

Superiority of British Columbia coal.

515. Mr. Day, speaking of this coal, says:* "The coal from this field (Nanaimo) possesses some of the characteristics of lignite. It bears transportation well, and is delivered in the market in excellent condition, especially that from the Wellington mines, which always commands the highest prices in San Francisco and sells very readily. It is a good coking coal.

"The quality and condition of the Nanaimo coal gives it a preference in the market over the Washington Territory coal.

"The Canadian Pacific Railroad and the entire districts through which it passes procure their supply of coals now principally from local interior mines which are rapidly being opened. Australia will continue to supply the eastern countries and the islands of the Pacific with all the coals they may require, and England having export freights from Chili and Peru, can send coal to these countries cheaper than they can be supplied from British Columbia, so that these circumstances will all combine to keep San Francisco the principal market for British Columbia coal."

Favourable analysis of British Columbia coal.

516 In the same work, in a table giving analyses of eighteen different qualities of coal from the mines in Washington Territory and British Columbia, the coal from Wellington mine, British Columbia, is the only one that contains no moisture, the analysis being: Fixed carbon 55.50, volatile matter 34.70, and ash 9.80=100.

Coal production of the world.

517. The following table taken from the same book, shows the commercial coal produced by the principal countries of the world, for the most part in 1886:

* Mineral Resources of the United States, Washington, 1887.