

Russia, and the metric ton 2,204 pounds for continental countries. The aggregate increase in Great Britain and the United States as compared with 1887 was 18,585,209 tons.

Gold  
mining in  
Canada.

418. Next in importance, as regards value, among the minerals now being worked in Canada, is gold, the production of which is at present confined almost entirely to British Columbia and Nova Scotia, though a small quantity is annually produced in Quebec, and it has also been obtained from some parts of Ontario. It may be that when the country north and west of Lake Superior is fully explored, valuable deposits of gold may be discovered, as it is known to exist in many localities, and has been found in several places in small quantities. A small amount of gold is also obtained each year from the Saskatchewan River, near Edmonton. Gold was first discovered in British Columbia in 1857 in the Thompson River, near Nicoamen, and in Nova Scotia in 1860, near Tangier Harbour, since which date the value of the production in the latter Province has been \$8,892,675. British Columbia, since 1858, has produced \$51,599,957, as near as can be ascertained, but as only an estimate can be made of the quantity carried away in private hands, the actual amount is probably larger.

Production  
of gold in  
Canada,  
1888.

419. The following table gives the value of the gold production in the Dominion in 1888:—

PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA, 1888.

PRODUCE.	Value.
	\$
British Columbia.....	616,731
Nova Scotia.....	436,939
North-West Territories, including Yukon District.....	41,200
Quebec.....	3,740
Total.....	1,098,610

Value of  
gold per  
ounce.

420. The total number of ounces produced was 61,310, at an average value of \$17.92 per ounce. The produce in 1887 was 66,270 ounces, valued at \$1,178,637, or an average value of