

All the salt exported was manufactured in the Province of Ontario, with the exception of a small quantity from New Brunswick.

496. The total output of salt in the United States in 1887 was 7,831,962 barrels, valued at \$4,093,846.

497. The total production of silver in Canada in 1887 was about 349,330 ozs., valued at \$349,330, being an increase as compared with 1886 of \$140,240, due principally to the rich bodies of silver ore struck in the Port Arthur district, particularly at the Beaver Mine, the total shipments from this district having amounted to \$190,495. The finding of a large body of very rich ore at the Beaver Mine in March, 1887, proved that the Silver Islet was not the only rich mine in that district, which is said to be a region containing a great number of very well, defined veins of very rich silver ores, and needs only work and capital for very profitable development. The first shipment of silver from the Lanark Mine of Illecillewait, B. C., was made in 1887: and it was estimated that about 146,898 ozs. of silver were extracted from the copper ore exported in the same year from the Capelton Mines, Quebec.

498. The following table gives the exports of silver ore during the years 1873 to 1887, exclusive of the production of the Capelton Mines:—

EXPORTS OF CANADIAN SILVER ORE, 1873 TO 1887.

YEAR.	Value.	YEAR.	Value.
	\$		\$
1873.....	1,243,758	1882.....	705
1874.....	493,463	1883.....	620
1875.....	472,992	1884.....	13,300
1876.....	354,178	1885.....	29,176
1877.....	42,848	1886.....	25,957
1878.....	665,715	1887.....	206,284
1879.....	154,273		
1880.....	68,205	Total.....	3,800,589
1881.....	15,115		