

Production of phosphate in the United States.

547. The production of phosphate in the United States in 1886, principally in the Carolinas was 432,049 tons of 2,240 lbs., of which 159,369 tons were shipped abroad.

Asbestos.

548. Asbestos is a mineral which is only worked in the Eastern Townships, and the shipments of which are steadily increasing in value, as shown by the following figures:—

SHIPMENTS OF ASBESTOS FROM CANADIAN MINES, 1879 TO 1886.

YEAR.	Quantity.	Value.	YEAR.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$		Tons.	\$
1879.....	300	19,500	1884.....	1,141	75,097
1880.....	380	24,700	1885.....	2,440	142,441
1881.....	540	35,100	1886.....	3,458	206,251
1882.....	810	52,650			
1883.....	955	68,750	Total.....	10,024	624,489

Production of minor minerals.

549. There is not space in a work of this kind to take up all of the minor mineral productions in detail. The tables at the commencement and close of the chapter of the productions in 1886 and 1887 will be some guide to their annual value.

Mineral production of Canada 1887.

550. The following table published by the Geological Survey of Canada, is a statement of the mineral output of the past year, but it must be remembered that the returns are not all complete, and some of the figures are liable to alteration when revised.