

Long tons of 2,240 pounds are used with reference to Great Britain, the United States, Australia, India, New Zealand and Russia, and the metric ton of 2,204 pounds for continental countries. The increase as compared with a similar table in 1886 was 5,016,631 tons.

470. Next in importance, as regards value, among the minerals now being worked in Canada, is gold, the production of which is at present confined almost entirely to British Columbia and Nova Scotia, though a small quantity is annually produced in Quebec, and gold has been obtained from some parts of Ontario. It may be that when the country north and west of Lake Superior is fully explored valuable deposits of gold may be found, as it is known to exist in many localities, and has been found in several places in small quantities. A small amount of gold is also obtained each year from the Saskatchewan River, near Edmonton. Gold was first discovered in British Columbia in 1857 in the Thompson River, near Nicoamen, and in Nova Scotia in 1860, near Tangier Harbour, since which date the value of the production in the latter Province has been \$8,455,736. British Columbia, since 1858, has produced \$50,983,226, as near as can be ascertained, but as only an estimate can be made of the quantity carried away in private hands, the actual amount is probably larger.

Gold mining in Canada

471. The following table gives the value of the gold production in the Dominion in 1887 :—

Gold production in Canada 1887.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA, 1887.

PROVINCE.	Value.
British Columbia.....	\$ 694,559
Nova Scotia.....	413,614
North-West Territories, including Yukon District.....	62,100
Ontario.....	6,760
Quebec.....	1,604
Total.....	1,178,637