

Output of
salt in
United
States,
1887.
Silver.

451. The total output of salt in the United States in 1887 was 7,831,962 barrels, valued at \$4,093,846.

452. The total production of silver in Canada in 1888 was valued at \$395,377, being an increase as compared with 1887 of \$46,047, due principally to the development of the Badger and other mines in the Port Arthur district, the total shipments from which amounted to \$208,064. The Rabbit and Silver Mountain districts, Ontario, are found to contain a great number of well defined veins of very rich silver ore, and only need work and capital for very profitable development. The shipments of silver from the Illecillewait and Kootenay districts, B.C., amounted to \$37,925, and it was estimated that about \$149,388 worth of silver was extracted from the copper ore exported from the Capelton Mines, Quebec.

Exports of
silver,
1873-1888.

453. The following table gives the exports of silver ore during the years 1873 to 1888, exclusive of the production of the Capelton Mines :—

EXPORTS OF CANADIAN SILVER ORE, 1873 TO 1888.

YEAR.	Value.	YEAR.	Value.
	\$		\$
1873.	1,243,758	1882.	6,705
1874.	493,463	1883.	8,620
1875.	472,992	1884.	13,300
1876.	354,178	1885.	29,176
1877.	42,848	1886.	25,957
1878.	665,715	1887.	206,284
1879.	154,273	1888.	219,008
1880.	68,205		
1881.	15,115	Total.	4,019,597

Production of silver in United States
Phosphate

454. The total value of the production of silver in the United States since 1848 has been \$825,724,517. In 1887 the estimated value was \$53,433,300.

455. The total quantity of phosphate or apatite shipped from Canadian mines in 1888 was 22,485 tons, valued at \$242,285, being a decrease of 1,205 tons, as compared with 1887, due to