

PRODUCTION OF CANADIAN PETROLEUM AND NAPHTHA AND CORRESPONDING QUANTITIES OF CRUDE OIL, 1881-1887.

YEAR.	Refined Oils.	Crude Equivalent calculated.
	Imp. galls.	Imp. galls.
1881 .....	5,380,081	10,760,162
1882 .....	5,111,893	11,359,762
1883 .....	6,204,544	13,787,875
1884 .....	6,730,068	16,825,170
1885 .....	5,853,290	14,633,225
1886 .....	6,469,667	17,025,439
1887 .....	7,905,666	20,804,384

Exports of Canadian oil.

488. And the following table shows the exports during the same period :—

EXPORTS OF CANADIAN PETROLEUM, 1881-1887.

YEAR.	Gallons.	Value.
		\$
1881 .....	501	99
1882 .....	1,119	286
1883 .....	1,328	710
1884 .....	1,098,090	30,168
1885 .....	337,967	10,562
1886 .....	241,716	9,855
1887 .....	473,559	13,831

Consumption of oil in Canada.

489. The amount, therefore, of Canadian oil consumed in the country during those six years was 39,808,253 Imperial gallons. The amount imported during the same period was 8,987,827 Imperial gallons. The total consumption in Canada, therefore, amounted during that time to 50,488,756 gallons, being an average annual consumption of 7,212,679 gallons.

Petroleum in N.W.T.

490. The most extensive petroleum field in America, if not in the world, is believed to exist in the Athabasca and Mackenzie valleys in the North-West, and the committee of the Senate appointed in 1888 to enquire into the resources of the Mackenzie Basin, say in their report that it is