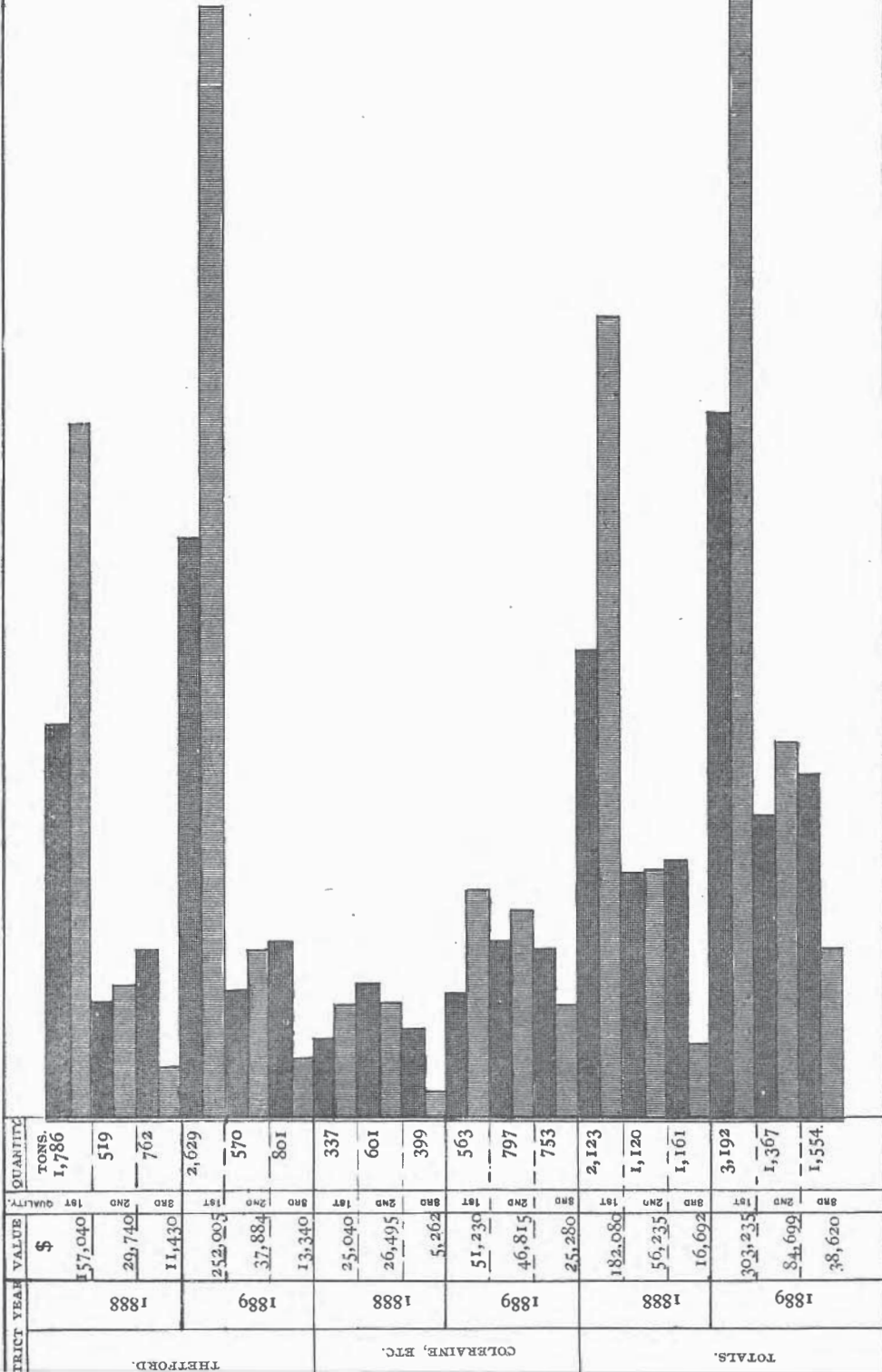
ABRASIVE MATERIALS.

TABLE 5.

IMPORTS OF EMERY.

| PROVINCE. | 1888. | 1889. |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|
| Ontario..... | \$10,337 | \$12,164 |
| Quebec..... | 1,915 | 2,076 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 232 | 270 |
| New Brunswick..... | 1,603 | 1,421 |
| Manitota..... | ..... | 2 |
| British Columbia..... | 12 | 12 |
| Total..... | \$14,099 | \$15,945 |

ASBESTUS
 TABLE A
 PRODUCTION BY DISTRICTS



IMPORTS OF "SILEX" OR CRYSTALLIZED QUARTZ.

TABLE 6.

| PROVINCE. | 1888. | | 1889. | |
|---------------------|-------|---------|-------|--------|
| | Cwts. | Value. | Cwts. | Value. |
| Ontario | 5,699 | \$1,154 | 935 | \$597 |
| Quebec | 263 | 237 | 368 | 11 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 2 | 11 | 151 | 66 |
| New Brunswick | 239 | 147 | 287 | 299 |
| Manitoba ..... | ..... | ..... | 43 | 18 |
| Totals..... | 6,203 | \$1,549 | 1,784 | \$991 |

Mr. R. Chalmers, of the Survey staff, in his preliminary report, to the Director, on his work in Southern New Brunswick, mentions occurrences of infusorial earth, and says:—"Infusorial earth has been reported as occurring at Fitzgerald Lake, St. John County, and at Pollet River and Pleasant Lakes, King's County. The deposits at the two first mentioned places are quite large."

ANTIMONY.

Production.

Outside of the small amount of the ore of this metal produced in Nova Scotia, as per returns from the Inspector of Mines for that province, nothing was done. The returns received from owners of the mines in New Brunswick and Quebec report their properties as being still idle. The total production was 55 tons, worth \$1,100, all the production of the Rawdon mine in Hants County. This mine only worked a part of the year, which accounts for the small yield. This amounts to a decrease in the production of 290 tons and \$2,596.

Enquiries were made at this office recently, by manufacturers of Babbitt metal, for Canadian sources of antimony, and they were put in communication with owners of mines, which it is hoped will lead to business.

Of the above quantity produced 30 tons, valued at \$695, were entered in the Customs Department as exported from the Province of Nova Scotia.

ANTIMONY.

TABLE 1.

IMPORTS.

| PROVINCE. | 1888. | | 1889. | |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|---------|----------|
| | Pounds. | Value. | Pounds. | Value. |
| Ontario..... | 50,481 | \$4,754 | 51,027 | \$6,198 |
| Quebec..... | 96,690 | 10,127 | 68,665 | 7,407 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 552 | 162 | 1,460 | 132 |
| New Brunswick..... | 3,908 | 417 | 4,166 | 533 |
| Manitoba..... | 120 | 6 | 73 | 3 |
| British Columbia..... | 264 | 36 | 327 | 69 |
| Totals..... | 152,075 | \$15,502 | 125,718 | \$14,342 |

ARSENIC.

The production of refined arsenic, which has been carried on for some years past at the Deloro mine, Ont., was suspended during 1889, so that there is no production to report, there being no other producer in the Dominion.

The accompanying table of imports will show what demand there is for this article in the Dominion.

ARSENIC.

TABLE 1.

