

The world's production of iron ore in 1887 was 49,032,480 tons.

Production of iron and steel in United Kingdom and United States.

482. Great Britain and the United States combined produced 63 per cent of the total quantity of pig iron, and 68 per cent. of the total quantity of steel, produced in the world, while of steel alone it will be seen that the United States is now the largest producer, having surpassed Great Britain, for the first time, in 1886. The proportions to the total production, respectively, are : Great Britain pig iron, 34 per cent.; steel, 33 per cent. The United States—pig iron, 29 per cent.; steel, 35 per cent.

Copper.

483. "Copper constitutes one of the most important of the "mineral treasures of the Dominion, and is destined to "occupy a very important rank amongst its resources. Its "ores are distributed over vast tracts of country in Ontario, "in the Eastern Townships of Quebec, in Nova Scotia, "and British Columbia, and in New Brunswick." There are no copper smelting works in operation in Canada, and consequently all the ores are exported for treatment abroad. It is said that smelting works are to be established at Sudbury, in Ontario, in which neighbourhood are what are perhaps the largest deposits of copper ore in the world. These deposits have been only very recently discovered.

Production of copper in 1887.

484. The production in 1887 was limited to mines at Capelton, Que., Sudbury, Ont., and the Goodfellow mine, Albert County, N.B., and the quantity produced was 40,800 tons of ore, containing 3,260,424 lbs. of fine copper, valued at \$342,345. This was a decrease of 344,576 lbs., as compared with 1886, owing to the largest producers being engaged in constructing new plant and sulphuric acid works.

Exports of copper.

485. During the years 1860 and 1869, inclusive, copper ore to the value of \$1,593,978 was exported from Quebec,