

Comox. The collieries are four in number, and their operations, in 1891, resulted as follow :—

PRODUCTION AND SALE OF COAL IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1891.

Collieries.	Coal Raised.	*Home Consumption.	Sold for Export.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Nanaimo	527,457	383,886
Wellington... ..	345,182	282,452
East Wellington.	41,666	36,181
Union.....	114,792	103,960
Total	1,029,097	202,697	806,479

* Including coal used in the collieries.

The coal is bituminous and of a very high quality, commanding a better price at San Francisco than any American coal. In an analysis published by the State Mineralogist of California, in 1887, the relative values for steam of British Columbian and Washington Territory coal were given as : Wellington, 1,407 ; Nanaimo, 1,335 ; and Seattle, 1,330. (Statistical Abstract, 1887, p. 344.)

452. The next table shows the production of coal in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and British Columbia in each year since 1874 :—

PRODUCTION OF COAL IN NOVA SCOTIA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1874 TO 1890.

YEAR.	Nova Scotia.	British Columbia.	Total.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1874.....	977,446	81,000	1,058,446
1875.....	874,905	110,000	984,905
1876.....	794,803	139,000	933,803
1877.....	848,395	154,000	1,002,395
1878.....	863,081	171,000	1,034,081
1879.....	882,863	241,000	1,123,863
1880.....	1,156,635	268,000	1,424,635
1881.....	1,259,182	328,000	1,487,182
1882.....	1,529,708	282,000	1,811,708
1883.....	1,593,259	213,000	1,806,259
1884.....	1,556,010	394,070	1,950,080
1885.....	1,514,470	365,000	1,879,470
1886.....	1,682,924	326,636	2,009,560
1887.....	1,871,338	413,360	2,284,698
1888.....	1,989,263	548,017	2,537,280
1889.....	1,967,032	649,409	2,616,441
1890.....	2,222,081	759,517	2,981,598
Total.....	23,583,395	5,343,009	28,926,404

Production of coal in Nova Scotia and British Columbia, 1874-1890.