IMPORTS.

| PROVINCE. | 1888. | | 1889. | |
|--------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|
| | Pounds. | Value. | Pounds. | Value. |
| Ontario..... | 3,944 | \$125 | 63,732 | \$2,096 |
| Quebec..... | 17,244 | 610 | 50,374 | 1,759 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 2,272 | 82 | 3,925 | 137 |
| New Brunswick..... | .... | .... | 100 | 4 |
| Manitoba..... | 35 | 4 | 20 | 3 |
| Totals..... | 23,495 | \$821 | 118,151 | \$3,999 |

ASBESTUS.

Production. The returns of the producers of this mineral in 1889 show a total output of 6,113 tons, valued at \$426,554. This is a considerable increase over last year, amounting to 1,708½ tons, and in value of \$171,547.

As against 11 producers last year, returns were received of the operations of 13 for 1889, employing 575 hands.

The contributions of the different districts to this grand total are as follows :—

Thetford.....4,000 tons
 Black Lake and Coleraine, etc.....2,113 "

Under the latter heading are included the produce of various scattered and outlying mines which are not, however, actually in the Black Lake district.

A comparative statement for 1888 and 1889 of the amounts, etc., of the different grades of asbestos produced by the different districts is shown in Graphic Table A.

Exports and imports.

The exports and imports are set forth in tables Nos. 1 and 2 :—

ASBESTUS.

TABLE 1.

EXPORTS.

| Quality. | 1888. | | 1889. | |
|-------------------|-------|-----------|-------|-----------|
| | Tons. | Value. | Tons. | Value. |
| First Class | 3,625 | \$262,552 | 4,579 | \$319,461 |
| Second " | 110 | 5,306 | 593 | 27,308 |
| Third " | 201 | 9,884 | 416 | 13,375 |
| Totals..... | 3,936 | \$277,742 | 5,588 | \$360,144 |

ASBESTUS.

TABLE 2.

IMPORTS.

| PROVINCE. | 1888. | 1889. |
|---------------------------|---------|----------|
| Ontario..... | \$3,557 | \$7,128 |
| Quebec..... | 4,302 | 3,929 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 265 | ..... |
| New Brunswick..... | 591 | 3,335 |
| Prince Edward Island..... | ..... | 906 |
| Manitoba..... | 46 | ..... |
| British Columbia..... | 149 | 304 |
| Totals..... | \$8,910 | \$15,602 |

Dr. Ells, in the preliminary report of his summer's work done in that district, states that an effort is being made to open up new mines on the "asbestos areas on the east side of Brompton Lake, on lot 26, range X, Brompton Gore, but at present this locality is accessible with difficulty, and the indications are not equal to those presented at Thetford and Coleraine."

Dr. Selwyn, also, in speaking of an area visited by himself during the summer in the northern peninsula of Newfoundland, says:—"Diorites and Serpentine appear to be somewhat largely developed, and it seems quite likely that valuable deposits of asbestos may accompany them as they do in the Eastern Townships of Quebec."

COAL.

Production. The production of this mineral for the whole Dominion amounted to 2,719,478 tons, valued at \$5,584,182 at the pit's mouth.

This shows an increase over last year of 61,344 tons and \$324,350. Although the production has increased, it has not done so at the same rate as in the past few years, a fact which will be apparent by reference to the accompanying graphic table A. It will there be noticed also that the total value has increased at a greater rate than the tonnage, which is due to the greater production from British Columbia, the price of whose product is always higher than that of the eastern coal fields.

The proportions yielded to the grand total by the different provinces are given in Table B., where they are graphically represented and speak for themselves.

Table C. represents the number of men employed in each province in the production of these amounts of coal, together with the proportionate number of tons produced per man per year.

The following tables give details of the production, sales and distribution of the two principal coal producing provinces, viz., Nova Scotia and British Columbia, as supplied by the mining departments of those provinces.

The graphic tables D and E represent the production of these two provinces and the fluctuations of the past years, and for purposes of comparison both these and the other three are constructed on the same scale.

COAL.

TABLE I.

NOVA SCOTIA.

PRODUCTION, SALES AND COLLIERY CONSUMPTION.

| Period. | Production. | Sales. | Colliery Consumption. |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 1889—First quarter. Tons..... | 350,707 | 203,130 | 43,453 |
| 1889—Second " " | 481,004 | 419,649 | 45,383 |
| 1889—Third " " | 624,773 | 640,008 | 39,260 |
| 1889—Fourth " " | 510,548 | 478,933 | 49,010 |
| Totals " | 1,967,032 | 1,741,720 | 177,106 |
| 1888 " | 1,989,263 | 1,765,895 | 176,336 |
| 1887 " | 1,871,338 | 1,702,046 | 156,550 |
| 1886 " | 1,682,924 | 1,538,504 | 159,512 |
| 1885 " | 1,514,470 | 1,405,051 | 142,939 |

COAL

ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF CANADA.

| VALUE | QUANTITY | | |
|-----------|-----------|--|------|
| \$ | TONS. | | |
| 4,017,225 | 2,091,976 | | 1886 |
| 4,758,590 | 2,418,494 | | 1887 |
| 5,259,832 | 2,658,134 | | 1888 |
| 5,584,182 | 2,719,478 | | 1889 |

TABLE A.

| PRODUCTION BY PROVINCES. | | MEN EMPLOYED ETC. BY PROVINCES. | |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| VALUE | QUANTITY | NO. OF MEN EMPLOYED | NO. OF TONS MINED PER ANNUM PER MAN. |
| \$ | TONS | | |
| 3,073,489 | 1,967,033 | 5,167 | 380 |
| 2,319,320 | 649,409 | 2,241 | 290 |
| 179,640 | 97,364 | 334 | 202 |
| 11,733 | 5,673 | 63 | 90 |

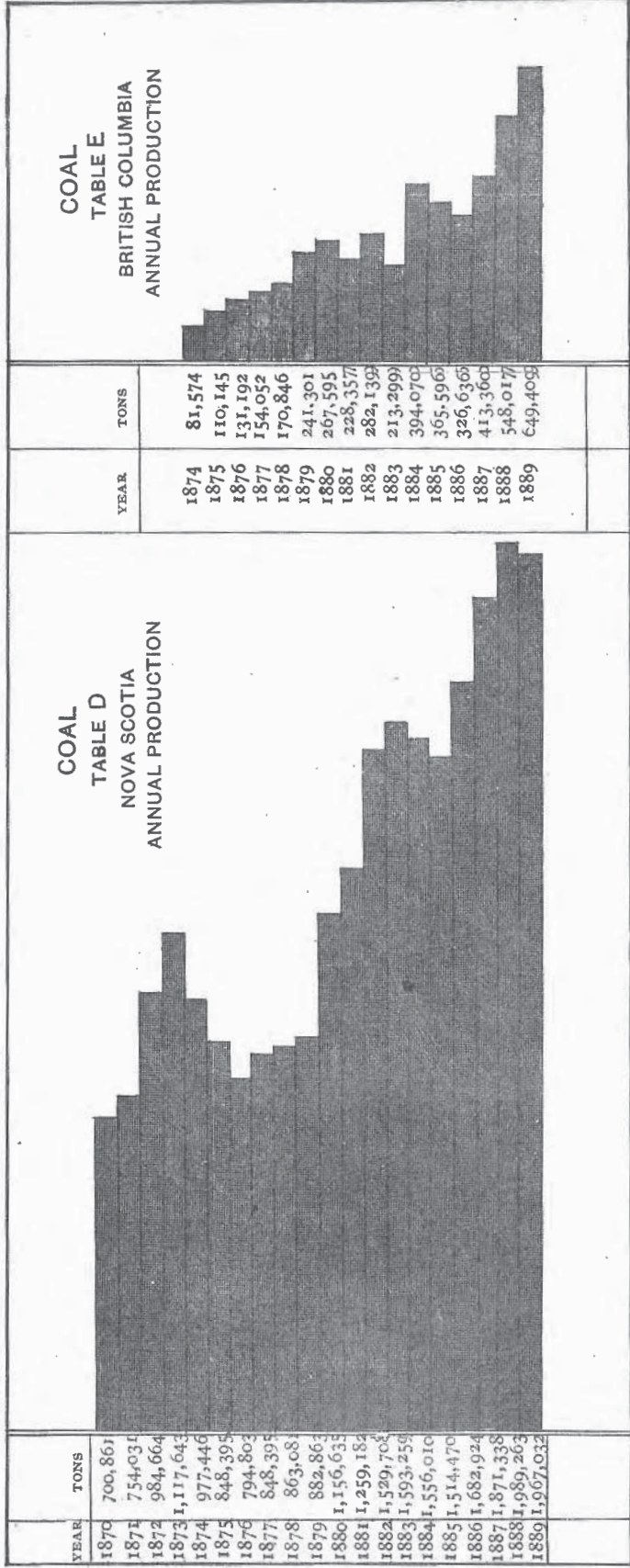
TABLE B.

