

Nova Scotia, where the ore is of extreme purity, and which is the only Province in which fuel and ore occur close together, the production is limited to the Acadia mines at Londonderry. It is to be hoped that the increased duties imposed on iron and steel by the Government in 1887, will have the intended effect of promoting the active development of this industry.

521. No exact returns of the total production of iron in the Dominion are at present available, but by treating the exports from Ontario as representing the production of that Province, Mr. Coste put the production for 1886 at :

	Tons.
Nova Scotia.....	49,735
Ontario.....	16,032
British Columbia.....	3,941
	69,708

Production of iron in Canada 1886.

representing a total value of \$126,982. According to the reports of the Province of Nova Scotia the production of iron ore since 1876 has been 431,625 tons of 2,240 lbs.

522. The following table gives the quantity and value of iron ore exported from Canada since Confederation : --

Exports of iron ore from Canada 1867-1886.

EXPORTS OF IRON ORE FROM CANADA, 1867-1886.

YEAR.	Quantity.	Value.	YEAR.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$		Tons.	\$
1867.....	4,194	12,798	1878.....	4,315	8,846
1868.....	25,312	54,723	1879.....	9,467	20,974
1869.....	27,848	60,298	1880.....	48,682	124,180
1870.....	15,232	34,927	1881.....	42,227	122,622
1871.....	26,825	58,068	1882.....	56,648	177,689
1872.....	26,175	64,904	1883.....	25,591	71,279
1873.....	56,447	130,583	1884.....	52,811	122,408
1874.....	37,388	86,417	1885.....	15,628	46,307
1875.....	13,338	28,565	1886.....	19,164	58,410
1876.....	9,455	18,397			
1877.....	3,785	10,528	Total.....	520,532	1,312,923