

has been 621,247 tons, which has yielded an average of \$14.31 per ton.

Gold production of the world.

422. The world's annual production of gold is variously estimated. For 1888, the Director of the United States Mint gives it at \$105,994,150; Hazell's Annual, 1890, at \$97,725,273; and Dr. A. Soetbeer at \$106,267,000.

Production of gold in Australasia and United States.

423. The gold produce in Australasia in 1887 was 1,434,822 oz. (Victorian Year Book, 1887-88, Part II, p. 263), which, if valued at £4 per ounce, would represent a total value in our currency of \$28,696,440. The gold produce in the United States in 1888 was 1,604,841 ounces, valued at \$33,175,000. According to Mr. Hayter, the total quantity of gold raised in the Australasian Colonies from 1851 (the year of the first discovery of gold) to 1887 has been 82,444,002 ounces, which may be valued at \$1,604,909,905, and according to Mr. Day the total value of the gold produce of the United States since 1804 has been \$1,800,031,670. From 1804 to 1848, however, the amount is only placed at \$13,243,475.

Iron ore.

424. Iron ore is to be found in great abundance and variety in all the Provinces of the Dominion except Manitoba; but owing, presumably, both to lack of enterprise and capital, it has no where been mined to any great extent. Even in Nova Scotia, which possesses ore of extreme purity, and which is the only Province in the Dominion where fuel and ore are to be found in close proximity, the production is practically limited to the Acadia Mines, at Londonderry.

Production of iron ore in Canada, 1888.

425. The total production in Canada in 1888 was 78,587 tons, valued at the mines at \$152,068, and was produced as follows:—

PROVINCES.	Tons.	Value.
Nova Scotia.....	42,611	\$ 74,509
Ontario.....	16,894	37,710
Quebec.....	10,710	24,899
British Columbia.....	8,372	14,950
Total.....	78,587	152,068