

447. Accounts of the productiveness of the petroleum beds of Upper Burmah have always varied considerably, but a recent survey estimates the yield at about 450,000 gallons a month, which is nothing to what it might be with proper appliances, as at present about 100 feet of the richest portion of the oil-bearing stone is left untouched, and it is said that the production might be increased to 1,500,000 gallons a month.

Petroleum in Burmah

448. The salt produced in the Dominion is almost all manufactured in Ontario, the largest number of wells being situated in the County of Huron, while a few are being operated in the Counties of Lambton on the south, Bruce on the north, and Perth on the west.

Salt.

449. The total production of salt in 1888 amounted to 421,930 barrels of 280 lbs., the value of which was, of the salt alone, \$185,460, and of the packages used, \$47,000, making a total value of \$232,460. This was a reduction in quantity, as compared with 1887, of 7,877 barrels, but an increase in the price of salt alone of \$19,066. There were seventeen producers in Ontario and one in New Brunswick, employing altogether 260 men.

Production of salt 1888.

450. The exports of Canadian salt, almost all of which was manufactured in Ontario, have been since 1875 as follow :—

Exports of salt, 1875-1888.

EXPORTS OF CANADIAN SALT, 1875-1888.

YEAR.	Ontario.	Quebec.	Other Provinces.	Total.	Value.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	\$
1875	541,669	1,089	42	542,800	66,834
1876	905,522	3,833		909,355	84,154
1877	702,494	2,150		704,644	60,677
1878	403,798	3,297		407,095	37,027
1879	587,805	2,616	345	590,766	49,367
1880	464,661	1,887	1,093	467,641	46,211
1881	336,608	6,600		343,208	44,627
1882	181,007	751		181,758	18,350
1883	199,733			199,733	19,492
1884	167,029			167,029	15,291
1885	246,584	210		246,794	18,756
1886	224,595		348	224,943	16,886
1887	153,475		570	154,045	11,526
1888	14,968	133	150	15,251	3,987