

\$17.78 per ounce. This is below what is generally taken as the average value per ounce, viz., \$19.50, or £4 sterling. It will be seen that there was a reduction in value of \$80,027 and in quantity of 4,960 ounces as compared with 1887—the falling off being chiefly in British Columbia, and in the Yukon District, where the season was very wet.

421. The value of the gold production in the three principal gold-producing Provinces since 1862 is shown below :—

VALUE OF PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, NOVA SCOTIA AND QUEBEC, 1862-1888.

Production of gold in Canada, 1862-1888.

YEAR.	British Columbia.	Nova Scotia.	Quebec.	Total.
	\$	\$	\$	\$
1862	4,246,266	141,871		4,660,585
1863		272,448		
1864	3,735,850	390,349		4,126,199
1865	3,491,205	496,357		3,987,562
1866	2,662,106	491,491		3,153,597
1867	2,480,868	532,563		3,013,431
1868	2,372,972	400,555		2,773,527
1869	1,774,978	348,427		2,123,405
1870	1,336,956	387,392		1,724,348
1871	1,799,440	374,972		2,174,412
1872	1,610,972	255,349		1,866,321
1873	1,305,749	231,122		1,536,871
1874	1,844,618	178,244		2,022,862
1875	2,474,904	218,629		2,693,533
1876	1,786,648	233,585		2,020,233
1877	1,608,182	329,205	12,057	1,949,444
1878	1,275,204	245,253	17,937	1,538,394
1879	1,290,058	268,328	32,972	1,591,358
1880	1,013,827	257,823	33,174	1,304,824
1881	1,046,737	209,755	56,661	1,313,153
1882	954,085	275,090	17,093	1,246,268
1883	794,252	301,207	17,787	1,113,246
1884	736,165	313,554	8,720	1,058,439
1885	713,738	432,971	2,120	1,148,829
1886	903,651	455,564	3,981	1,363,196
1887	694,559	413,631	1,604	2,472,973
1888	616,731	436,939	3,740	1,057,410
Total	44,570,721	8,892,675	207,846	55,034,420

The production of gold in the Province of Quebec has been regular since 1862, but figures were not available before 1877. The total quantity of quartz crushed in Nova Scotia since 1862