

richness. Beyond this district, to the north-west, are found veins of gold-bearing quartz and extensive ranges of magnetic iron ore, while to the south-west is believed to be a continuation of the Vermillion iron range of northern Minnesota. The partial examination already made inspires the hope that here will, in time, be developed an iron region of great value. In the region adjacent to the Lake of the Woods gold-bearing veins of good promise have been discovered, and an early development of some of the properties may be looked for. No reference has been made in the foregoing enumeration to the oil and salt deposits in Western Ontario, which are of great value.

Mining districts of the Dominion.

430. Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Quebec, the north and west portions of Ontario, and some parts of the North-West Territories, are essentially the mining districts of the Dominion. Coal has been found in Manitoba, but no metalliferous ores have at present been discovered there, and though a number of minerals and metals are known to exist in New Brunswick, none of them have yet been found in any very large quantities, and mining is only carried on to a small extent. There is no mining in Prince Edward Island.

Sources of information.

431. The figures relating to Canada used in this chapter have been taken almost entirely from the statistical report on the minerals of Canada for 1889 published by the Geological Survey. The figures relating to the United States and foreign countries have been taken partly from official and partly from other sources, notably the publications of the American Iron and Steel Association.

Mineral production of Canada 1888 and 1889.

432. The following statement of the mineral production of Canada in 1888 and 1889, the latest years for which complete returns are available, will give some idea of the present value of an industry which is still in its infancy :—