

## Mining in the Dominion.

Comparative statement of Exports of the produce of the Mine, Dominion of Canada :

Articles.	Fiscal Year ending 30th June, 1876.		Fiscal Year ending 30th June, 1877.		
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	
<b>THE MINE.</b>					
		\$		\$	
Coal .....	Tons	284,279	1,002,510	254,933	873,251
Gold-bearing Quartz, Dust, Nuggets, &c .....	\$		1,472,471		1,189,075
Gypsum, crude .....	Tons		99,095	101,376	96,175
Manganese .....			4,355	720	18,588
Oil, Mineral or Earth, crude .....	Galls.	9,692	1,289	152	13
“ Refined .....	“	5,112	2,074	3,929,219	901,785
Ore, Copper .....	Tons	2,230	352,035	1,313	284,442
“ Iron .....	“	14,286	30,702	7,755	14,854
“ Lead .....	“	179	7,516	7	50
“ Silver .....	“	691	584,378	190	122,695
Salt .....	Bush.	990,534	121,471	941,215	118,434
Slate .....	Tons.			335	5,227
Stone, unwrought, and Sand .....	“		104,733	47,630	75,760
Other articles .....	\$		5,173		23,629
<b>Total produce of the Mine.....</b>			<b>3,787,802</b>		<b>3,698,958</b>

### ONTARIO AND QUEBEC.

#### GOLD.

The gold mines of Marmora and Madoc, with the exception of the Feigel, are idle owing to litigation or want of capital. The Feigel mine is said to pay a fair surplus over working expenses. The Gatling and other mines have all the necessary plant, and the gold is undoubtedly there. Pity it should stay there from the causes named.

Considerable activity has been displayed in the Chaudière District since our last issue, something over 1,000 ounces of gold having been extracted, and the production continuing at an increased rate, returning, we are informed, over \$120. per man per month. Quite recently some very nice nuggets have been found on the surface, one weighing over three pounds. An average force of 60 men has been at work on the Gilbert. The Famine River has been well tried, but with little or no success; but the little creek called the Ruisseau d'Ardoise, not far off that stream, appears to be rich in nuggets.

“Golor” appears everywhere or nearly so in the Parishes of St. François and St. George, and particles of gold dust in nearly every shovelful of earth washed. New hands are rapidly flocking to the District, and we may hope for satisfactory developments next year.

#### SILVER.

The following has been received under date 29th October, 1878:—

“The Silver Islet people are in full work, having found the vein lost two or more years since. The vein is traced to the mainland, and found to be so rich that it

can truly be said that they are quarrying the silver in quantities far exceeding any experience of the past. In three consecutive weeks the Company mined \$70,000, \$73,000 and \$75,000 worth. In the interval they had reduced their stock from \$6,000,000 to \$1,000,000, and given a mortgage to New York capitalists for \$400,000, bearing interest at 8 per cent.”

This mortgage will be paid off at once. The Duncan mine is also doing well, and the mining interest of the Thunder Bay region is looking up. The Prince Location, not far from Prince Arthur's Landing, is to be worked through the winter.

#### PLUMBAGO.

The following extract is from the Ottawa *Free Press* of the 21st Sept., 1878:—

“We have to congratulate the DOMINION OF CANADA PLUMBAGO COMPANY on its wonderful success at Paris, it having taken the highest prizes in every department, namely:—Gold medal, pencils, highest award; silver medal, crucibles, highest award; silver medal, plumbago, highest award; honorable mention, stove polish; and the Commission advise that a diploma of honor is expected for the collective exhibit. This is one of the most promising of the mining industries of the Ottawa Valley, and the success it has already achieved is most creditable to its promoters. The enterprise was commenced and carried through over a period of unexampled depression, and has achieved a signal success in the face of the strongest monopolies in the world.”

The Company is fairly under way, with a capital of half a million of dollars, agencies in London, Paris and New York, exhausted mines, and the world before