TABLE C.

GEOLOGICAL AND NATURAL HISTORY SURVEY OF CANADA.

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Plate III.



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TABLE 2.

NOVA SCOTIA.

DISTRIBUTION OF COAL SOLD.

| Market. | Tons. |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Nova Scotia :— | |
| Transported by land..... | 351,995 |
| “ “ sea..... | 264,481 |
| Total..... | 616,476 |
| New Brunswick..... | 218,595 |
| Newfoundland..... | 98,048 |
| Prince Edward Island..... | 61,533 |
| Quebec..... | 707,612 |
| West Indies..... | 4,461 |
| United States..... | 33,584 |
| Other Countries..... | 1,411 |
| Total..... | 1,741,720 |

COAL.

TABLE 3.

NOVA SCOTIA.

COAL TRADE BY COUNTIES.

| Year 1889. | Cumberland. | | Pictou. | | Cape Breton. | | Total. | |
|----------------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|---------|-----------|-----------|
| | Raised. | Sold. | Raised. | Sold. | Raised. | Sold. | Raised. | Sold. |
| First quarter. | 122,064 | 109,375 | 112,761 | 83,835 | 115,882 | 9,920 | 350,707 | 203,130 |
| Second “ | 123,720 | 103,775 | 99,432 | 83,573 | 257,852 | 227,301 | 481,104 | 419,649 |
| Third “ | 133,519 | 113,086 | 137,803 | 127,540 | 353,451 | 399,382 | 624,773 | 640,008 |
| Fourth “ | 169,991 | 143,747 | 133,149 | 123,552 | 207,408 | 205,634 | 510,548 | 478,933 |
| Totals.. | 549,294 | 469,983 | 483,145 | 429,500 | 934,593 | 842,237 | 1,967,032 | 1,741,720 |

COAL.

TABLE 4.

NOVA SCOTIA.

PRODUCTION BY DISTRICTS, 1889.

| Colliery. | Tons. | Colliery. | Tons. |
|--------------------|---------|---------------------|-----------|
| Chignecto | 20,801 | Caledonia..... | 128,015 |
| Joggins..... | 50,870 | Francklyn | 4,531 |
| Minudie | 1,456 | Glace Bay..... | 90,630 |
| Springhill..... | 476,167 | Gowrie..... | 125,104 |
| Acadia..... | 301,960 | International. | 138,785 |
| Black Diamond..... | 38,097 | Ontario..... | 3,210 |
| East River..... | 1,730 | Reserve | 136,247 |
| Intercolonial..... | 141,072 | Sydney | 162,362 |
| Holmes..... | 286 | Victoria..... | 121,633 |
| Bridgeport..... | 24,076 | Total | 1,967,032 |

COAL.

TABLE 5.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

1889.

| Name of Colliery. | Coal raised. | Sold for home consumption. | Sold for exportation. | On hand Jan. 1st, 1889. | On hand Jan. 1st, 1890. | Number of men employed. |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | Tons. | |
| Nanaimo.... | 250,735 | 44,929 | 200,800 | 5,736 | 10,744 | 875 |
| Wellington.. | 306,189 | 85,707 | 221,011 | 4,145 | 3,416 | 862 |
| E. Wellington | 57,537 | 8,552 | 48,259 | 112 | 612 | 190 |
| Union..... | 34,948 | 112 | 26,645 | 2,240 | 10,431 | 314 |
| Totals.... | 649,409 | 139,298 | 491,715 | 12,233 | 25,203 | 2,241 |

The number of producers making returns was 41, of whom 19 operated in Nova Scotia, 4 in British Columbia, 10 in the North West Territories and 8 in New Brunswick.

The mines at Lethbridge and Anthracite still continue to be the main producers, the other operators contributing but a small proportion to the total output for the district. The production for this year, compared with that of last, shows a decrease of 17,760 tons and \$3,714.

The greater proportion of the coal produced by this province was due to the operations of two companies, viz., the Newcastle Mining Co. and the Grand Lake Coal Co. As against last year's results, this province shows a decrease in the production of 57 tons and an increase in value of \$683. The decrease in the production is due to a number of the smaller operators having suspended operations, whilst the better quality of the material produced by a more careful system of mining under the larger companies, who have taken their places, will account for the increase in the prices realized.

Of the total produce of the Dominion, 2,719,478 tons, 24.4 per cent. or 665,315 tons, were exported, as shown in Table 7, as compared with 22.1 per cent. exported in 1888.

COAL.

TABLE 6.

EXPORTS : NOVA SCOTIA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA.

| Year. | Nova Scotia. | | British Columbia. | |
|----------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | Tons. | Value. | Tons. | Value. |
| 1874 | 252,124 | \$647,539 | 51,001 | \$ 278,180 |
| 1875 | 179,626 | 404,351 | 65,842 | 356,018 |
| 1876 | 126,520 | 263,543 | 116,910 | 627,754 |
| 1877 | 173,389 | 352,453 | 118,252 | 590,263 |
| 1878 | 154,114 | 293,795 | 165,734 | 698,870 |
| 1879 | 113,742 | 203,407 | 186,094 | 608,845 |
| 1880 | 199,552 | 344,148 | 219,878 | 775,008 |
| 1881 | 193,081 | 311,721 | 187,791 | 622,965 |
| 1882 | 216,954 | 390,121 | 179,552 | 628,437 |
| 1883 | 192,795 | 336,088 | 271,214 | 946,271 |
| 1884 | 222,709 | 430,330 | 245,478 | 901,440 |
| 1885 | 176,287 | 349,650 | 250,191 | 1,000,764 |
| 1886 | 240,459 | 441,693 | 274,466 | 960,649 |
| 1887 | 207,941 | 390,738 | 356,657 | 1,262,552 |
| 1888 | 165,863 | 330,115 | 405,071 | 1,605,650 |
| 1889 | 186,608 | 396,830 | 470,683 | 1,918,263 |
| Totals.. | 3,001,764 | \$5,886,522 | 3,564,814 | \$13,781,929 |

COAL.

