

Exports of
Canadian
salt.

536. The exports of Canadian salt since 1875 have been as follow :—

EXPORTS OF CANADIAN SALT, 1875-1886.

YEAR.	Ontario.	Quebec.	Other Provinces.	Total.	Value.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	\$
1875	541,669	1,089	42	542,800	66,834
1876	905,522	3,833	.....	909,355	84,154
1877	702,494	2,150	.....	704,644	60,677
1878	403,798	3,297	.....	407,095	37,027
1879	587,805	2,616	345	590,766	49,367
1880	464,661	1,887	1,093	467,641	46,211
1881	336,608	6,600	.....	343,208	44,627
1882	181,007	751	.....	181,758	18,350
1883	199,733	.....	.....	199,733	19,493
1884	167,029	.....	.....	167,029	15,291
1885	246,584	210	.....	246,794	18,756
1886	224,695	.....	348	224,943	16,886

It may be taken for granted that all the salt exported from Quebec was manufactured in the Province of Ontario.

Salt out-
put in
United
States.

537. The total output of salt in the United States in 1886 was 7,707,081 barrels, valued at \$4,736,585.

Silver.

538. Almost all the silver ore exported from Canada is obtained from the Lake Superior District. The most celebrated mine has been that of Silver Islet, which was a mere rock in Lake Superior about half a mile from the mainland, its greatest diameter not exceeding 75 feet, and its greatest height above the water 8 feet. This mine was discovered in 1868, and was closed in 1884, and it is estimated that \$3,250,000 worth of silver was produced during that period. Several other mines are now being worked in the neighbourhood of Thunder Bay. Silver has been found in some of the other Provinces, but only to a very small extent.