

It would appear from the foregoing table that there had been an increase of \$1,500,000 in the value of mineral production in Canada in 1888 as compared with 1887, but it is difficult yet to determine what amount is due to actual increased production, and what to more complete and reliable returns.

407. The total value of the exports of minerals and mineral products mined or manufactured in Canada in 1888 was ^{Exports of minerals, 1888.} \$4,738,810, being \$69,445 more than in 1887. The values of the principal articles exported were as follow :—

Asbestos.....	\$ 277,742
Coal.....	1,974,731
Copper ore.....	257,287
Gold.....	628,158
Gypsum.....	121,389
Iron and steel (about).....	350,000
Phosphates.....	298,609
Silver.....	219,008
Stone and marble.....	78,119
Iron ore.....	55,177
Other articles.....	478,590
Total.....	<u>\$4,738,810</u>

And the countries to which they were principally exported were :—

United States.....	\$3,341,308
United Kingdom.....	478,260
Other British possessions.....	150,763
Germany.....	46,053
Japan.....	40,180
St. Pierre.....	16,312
China.....	12,950
Mexico.....	10,570
Other countries.....	14,541
Total.....	<u>\$4,110,937</u>

The difference in amounts is owing to the total values being given for the calendar year and the export values for the fiscal year. It will be seen that 81 per cent. of the exports went to the United States, and 15 per cent. to the United Kingdom and British possessions, as compared with 78 per cent. and 18 per cent. respectively in 1887.