TABLE 7.

EXPORTS: THE PRODUCE OF CANADA.

| Province. | 1888. | | 1889. | |
|--------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------------|
| | Tons. | Value. | Tons. | Value. |
| Ontario | 25 | \$ 107 | 55 | \$ 193 |
| Quebec | 17,506 | 38,281 | 7,249 | 17,848 |
| Nova Scotia. | 165,863 | 330,115 | 186,608 | 396,830 |
| New Brunswick..... | 3 | 15 | 710 | 1,728 |
| Prince Edward Island.... | 105 | 214 | 9 | 32 |
| Manitoba..... | 54 | 349 | 1 | 11 |
| British Columbia | 405,071 | 1,605,650 | 470,683 | 1,918,263 |
| Totals..... | 588,627 | \$1,974,731 | 665,315 | \$2,334,905 |

The coal exported as given above was distributed as follows:—

| | Tons. |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Great Britain..... | 27,705 |
| United States..... | 533,593 |
| Newfoundland..... | 79,105 |
| St. Pierre..... | 8,741 |
| France..... | 291 |
| Germany | 460 |
| Sweden and Norway..... | 102 |
| Spanish West Indies..... | 3,088 |
| British West Indies..... | 2,055 |
| Danish West Indies..... | 302 |
| Sandwich Islands..... | 1,218 |
| Japan..... | 1,800 |
| Mexico | 2,875 |
| Brazil | 1,260 |
| Spain | 250 |
| British Guiana..... | 615 |
| Hong Kong..... | 1,855 |
| Total..... | 665,315 |

COAL.

TABLE 8.

EXPORTS : NOT THE PRODUCE OF CANADA.

| Province. | 1888. | | 1889. | |
|---------------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|
| | Tons. | Value. | Tons. | Value. |
| Ontario | 70,198 | \$165,816 | 72,008 | \$173,382 |
| Quebec | 9,864 | 20,179 | 12,625 | 31,181 |
| Nova Scotia | 4,024 | 11,180 | 4,483 | 10,154 |
| New Brunswick | 230 | 409 | 178 | 500 |
| Totals | 84,316 | \$197,584 | 89,294 | \$215,217 |

The above was shipped to the following places :—

| | |
|---------------------|--------|
| Destinations, | Tons. |
| Great Britain | 14,364 |
| United States | 74,874 |
| Newfoundland | 56 |
| Total | 89,294 |

COAL.

TABLE 9.

IMPORTS OF ANTHRACITE.

| Province. | 1888. | | 1889. | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Tons. | Value. | Tons. | Value. |
| Ontario | 900,776 | \$3,746,081 | 803,390 | \$3,156,757 |
| Quebec | 348,350 | 1,401,904 | 350,633 | 1,338,049 |
| Nova Scotia | 22,923 | 94,122 | 26,916 | 124,674 |
| New Brunswick | 51,074 | 195,287 | 44,463 | 168,673 |
| Prince Edward Island | 2,518 | 9,904 | 4,269 | 8,257 |
| Manitoba | 523 | 3,447 | 2,135 | 11,820 |
| British Columbia ..... | .... | 3 | ..... | ..... |
| Totals | 1,326,164 | \$5,450,748 | 1,231,806 | \$4,808,230 |

COAL.

TABLE 10.

IMPORTS OF BITUMINOUS COAL.

| Province. | 1888. | | 1889. | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
| | Tons. | Value. | Tons. | Value. |
| Ontario | 1,195,736 | \$3,258,113 | 1,180,202 | \$3,007,896 |
| Quebec | 82,667 | 175,127 | 80,413 | 195,043 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 1,423 | 10,001 | 535 | 3,614 |
| New Brunswick..... | 4,715 | 13,336 | 3,828 | 10,018 |
| Manitoba | 2,293 | 7,620 | 8,870 | 31,878 |
| British Columbia..... | 355 | 4,828 | 884 | 8,988 |
| Totals..... | 1,287,189 | \$3,469,025 | 1,274,732 | \$3,257,437 |

COAL.

TABLE 11.

IMPORTS OF COAL DUST.*

| Province. | 1888. | | 1889. | |
|-----------------------|--------|----------|--------|----------|
| | Tons. | Value. | Tons. | Value. |
| Ontario | 37,195 | \$41,027 | 48,345 | \$43,372 |
| Quebec | 10,649 | 14,170 | 23 | 172 |
| Nova Scotia | 82 | 375 | 12 | 97 |
| New Brunswick | 6 | 170 | ..... | ..... |
| Manitoba | 55 | 267 | ..... | ..... |
| British Columbia..... | ..... | 10 | ..... | ..... |
| Total | 47,987 | \$56,019 | 48,380 | \$43,641 |

*All slack and small coal is thus entered in the books of the Customs Department.

There were 54,539 tons of oven coke produced in 1889, valued at ^{Coke.} \$155,043, showing an increase in tonnage of 9,166 over 1888, and in value of \$20,862. Nova Scotia still remains the only district producing any notable quantity of this material.

There were 350 tons of this product, valued at \$1,050, exported during 1889, from Nova Scotia to Newfoundland.

The following Table shows the home market for coke, as illustrated by the importation, and as compared with last year.

COKE.

TABLE I.

IMPORTS OF OVEN COKE.

| Province. | 1888. | | 1889. | |
|-----------------------|--------|----------|--------|-----------|
| | Tons. | Value. | Tons. | Value. |
| Ontario..... | 22,948 | \$80,841 | 33,283 | \$113,117 |
| Quebec | 5,171 | 16,068 | 4,399 | 15,221 |
| New Brunswick..... | 198 | 827 | 314 | 1,419 |
| Manitoba. | 198 | 816 | 165 | 940 |
| British Columbia..... | 155 | 939 | 19 | 224 |
| Totals..... | 28,670 | \$99,491 | 38,180 | \$130,921 |

There were 1,593,300 bushels of charcoal produced during 1889, ^{Charcoal.} valued at \$93,463. Of this nearly 50 per cent. is produced at the Drummondville and Radnor Forges in the Province of Quebec for use at those works. The remainder is made in Ontario and principally exported.

In reporting on the work done in their various districts, the officers of the Geological Survey, in their preliminary reports to the Director, make mention of various points of interest connected with coal and its allied substances, as follows:—Mr. McConnell, speaking of the country north of the Lesser Slave Lake, N.W.T., and along the Peace River, above Lake Athabaska, says:—“Lignite was found in several places along Peace River, but in seams too small to be workable. It was also found in the Laramie plateau south of the Lesser Slave Lake. Here four seams were found ranging in thickness from one to four feet, besides a number of smaller ones scattered through about 1,000 feet of ^{Development and discovery.} ^{North-West Territory.}

shales and sandstone. This lignite is apparently of fair quality, but has not yet been analysed. Drift lignite was also found in Martin River, near the base of Martin Mountain" (at N.E. corner of Lesser Slave Lake), "but was not traced to its source."

Nova Scotia.

