

situated in the County of Huron, while a few are being operated in the Counties of Lambton on the south, Bruce on the north, and Perth on the west.

Production of salt 1886-1889.

479. The total production in 1889 was 32,832 tons of the value of \$128,547, exclusive of the packages, which valued at \$44,000, would make the total value \$172,547. This was a decrease as compared with 1888, of 26,238 tons in quantity and of \$59,913 in value. The production of salt has been steadily decreasing, as shown by the following figures:—

YEAR.	Tons.	Value.
1886	62,359	\$ 227,195
1887	60,173	166,394
1888	59,070	185,460
1889	32,832	128,547

There were 13 producers in 1889 employing 210 hands, as compared with 17 producers employing 260 hands in 1888.

Exports of salt, 1875-1889.

480. The exports, of Canadian salt, almost all of which was manufactured in Ontario, have been since 1875 as follow:—

EXPORTS OF CANADIAN SALT, 1875-1889.

YEAR.	Ontario.	Quebec.	Other Provinces.	Total.	Σ
1875	Bush. 541,669	Bush. 1,089	Bush. 42	Bush. 542,800	66,834
1876	905,522	3,833	.....	909,355	84,134
1877	702,494	2,150	.....	704,644	60,677
1878	403,798	3,297	.....	407,095	37,027
1879	587,805	2,616	345	590,766	49,367
1880	464,661	1,887	1,093	467,641	46,211
1881	336,608	6,600	.....	343,208	44,627
1882	181,007	751	.....	181,758	18,350
1883	190,733	.....	.....	190,733	19,492
1884	167,029	.....	.....	167,029	15,291
1885	246,584	.....	.....	246,794	18,756
1886	224,595	210	.....	224,943	16,885
1887	153,475	.....	348	154,045	11,526
1888	14,968	.....	570	15,251	3,987
1889	8,350	75	132	8,557	2,390