

Gold mining in Canada.

445. Next in importance, as regards value, among the minerals now being worked in Canada, is gold, the production of which is at present confined almost entirely to British Columbia and Nova Scotia, though a small quantity is annually produced in Quebec, and it has also been obtained from some parts of Ontario. It may be that when the country north and west of Lake Superior is fully explored, valuable deposits of gold may be discovered, as it is known to exist in many localities, and has been found in several places in small quantities. A small amount of gold is also obtained each year from the Saskatchewan River, near Edmonton. Gold was first discovered in British Columbia in 1857 in the Thompson River, near Nicoamen, and in Nova Scotia in 1860, near Tangier Harbour, since which date the value of the production in the latter Province has been \$9,402,703. British Columbia, since 1858, has produced \$52,188,880, as near as can be ascertained, but as only an estimate can be made of the quantity carried away in private hands, the actual amount is probably larger.

Production of gold in Canada, 1888 and 1889.

446. The following table gives the value of the gold production in the Dominion in 1888 and 1889.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA, 1888 AND 1889.

PROVINCES.	Value.	
	1888.	1889.
	\$	\$
British Columbia	616,731	588,923
Nova Scotia	436,939	510,029
North-West Territories, including Yukon District.	41,200	195,000
Quebec.	3,740	1,207
Total.	1,098,610	1,295,159

Value of gold per ounce

447. The total number of ounces produced was 72,328, at an average value of \$17.90 per ounce. The produce in 1888 was 61,310 ounces, valued at \$1,098,610, or an average value of