

of the oil-bearing stone is left untouched, and it is said that the production might be increased to 1,500,000 gallons a month. The industry is not, however, at present, in a flourishing condition. Petroleum has also been found in New Zealand and Japan ; in the latter country it is said to have been discovered, A.D 668. In New Zealand and Japan

476. Natural gas has been known to exist in Canada for many years, but no attempt to put it to any practical use was made until July, 1835, when a well was sunk at Port Colborne, Ont., from which gas was utilized in the following August. Since then numerous wells have been sunk, but the two most productive gas fields so far discovered are situated in Ontario, one in Essex County and one in Welland, the daily flow of each being 10,000,000 and 15,050,000 cubic feet respectively. The first well is at present closed, but the second is being developed, and preparations are being made to supply the neighbouring towns. Gas has also been found in small quantities in Quebec and the North-West Territories. The estimated available flow of natural gas in Canada in December, 1889, was— Natural gas.

	Cubic feet per day.
Ontario	25,070,000
Quebec	55,000
North-West Territories	75,000
Total	25,200,000

477. Natural gas has been found in very large quantities in the United States, and has been very largely utilized. It is impossible for many reasons to give any exact figures of its consumption, but measured by the displacement of coal it appears that in 1888 the consumption of natural gas in the United States was 14,063,830 tons, representing a value of \$22,629,875, being an increase in consumption as compared with 1887 of 4,204,830 tons or 42½ per cent. Natural gas in United States.

478. The salt produced in the Dominion is almost all manufactured in Ontario, the largest number of wells being Salt.