

iron of Nova Scotia is particularly fine, and brings in the market nearly double the price of English iron.

Coal, silver, copper, &c.

22. Large fields of coal have been found in various parts, particularly in Nova Scotia, where coal mining is one of the principal industries, in the North-West Territories, and in Vancouver Island, where the coal is superior to any on the Pacific Coast, and notwithstanding the United States duty, commands the highest price in the market at San Francisco. Silver mines have been extensively worked in Ontario, that at Silver Islet, Thunder Bay, being the richest yet discovered on the continent. Copper has been mined to a considerable extent in Ontario and Quebec. The recent discovery of copper ore at Sudbury, in Ontario, is said to be the largest known deposit in the world. Phosphate of lime is found in large deposits in the Ottawa Valley; the demand for this for agricultural purposes is steadily increasing, the exports for the last three years having been 21,471 tons, 18,984 tons, and 25,974 tons respectively.

Marble, &c.

23. Marbles, building stone, granite, &c., are widely distributed in large quantities all over the Dominion, and there are extensive salt works in several places.

Natural industries.

24. What may be called the natural industries of the Dominion are:—In Prince Edward Island, agriculture, fishing and shipbuilding; in Nova Scotia, coal and gold mining, ship-building, agriculture, lumbering and fishing, the fisheries of this Province being the most valuable and productive in the world; in New Brunswick, ship-building, lumbering, agriculture and fishing, the value of the fisheries being second only to that of Nova Scotia; in Quebec, agriculture, shipbuilding, lumbering, fishing and mining; in Ontario, agriculture, lumbering and mining; in Manitoba and the Territories, agriculture and stock-raising; coal mining is expected to become a very important industry in these regions, it being estimated that there are about 65,000 square miles of coal-bearing strata east of the Rocky Moun-