

545. The Canadian *Mining Review*, December, 1887, ^{Importance of fertilizers.} says: "There is evidently a large and extending field in this direction" (the manufacture of fertilizers), "both for profit and usefulness. The establishment of fertilizer factories in Canada, and the education of the farmer in the use of manures is a cause that invites the best attention, both of the capitalist and of the Government."

The Minister of Agriculture in his report, 1887, says: "It is to be hoped that our farming community will see the necessity of adopting some measures for keeping the land required for the growth of cereals, up to its standard, by using fertilizers, and it does seem anomalous that this rich natural product at our very door, should be shipped away to Great Britain and the United States, without its value being recognized by our own farming community."

546. The following table gives the exports of phosphate ^{Exports of phosphate from Canada.} from 1877 to 1886 :—

EXPORTS OF PHOSPHATE FROM CANADA, 1877 TO 1886.

Year.	Quantity.	Value.	Year.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$		Tons.	\$
1877.....	2,823	47,034	1884.....	21,709	424,240
1878.....	10,743	208,109	1885.....	28,969	496,293
1879.....	8,446	122,035	1886.....	20,440	343,007
1880.....	13,060	190,086			
1881.....	11,968	218,456			
1882.....	17,153	338,357	Total.....	155,027	2,815,335
1883.....	19,716	427,668			

Of the above sum \$2,704,447 worth was exported from Quebec, and \$110,888 from Ontario, 96 per cent. therefore came from Quebec. The total shipments of phosphate in 1887 amounted to 21,733 tons.