

locality of minerals, and the fiscal policy of the Government is calculated to stimulate production, public attention is becoming more attracted to our mining resources, and it may not be long before the mining industry becomes second in importance only to that of agriculture.

404. Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Quebec, the north and west portions of Ontario, and some parts of the North-West Territories, are essentially the mining districts of the Dominion. Mining districts of the Dominion. Coal has been found in Manitoba, but no metalliferous ores have at present been discovered there, and though a number of minerals and metals are known to exist in New Brunswick, none of them have yet been found in any very large quantities, and mining is only carried on to a small extent. There is no mining in Prince Edward Island.

405. The figures relating to Canada used in this chapter have been taken almost entirely from a statistical report on the minerals of Canada, compiled by Mr. H. P. Brumell, of the Geological Survey. Sources of information. The figures relating to the United States and foreign countries have been taken partly from official and partly from other sources, notably the publications of the American Iron and Steel Association.

406. The following statement of the mineral production of Canada in 1887 and 1888, the latest years for which complete returns are available, will give some idea of the present value of an industry which is still in its infancy :— Mineral production of Canada, 1887 and 1888.