Mr. Hugh Fletcher, speaking of his work in Pictou and Colchester Counties, N.S., mentions the albertite found on the north side of the Cobequid Hills, and of its associations thus:—"Along the north side of the hills, as far west as Waugh River, runs a belt of red conglomerate, described as Permian in previous reports, of the same geological age as that of New Glasgow, interstratified with red grit, sandstone and marl, and overlaid by grey sandstones, like those of Pictou and West River. These are succeeded in turn by brownish red sandstones and marls, with one or two thin layers of limestone. * * * All are affected by important east and west faults. Associated with the conglomerate, and also occasionally with the grey sandstones, are veins of albertite and of baryte. The veins of albertite are not, however, confined to these rocks. Hitherto no veins of greater thickness than four inches have been found, and these are lenticular and irregular." Speaking of the grey sandstone of Hodson, near River John, he says:—"Small seams of bituminous coal have been discovered in the grey sandstone, but none seem to be persistent."

Speaking of the southern part of Colchester County, he continues:—"The small coal seams of West River, Riverdale and Kempton, with their associated slaty shales and quartzites, have been traced in the North, Chiganose and Debert Rivers, where much money has been spent in attempts to find them in workable shape."

He also visited the reported occurrence of coal at Kennetcook Corner, in Hants County, and found that "the seams are all apparently too small to be workable, and the basin in which they lie, between lower carboniferous limestone and gypsum, is very narrow."

Other points with regard to new features in the Nova Scotia coal fields are given in the report for the Department of Mines for that province as follows:—

"*Cumberland Co.*—During the past year explorations were carried on to the east of the Styles mine by Messrs. Sharp, Hickman *et al.*, and several seams said to vary in thickness up to eight feet were discovered. The coal is of good quality, and the results of the explorations, it is claimed, prove the extension of the Cumberland coal field for a considerable distance east of the limits hitherto generally assigned to it. Discoveries made to the north-west of the old General Mining Association area appear to show an anticlinal, having the Springhill Basin to the south, and the Maccan and Styles Basin to the north. If these results are confirmed a much greater portion of the Cumberland

coal field will be accessible to the miner than has hitherto appeared possible. Some little work was also done in tracing the Oxford seams, which appear to form a basin, having a general east and west course.

"The Minudie mine worked a little during the first of the year, and was re-opened towards its close.

"*Colchester Co.*—At Coal Brook, about 12 miles from Truro, Mr. George Ross, of Truro, secured a lease, and has opened a seam of coal of good quality, said to be 3 feet 9 inches thick. Some prospecting was also done at Middle Stewiacke.

"*Pictou Co.*—At the Intercolonial Colliery arrangements were made for working the coal in an adjoining area belonging to Mr. S. H. Holmes, included between the line of the Intercolonial Company and the supposed southerly extension of the McCulloch Brook fault.

"Some small prospecting was done by Wm. P. McNeil, on the area lying immediately north of the East River area.

"*Cape Breton Co.*—Mr. Greener has continued his explorations in the vicinity of North Sydney, in the measures lying on the prolongation of the Low Point coal strata. From analyses made of two of the seams by Mr. Maynard Bowman, Dominion Analyst, they are of excellent quality, when it is considered that the samples were taken from the outcrop, the percentage of ash running as low as 2.06, and of sulphur less than one per cent. Toward the close of the year I understand that Mr. Greener drove in some distance on one of the seams and found that it was thickening, and was then 5 feet 3 inches thick. The importance of the discovery of a workable seam of good quality at this point is apparent, for a large tract of coal-bearing measures becomes proved, and encouragement is given to others to search outside the hitherto recognized limits of the Sydney coal field. Explorations were also carried on in the district west of the Gardiner mine and a license to work selected."

The Department of Mines of British Columbia reports as follows of ^{British} the operations in coal mining in the coal fields of Vancouver Island:—^{Columbia.}

"During the year the following collieries have been in operation, namely:—

"Nanaimo Colliery, of the New Vancouver Coal Mining and Land Co., Limited.

"Wellington Colliery, of Messrs. R. Dunsmuir & Sons.

"East Wellington Colliery, of the East Wellington Coal Co.

"Union Colliery, of the Union Colliery Co.

"Very extensive and encouraging prospecting operations, involving a large outlay of capital, have been carried on by the above-named companies, and also by the Oyster Harbor Coal Company, during the present year, by means of diamond drills of great power (capable of

boring to 4,000 feet), to prove and establish an extension of the Nanaimo coal fields, and also those of Comox; and the Tumbo Island Coal Company are prospecting their coal land on the island of that name in the Gulf of Georgia by sinking a shaft.

“*Nanaimo*.—There has been some very extensive boring in this district during the past year. Amongst them was the continuation of the bore-hole * * * * in No. 2 Esplanade Shaft. This was put down to the depth of 1,263 feet, the depth of shaft being 617 feet, makes the total from the surface 1,880 feet. From not having struck any coal, there was another bore-hole put down by the same company in the South Field. In this bore they passed through a seam of hard coal 12 feet thick, at 469 feet from the surface. This bore has been continued till the present time, and is 1,460 feet down. This bore shows a good prospect, and is very encouraging.

“*Oyster Harbor Coal Company*.—Exploration with two diamond drills have been in progress at Oyster Harbor and Chemainus Bay during nearly the whole of this year. The first bore, commenced in January, was put down at the head of Oyster Harbor, on the north-west side, and pierced a depth of 1,300 feet through sandstone and shale, and was stopped in a fine-looking sandstone. The rocks at this place are tilted at a high angle, the cores from the bore showing a dip of some 25 degrees. While in process of boring, inflammable gas extended from this hole in sufficient quantity to burn with a bright flame when a match was applied.

“A second bore was started on the eastern side of the harbor, which, after going down 690 feet, was stopped for want of water. The stream which fed the drill dried up and the machinery was removed.

“A third hole was bored on the north-west side of Chemainus Bay, close to the water's edge. This hole was sunk to a depth of 1,600 feet, using up all the rods available, and operations were suspended. The rocks, as shown by the cores, which are sandstone, mostly, with shale bands, are all said to be of the right kind, and we may expect to hear more of operations in this neighborhood.

“At Chemainus Bay, after getting down 300 feet about, the measures were found to be lying horizontally, and very nicely bedded the whole depth of the bore.

“*Tumbo Island Coal Mining Company*.—This island, lying at the south-east entrance of the Straits of Georgia, is being prospected for coal by the above named company. They commenced by putting a bore-hole down close to the water's edge; in this they passed through about five feet of hard coal. This prospect so encouraged them that they went down to the dip and started to sink a shaft, in which they

are now down fully 100 feet. They have a steam engine, pit head gear, and other necessary appliances. Owing to the location of this shaft being so far to the dip of the bore-hole they do not expect to get to the coal at less than about 600 feet from the surface. This is a large undertaking, and will take a large amount of capital to reach the coal and put everything in order. It is to be hoped that when they get the shaft down they will find the coal as good as expected."

Mr. R. Chalmers, who has been working up the surface geology of ^{New} Brunswick, the southern part of New Brunswick, in drawing attention to the deposits of peat there, thus mentions a somewhat new use to which this material can be put:—

"Peat Bogs are numerous and well developed near the Bay of Fundy coast and in many places inland. Those near Musquash, Popelogan and Digdeguash Rivers are quite extensive. Lying just east of Musquash Harbor is a bog, covering an area of 450 acres, and 20 feet in depth, which is now about to be utilized in the preparation of 'moss litter.' This is an article used in stables as bedding for horses. Owners of studs in the United States have for some time been looking for a material for this purpose sufficiently light and porous to be an absorbant of the liquids, moisture and ammonia which collect in stables, and which could afterwards be used as a fertilizer in gardens, etc. A few capitalists from St. John, St. Stephen and other places have formed what is known as the Musquash Moss Litter Company, and, having purchased this bog, are now erecting buildings and machinery there for the preparation of this article, which, it is claimed, is well adapted for the object intended, and as good as the imported European moss litter. The kind of peat used is not the upper or living peat, nor the deep-lying, decayed material, but that between the two, in which the mosses and rootlets are only partially decomposed, and which has the fibres nearly whole. The chief process in its preparation is depriving it of the water, of which it contains 90 to 95 per cent. This is done by a plunger, by pressing it between rollers and by evaporation. When thoroughly dried it is packed in bales for shipment, and is worth \$15 to \$17 per ton in the principal United States cities. This new enterprise promises to be successful."

