

The difference in amounts is owing to the total values being given for the calendar year and the export values for the fiscal year. It will be seen that, in 1889, 84 per cent. of the exports went to the United States, and 13 per cent. to the United Kingdom and British possessions, as compared with 81 per cent. and 15 per cent. respectively in 1888.

435. The total value of imports of minerals and products chiefly manufactured therefrom, in 1889, was \$25,652,667, of which amount \$8,109,308 was for coal, and \$9,650,653 for iron and steel, the two forming 69 per cent. of the whole sum. Value of imports 1889.

436. The most important mineral, in point of value, produced in Canada in 1889, was coal, the quantity being 2,719,478 tons, valued at the point of production at \$5,584,182, being an increase over 1888 of 61,344 tons. In the former year the quantity produced was 2,658,134 tons. Production of coal 1889.

437. Almost all the coal at present is produced in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and British Columbia, but the coal deposits in the North-West Territories are capable of extensive development, and the output can be very materially increased. These deposits are apparently inexhaustible, the coal-bearing area being estimated at 65,000 square miles, and the quantity of fuel known to underlie some portions of this area at from 4,500,000 to 9,000,000 tons per square mile. This coal varies from lignite to bituminous coal, and in the Rocky Mountains large deposits of anthracite have been found, beds of which are being worked near Banff, on the Canadian Pacific Railway, by the North-West Coal and Navigation Company and the Canadian Anthracite Company. All the coal supplied to the Canadian Pacific Railway at Brandon and points west is now exclusively the product of Canada, and the Canadian Anthracite Company are finding a constant demand for their coal in the San Francisco market ; and as the Banff mines are nearer to that city than any of the United States anthracite coal fields Coal producing portions of Canada.