

The world's production of iron ore in 1888 was 50,951,705 tons.

431. Great Britain and the United States combined produced 62 per cent. of the total quantity of pig iron, and 65 per cent. of the total quantity of steel, produced in the world. In 1886 and 1887 the production of steel in the United States surpassed that of Great Britain, but the former country in 1888 fell back again to second place, owing both to the increased activity of the iron and steel industries in Great Britain and Germany, and to a decreased activity in those industries in the United States. The proportionate products of the two countries in the years 1887 and 1888 to the total production were :—

Production of iron and steel in United Kingdom & United States.

YEAR.	GREAT BRITAIN.		UNITED STATES.	
	Pig Iron	Steel.	Pig Iron	Steel.
1887.....	p. c. 34	p. c. 33	p. c. 29	p. c. 35
1888.....	34	35	28	30

432. "Copper constitutes one of the most important of the mineral treasures of the Dominion, and is destined to occupy a very important rank amongst its resources. Its ores are distributed over vast tracts of country in Ontario, in the Eastern Townships of Quebec, in Nova Scotia, and British Columbia, and in New Brunswick." There are no copper smelting works at present in operation in Canada, and consequently all the ores are exported for treatment abroad, but smelting works have been established at Sudbury, in Ontario, in which neighbourhood what are perhaps the largest deposits of copper ore in the world have been recently discovered. Copper.

433. The production in 1888 was limited to the mines at Capelton, Que., and the quantity produced was 63,479 tons of ore, containing 5,562,864 lbs. of fine copper, valued at \$667,543. This was an increase of 2,302,440 lbs., as compared with 1887. Production of copper in 1888.