

436. The supply from Canada is at present very small, but there is no doubt that there is abundance of copper at Sudbury, which is likely to be soon largely developed, as in addition to the works already erected there, the celebrated firm of H. H. Vivian & Co., of Swansea, have applied for incorporation in Canada, and have purchased a number of mines at Sudbury, where they propose to erect smelting works.

H. H. Vi-
vian & Co.

437. Though petroleum has been found in Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, and in the North-West Territories, it is in Ontario where the most of the oil has been and is obtained. Bothwell, Enniskillen and Petrolia are the largest oil-producing districts, the oil being obtained at a depth of from 400 to 500 feet.

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438. The following table contains the only reliable statistics of Canadian production of oil that are available, and these figures do not give the total production, since the quantity of crude oil used as such is not included :—

Production of oil
in Canada,
1881-1888.

PRODUCTION OF CANADIAN PETROLEUM AND NAPHTHA AND
CORRESPONDING QUANTITIES OF CRUDE OIL, 1881-1888.

YEAR.	Refined Oils.	Crude Equivalent Cal- culated.
	Imp. galls.	Imp. galls.
1881.....	5,380,081	10,760,162
1882.....	5,111,893	11,359,762
1883.....	6,204,544	13,787,875
1884.....	6,730,068	16,825,170
1885.....	5,853,290	14,633,225
1886.....	6,469,667	17,025,439
1887.....	7,905,666	20,804,384
1888.....	9,246,176	24,332,105

439. The total production in 1883 was estimated at 733,564 barrels, or 25,674,740 Imperial gallons, valued at \$755,571, and according to returns from refiners the production of all kinds by Canadian oil refineries in 1887 and 1888 was as follows :—

Production of oil
in 1887 and
1888.