COPPER.

The returns received at this office for this metal are unfortunately not quite complete, owing to the failure of one of the operators to send in a return. As, however, it is known that very little was done at this place, other than prospecting and development work, its absence will affect the grand total very little.

Production.

There were * 111,774 tons of ore marketed during the year, having a copper content of 6,809,752 lbs., which, calculated at an average price of 13c. on the ground, equals \$885,424.

The above represents the production, outside of an included 28,000 lbs. from British Columbia mines, of some four operators in the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec. Besides the returns received from the above, three others were heard from who, whilst operating, were not producing, making a total of seven, giving employment to 1,035 men, to which must be added 39 returned as employed by the Coxheath Copper Mining Co., of Cape Breton, and an unknown number for the mines of British Columbia.

The above figures of production show a considerable increase over last year, when it was reported as 5,562,864 lbs. contained in 63,479 tons of ore.

Exports and Imports.

The exports and imports of copper for 1889 are given in the following tables :—

COPPER.

TABLE 1.

EXPORTS.

| Year. | Ontario. | Quebec. | Total. |
|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1885..... | ..... | \$262,600 | \$262,600 |
| 1886..... | \$16,404 | 232,855 | 249,259 |
| 1887..... | 3,416 | 134,550 | 137,966 |
| 1888..... | ..... | 257,260 | 257,260 |
| 1889..... | ..... | 168,457 | 168,457 |

*Over 60 per cent of this amount was concentrated by smelting to the condition of matter ranging from 22 to 25 per cent in copper content and shipped in this form.

COPPER.

TABLE 2.

IMPORTS : PIGS, BARS, ETC.

| Province. | 1888. | | 1889. | |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Pounds. | Value. | Pounds. | Value. |
| Ontario | 761,600 | \$130,730 | 1,003,538 | \$137,551 |
| Quebec | 944,800 | 88,438 | 1,694,796 | 216,831 |
| Nova Scotia | 45,200 | 6,276 | 77,922 | 8,658 |
| New Brunswick | 5,100 | 1,291 | ..... | 9,642 |
| Prince Edward Island.... | 400 | 63 | 3,200 | 404 |
| Manitoba ..... | ..... | ..... | 95,562 | 18,371 |
| British Columbia.. | 10,700 | 2,007 | 33,945 | 6,257 |
| Totals | 1,767,800 | \$228,805 | ..... | \$397,714 |

Note.—Under this heading are included the items specified by the Customs Department as follows,—“Bars, rods, bolts, ingots and sheathing not planished or coated.” “Old and scrap,” “pigs,” “copper in sheets,” “wire of copper, round or flat.”

COPPER.

TABLE 3.

IMPORTS : MANUFACTURES.

| Province. | 1888. | 1889. |
|--------------------------|-----------|----------|
| Ontario | \$41,748 | \$15,306 |
| Quebec | 79,763 | 17,909 |
| Nova Scotia | 4,710 | 3,935 |
| New Brunswick | 10,371 | 2,878 |
| Prince Edward Island.... | 76 | 54 |
| Manitoba | 2,592 | 1,660 |
| British Columbia | 4,654 | 3,779 |
| Totals | \$143,914 | \$45,521 |

Note.—Under this heading are included the items specified by the Customs Department as follows :—“Seamless drawn tubing,” “wire cloth,” all other manufactures of, not elsewhere specified.”

Development
and Discovery.

The mining of copper has been carried on with considerable vigour the older districts continuing to produce as usual, viz., those of the eastern townships of Quebec, and of Sudbury, whilst a little development work was done in Nova Scotia. The main feature of note consists of the entry of a new producing district into the field, namely, that of Kootenay in British Columbia, the Toad Mountain group of mines in this district having shipped some 70 tons of argentiferous copper ore, consisting chiefly of the sulphurets, the copper content averaging 20 per cent.

Ontario.

Coming further west, we find an interesting discovery of a native copper-bearing area, reported by Dr. Lawson, of the Geological Survey staff, as having been examined by him, and occurring in the townships of Blake and Crooks on Thunder Bay. This is the more interesting as seeming to indicate a detached area of the Keweenaw, or native copper-bearing formation proper of that region, in the midst of the higher Animikie or silver-bearing formation of Thunder Bay.

The other officers of the staff also indicate various interesting features from their several fields of work. Dr. Bell mentions the continued activity in the Sudbury district, where, besides the producing mines, a number are actively engaged prospecting and developing. He says:—"Five mines are in operation at present. Three of them are worked by the Canadian Copper Company, namely, the Stobie, three miles and a half north-north-east of Sudbury Junction, the Copper Cliff, three miles and a half south-west of the same point, and the Evans, one mile further south. The Dominion Mineral Company is working a mine situated about a mile north-east of the Stobie, and the Messrs. Vivian, of Swansea, are opening the Murray mine, on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, three miles and a half north-west of Sudbury Junction.

"Two smelting furnaces, capable of reducing 300 tons of ore a day, are in operation at the Copper Cliff mine. One of them has been running without interruption for nearly a year. The other went into blast on the 4th September. Both the Dominion Mining Company and the Vivians are erecting similar blast furnaces."

Quebec.

Speaking of the eastern townships district, Dr. Ells says:—"The new mine of the Memphremagog Mining Company, lot 28, range ix., Potton, was examined. It shows a body of ore, mostly iron and copper pyrite, about sixteen feet thick, and extending for several hundred yards. This is capped by a considerable body of bog iron ore, which should be valuable if facilities for shipping and smelting were afforded. But little work, other than exploratory, has yet been done at this place."

Mr. Fletcher, speaking of the district on the north side of the Nova Scotia. Cobequid Hills, in Colchester County, Nova Scotia, speaks as follows :—“ Reference has often been made to the grey sulphide and carbonate of copper found associated with carbonized plants in calcareous, concretionary beds among the grey sandstones of this formation, or as nodules in red and green marls. In many places, but particularly on Waugh River and French River, these ores have been largely but not profitably worked.”

Little or nothing was done in the way of mining of this metal in this province, and that little was done at the Coxheath mines in Cape Breton, the operations being thus described by Mr. Gilpin, the Inspector of Mines for the province :—

“ No work of note has been done this year, the failure of the French Copper Syndicate having upset all basis of price, etc. At the Coxheath mines the Eastern Development Company have, since the opening of their mine on what may be considered a working basis, turned their attention to preparations for building a railway and smelters. The county of Cape Breton has released them from taxation on all real and personal property for 25 years. At the mine a carpenter's shop, dynamite magazine and dryhouse have been put up. Below ground the shaft has been deepened about 50 feet, and more cross-cuts driven, which have proved the continuation in depth and quality of the valuable veins referred to in my last report. The ore extracted in the underground levels has been dressed, and the amount of ore now in stock is about 2,000 tons.

