

It would appear from the foregoing table that there had been an increase of \$3,000,000 in the value of mineral production in Canada in 1889 as compared with 1888, but it is difficult yet to determine what amount is due to actual increased production, and what to more complete and reliable returns, as it is admitted by the officers of the Geological Survey that their information is by no means as full as it ought to be.

Mineral
production
1890.

433. An unrevised estimate of the Geological Survey places the value of the mineral production in Canada in 1890 at \$19,000,000.

Exports of
minerals
1888 and
1889.

434. The total value of the exports of minerals and mineral products mined or manufactured in Canada in 1889 was \$5,038,149, being \$299,339 more than in 1888. The values of the principal articles exported in the two years were as follows:—

	1888.	1889.
Asbestos	\$ 277,742	\$ 360,144
Coal	1,974,731	2,334,905
Copper ore.....	257,287	168,457
Gold.....	628,158	609,250
Gypsum.....	121,389	195,176
Iron and steel (about).....	350,000	310,000
Phosphates.....	298,609	394,768
Silver.....	219,008	212,163
Stone and marble.....	78,119	* 49,578
Iron ore.....	55,177	39,887
Other articles.....	478,590	363,821
Total	<u>\$4,738,810</u>	<u>\$5,038,149</u>

* Stone only

And the countries to which they were principally exported were:—

United States	\$3,341,308	\$ 3,753,351
United Kingdom.....	478,260	422,355
Other British possessions.....	150,763	158,143
Germany	46,053	15,856
Japan.....	40,180	4,000
St. Pierre.....	16,312	16,564
China.....	12,950
Mexico.....	10,570	10,118
Other countries.....	14,541	38,783
Total	<u>\$4,110,937</u>	<u>\$4,419,170</u>