

## PRODUCTION OF OIL REFINERIES IN CANADA, 1887 AND 1888.

ARTICLES.	1887.		1888.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Galls.	\$	Galls.	\$
Illuminating oils.....	10,387,825	991,290	9,833,228	1,059,614
Benzine and naphtha.....	344,570	31,447	492,886	29,354
Paraffine oils.....	6,793,461	240,851	690,729	82,238
Gas oils.....			3,107,306	68,477
Lubricating oils and tar.....			3,284,273	132,601
Total gallons.....	17,525,856	.....	17,408,422	.....
Paraffine wax (lbs.).....	400,036	24,521	585,651	29,175
Total value.....	.....	1,288,109	.....	1,401,459

Average price of oil.

440. The average price of crude oil on the Petrolia Oil Exchange in the years 1886, 1887 and 1888 was  $86\frac{3}{4}$  cents, 78 cents and  $\$1.02\frac{2}{3}$  per barrel respectively.

Exports of oil 1881-88.

441. The following table shows the exports of Canadian Petroleum since 1881 :—

## EXPORTS OF CANADIAN PETROLEUM, 1881-1888.

YEAR.	Quantity.	Value.
	Galls.	\$
1881.....	501	99
1882.....	1,119	286
1883.....	1,328	710
1884.....	1,098,090	30,168
1885.....	337,967	10,562
1886.....	241,716	9,855
1887.....	473,559	13,831
1888.....	196,602	74,542

Consumption of oil in Canada, 1882-1889.

442. The following table taken from the *Petrolia Advertiser* gives the figures of domestic inspected and foreign imported oil since 1882, showing the total quantity of refined oil consumed in Canada during the period, from which it will be seen that there has been a steady increase in the consumption, which would appear to indicate a proportionate increase in population and improvement in condition :—