“ During the summer explorations have shown a valuable vein about 1,500 feet south of the present workings. This vein is about 10 feet wide and runs 17 per cent. of copper, and holds per ton 5 dwts. gold, and $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce of silver. The discovery has added greatly to the resources of the company ”

GOLD.

Production. The production of the above metal for 1889 shows an increase again, the quantities being 72,328 ozs., with a total value of \$1,295,159, as against 61,310 ozs. and \$1,098,610 for 1888. We have thus an increase of 11,108 ozs. and \$196,549.

The following table gives the production by provinces :—

GOLD.

TABLE I.

PRODUCTION BY PROVINCES.

| Province. | Ozs. | Value. | Number of men. |
|---|--------|-------------|----------------|
| British Columbia..... | 34,642 | \$588,923 | 1,929 |
| Nova Scotia..... | 26,155 | 510,029 | 682 |
| Quebec..... | 60 | 1,207 | 26 |
| North-West Territory (including Yukon District) | 11,471 | 195,000 | about 250 |
| Totals..... | 72,328 | \$1,295,159 | 2,887 |

British
Columbia.

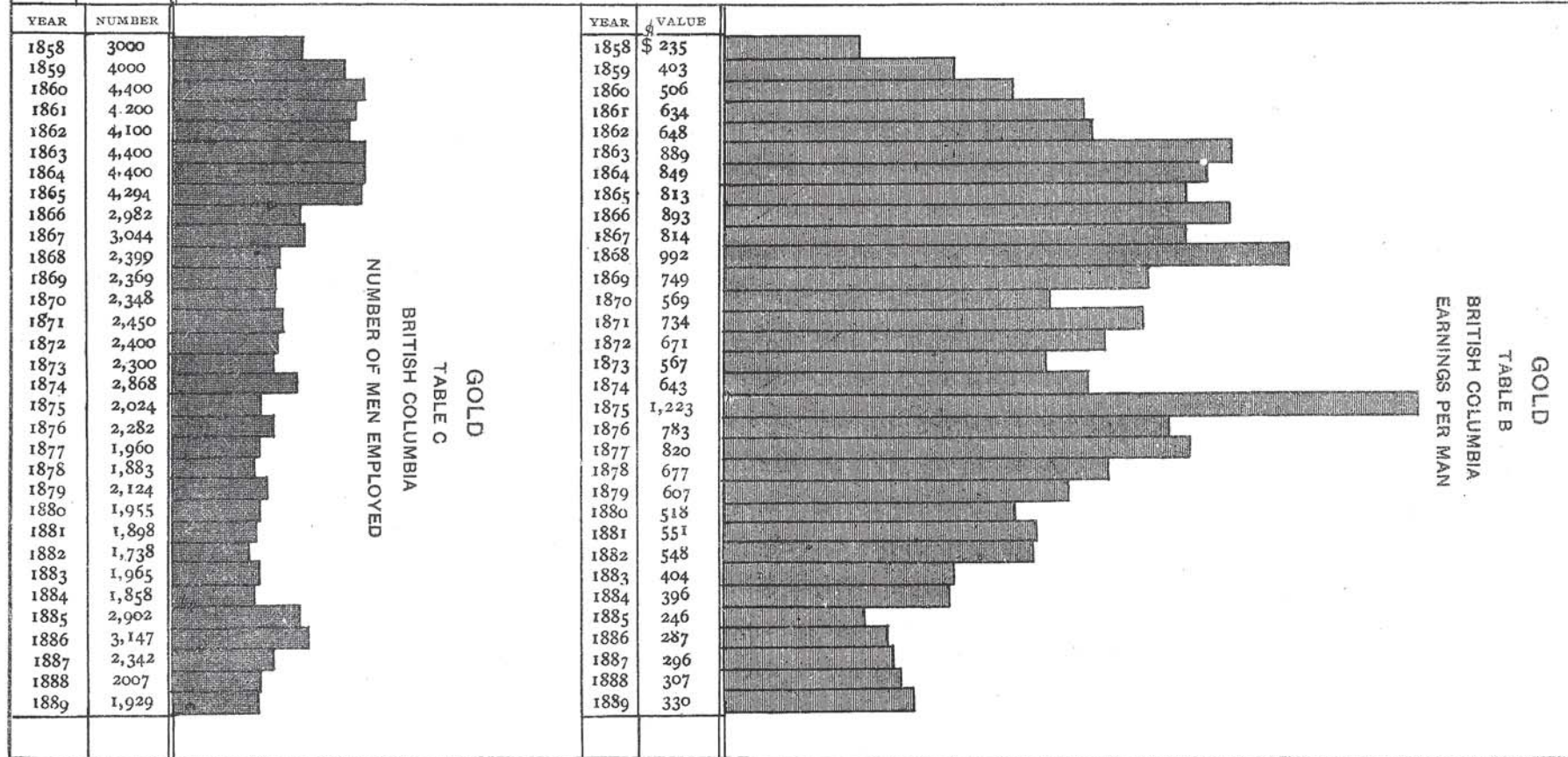
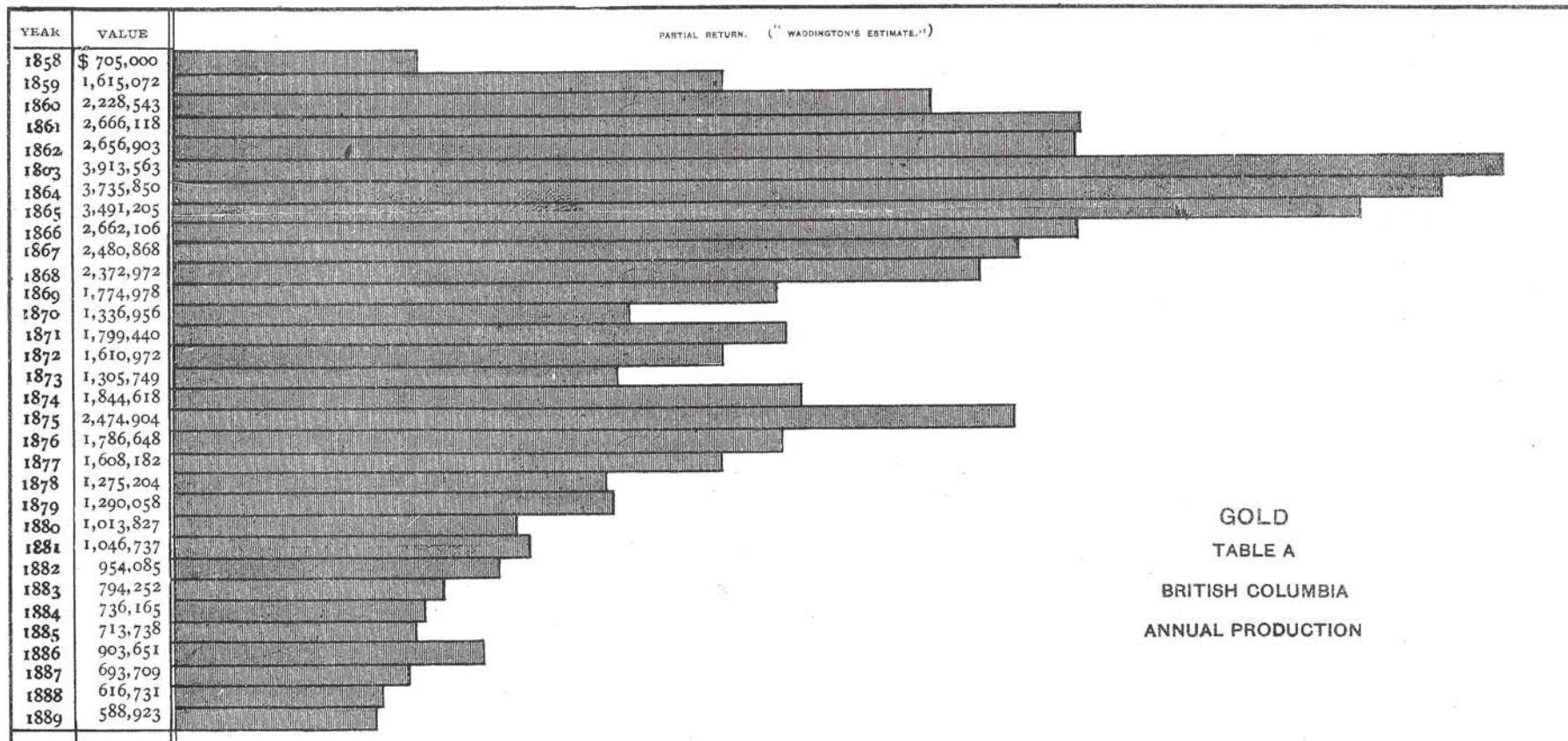
Tables A. and B. and No. 2 give the details of the gold production of British Columbia, both for 1889 and the yield of past years, and are compiled from figures given in the official reports of the Minister of Mines for that province, which also gives the following figures of the value of gold exported by the banks at Victoria during 1889 :—

