

Coal.—The quantity of Coal raised during the year 1868 was as follows:—

| Mine. | Coal Raised, Tons. | Mine. | Coal Raised, Tons. |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Jeggins | 9,240 | Collins | 511 |
| Macan | 432 | Grace Bay | 47,958 |
| New York and Acadia | 1,773 | Gowrie | 56,454 |
| Black | 183 | Ingraham | 40 |
| Albion | 87,104 | International | 5,812 |
| Acadia | 37,923 | Lingan | 19,504 |
| McBean | 447 | Matheson | 230 |
| McKay | 145 | South Head | 2,300 |
| Bear Creek | 14,051 | Sydney | 109,352 |
| Nova Scotia | 417½ | Victoria | 3,324 |
| Marsh | 23¼ | Gardiner | 34 |
| Merigomish | 20 | Balmoral | 16 |
| Montreal & New Glasgow | 200 | Chimney Corner | 200 |
| Acadia, C. B. | 12 | Richmond | 121 |
| Block House | 50,052 | Black Rock | 121 |
| Caledonia | 10,130 | New Campbellton | 1,490 |
| Clyde | 2,547½ | | |
| Total, 1868 | | | 462,188¼ |
| Do. 1867 | | | 542,127¼ |

This table shows a considerable falling off in 1868 from the figures of 1867. The Inspector says:—
 "The operations at many of the mines have been upon a considerably reduced scale compared with former years; some of the mines have been worked only a short period, and others have remained entirely inoperative during the whole of the year. Notwithstanding this unfortunate position of so important a branch of industry, the energy hitherto exhibited in prosecuting mining researches has not been altogether suspended. Fresh openings have been made, and preliminaries taken for their development, on the revival of the trade to that healthy state which, in its external bearings, is of such national importance."

The distribution of the Coal sold in 1867-8 was as follows:—

| | 1868. | | 1866. | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Tons Round. | Tons Slack. | Tons Round. | Tons Slack. |
| Raised | 450,220 | 61,907¼ | 403,121½ | 59,066¼ |
| Sold for home consumption | 83,841½ | 13,804½ | 97,715¼ | 19,914 |
| Exported to neighboring Colonies..... | 92,551 | 10,729½ | 91,376 | 11,433 |
| Exported to other countries | 271,139½ | 10,012 | 224,466 | 8,714¼ |
| Total..... | 447,532 | 34,546 | 413,557¼ | 40,061¼ |

The average number of hands employed in the Nova Scotia collieries during 1868 was 2,639, and of horses 382. These figures are lower than those for 1867, but the steam power increased from 1,545 horse in 1867 to 2,382 in 1868.

The following comparative statement of receipts and expenditure for 1867 and 1868 is from the Report of the Hon. the Chief Commissioner of Mines:—

| RECEIPTS. | 12 Months 1867. | 12 Months 1868. | EXPENDITURE. | 12 Months 1867. | 12 Months 1868. |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|
| | Rents (gold) | \$ 8,372 83 | | \$ 21,303 08 | Return Royalty, (gold) ... |
| Royalty..... | 14,616 54 | 11,081 29 | Com'n on Royalty, (gold) | 679 33 | 575 90 |
| Prospecting licenses, (gold) | 2,262 01 | 20,396 12 | Salaries and Surveys..... | 2,380 75 | 5,031 16 |
| Licenses to search, (coal)... | 2,880 00 | 2,880 00 | Return Rents..... | 82 00 | 702 00 |
| Royalty..... | 65,209 65 | 44,621 27 | Lands | 20 60 | 670 50 |
| License to work..... | 2,050 00 | 950 00 | Stationery and Printing... | 1,257 15 | 2,351 45 |
| | | | Return P. License | 5 75 | 373 98 |
| | | | General Expenses..... | 7,730 05 | 6,390 77 |
| | | | Return Licenses to Search | 680 00 | 80 60 |
| | | | Surveys, (Coal)..... | 13 87 | 232 00 |
| | | | Return License to Work.. | 100 00 | 50 00 |
| | | | Office Expenses | 55 75 | |
| | | | Roads..... | 693 00 | |
| | | | Total amount..... | \$14,209 31 | \$ 16,534 77 |
| | | | Balance..... | 81,181 72 | £4,696 99 |
| | \$95,391 03 | \$101,231 76 | | \$95,391 03 | \$101,231 76 |