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507. First in importance, as regards value, among the minerals now being worked in Canada, is gold, the production of which is at present confined almost entirely to British Columbia and Nova Scotia, though a small quantity is annually produced in Quebec, and gold has been obtained from some parts of Ontario. It may be that when the country north and west of Lake Superior is fully explored, valuable deposits of gold may be found, as it is known to exist in many localities, and there is at present considerable excitement at Sudbury Junction on the Canadian Pacific Railway over reputed valuable discoveries of this metal, a number of claims have been taken up, and will probably be extensively worked during the present summer. A small amount of gold is also obtained each year from the Saskatchewan River near Edmonton. Gold was first discovered in British Columbia in 1857 in the Thompson River near Nicoamen, and in Nova Scotia in 1860 near Tangier Harbour, since which date the value of the production in the latter Province has been \$8,042,104. British Columbia since 1858 has produced \$50,209,517, as near as can be ascertained, but as only an estimate can be made of the quantity carried away in private hands, the actual amount is probably larger.

508. The following table gives the value of the gold production in the three gold producing Provinces since 1842:—

Gold production in Canada.