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Bank of British Columbia..... | \$254,816 |
| “ “ British North America..... | 47,373 |
| Garesche, Green & Co..... | 188,580 |
| Total..... | \$490,769 |

The graphic tables bring out many interesting features, the most noticeable being the considerable falling off in the product since the palmy days of 1863-1865. This is due to the fact that nearly all the gold is obtained from placer deposits, attention having been directed to the quartz ledges only quite recently, and the result has been as usual a continuous falling off of the amount of gold produced as the richer and more easily worked placer deposits become exhausted.

The data for tables A., B. and C. are taken from the “Mineral Wealth of British Columbia,” by Dr. G. M. Dawson, Part R, Annual

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GOLD.

TABLE 2.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

YIELD, ETC., BY DISTRICTS.

| Districts. | Divisions. | Whites. | Chinese. | Yield of Gold by divisions. | Total yield by districts. |
|---------------|----------------------|---------|----------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Cariboo..... | Barkerville..... | 89 | 181 | \$78,542 | \$217,892 |
| | Lightning Creek..... | 28 | 134 | 41,150 | |
| | Quesnelmouth..... | 5 | 127 | 37,000 | |
| | Keithley Creek..... | 32 | 205 | 61,200 | |
| | | 154 | 647 | | |
| Cassiar..... | ..... | 33 | 64 | 54,910 | 54,910 |
| Kootenay.... | Western..... | 361 | 25 | 12,700 | 49,000 |
| | Eastern..... | 31 | 58 | 36,300 | |
| | | 392 | 83 | | |
| Lillooet..... | ..... | 30 | 150 | 60,364 | 60,364 |
| Yale..... | Osoyoos..... | 137 | 57 | 10,500 | 46,300 |
| | Similkameen..... | 75 | 104 | 35,800 | |
| | | 212 | 164 | | |
| | Total Whites..... | 821 | .... |  | \$428,466 |
| | " Chinese.... | .... | 1108 | | |
| | Total employed.... | 1,929 | | | |

The statistics for Nova Scotia are, as usual, furnished by the Nova Scotia. Inspector of Mines for that province, and as set forth in the tables D. and E. and Nos. 3 and 4 which follow, give necessary details relating to the industry there.

A comparison of table D. with table A. shows some interesting points of difference, but it must be borne in mind that the scale of the former is twice that of the latter. The gold of Nova Scotia is altogether obtained from veins, so that we find no general falling off as in British Columbia.

The addition of the figures for this year brings the totals for the 28 years from 1862 to 1889 inclusive up to the following figures :—Total tons of quartz crushed, 660,407. Total ounces yielded, 482,190. Total value of same at \$19.50 per oz., \$9,402,697.

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TABLE 3.

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DISTRICT DETAILS.

| Districts. | Number of mines. | Days' labor. | Mills. | Tons of quartz crushed. | Yield per ton. | | | Maximum yield per ton. | | | Total yield of gold. | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|--------|-------------------------|----------------|-------|------|------------------------|-------|------|----------------------|-------|------|
| | | | | | oz. | dwts. | grs. | ozs. | dwts. | grs. | ozs. | dwts. | grs. |
| Brookfield..... | 1 | 4,688 | 2 | 1,472 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 1 | 19 | 13 | 1,796 | 17 | 18 |
| Caribou and Moose River.. | 4 | 20,819 | 5 | 7,338 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 1,906 | 1 | 10 |
| Fifteen Mile Stream..... | 1 | 3,634 | 1 | 1,416 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 6 | 786 | 9 | 0 |
| Lake Catcha..... | 1 | 10,764 | 2 | 807 | 0 | 15 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 10 | 607 | 10 | 0 |
| Malaga Barrens | 2 | 28,686 | 2 | 4,388 | 0 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 13 | 3,976 | 3 | 13 |
| Montague | 2 | 10,286 | 3 | 953 | 1 | 19 | 21 | 26 | 11 | 20 | 1,901 | 10 | 6 |
| Oldham..... | 1 | 8,405 | 1 | 1,391 | 1 | 18 | 22 | 5 | 11 | 18 | 2,709 | 0 | 18 |
| Rawdon | 1 | 7,192 | 2 | 925 | 2 | 10 | 23 | 3 | 18 | 19 | 2,358 | 10 | 0 |
| Renfrew | 2 | 8,141 | 2 | 1,070 | 0 | 13 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 18 | 697 | 17 | 15 |
| Salmon River..... | 1 | 17,893 | 1 | 7,633 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 14 | 2,032 | 14 | 0 |
| Sherbrooke..... | 2 | 5,257 | 4 | 1,618 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 21 | 243 | 17 | 17 |
| Stormont..... | 2 | 16,319 | 1 | 2,925 | 0 | 11 | 22 | 0 | 15 | 19 | 1,745 | 6 | 0 |
| Tangier and Mooseland.... | 1 | 3,168 | 2 | 427 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 15 | 9 | 112 | 4 | 12 |
| Uniacke | 2 | 13,207 | 3 | 2,296 | 0 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 15 | 0 | 1,399 | 11 | 9 |
| Whitburn..... | 4 | 28,593 | 2 | 1,639 | 1 | 9 | 18 | 2 | 3 | 15 | 2,440 | 15 | 18 |
| Wine Harbor..... | 1 | 2,355 | 2 | 707 | 0 | 11 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 413 | 18 | 6 |
| Unproclaimed, &c..... | 5 | 22,541 | 15 | 2,155 | 0 | 9 | 14 | 0 | 19 | 14 | 1,035 | 18 | 15 |
| Totals..... | 33 | 211,548 | 50 | 39,160 | 0 | 17 | 22 | 26 | 11 | 20 | 26,155 | 6 | 13 |

