

466. The total production of iron ore in Canada in 1890 was 76,511 tons, valued at the mines at \$155,380, and was produced as follows, the figures for 1888 and 1889 being given for comparison :—

PRODUCTION OF IRON ORE IN CANADA, 1888, 1889 AND 1890.

PROVINCES.	1888.		1889.		1890.	
	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.
		\$		\$		\$
Nova Scotia.....	42,611	74,509	54,161	97,807	49,206	101,684
Ontario.....	16,894	37,710	5,000	12,500
Quebec.....	10,710	24,899	14,533	33,091	22,305	41,196
British Columbia.....	8,372	14,950	15,487	20,742
Total.....	78,587	152,068	84,181	151,640	76,511	155,380

There was a decrease, as compared with 1889, of 7,670 tons in quantity, but an increase of \$3,740 in value, due to the fact that the Nova Scotia ores brought a much higher price than in 1889. The decrease in quantity was owing to the Puget Sound Iron Company, B.C., having ceased operations in 1890.

467. The following table gives the quantity and value of iron ore exported from Canada since 1867 :—

EXPORTS OF IRON ORE FROM CANADA, 1867-1890.

YEAR.	Quantity.	Value.	YEAR.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$		Tons.	\$
1867.....	4,194	12,798	1880.....	48,682	124,180
1868.....	25,312	54,723	1881.....	42,227	122,622
1869.....	27,848	60,298	1882.....	56,648	177,689
1870.....	15,232	34,927	1883.....	25,591	71,279
1871.....	26,825	58,068	1884.....	52,811	122,408
1872.....	26,175	64,904	1885.....	15,628	46,307
1873.....	56,447	130,583	1886.....	19,164	58,410
1874.....	37,388	86,417	1887.....	13,692	42,634
1875.....	13,338	28,565	1888.....	20,471	55,177
1876.....	9,455	18,397	1889.....	17,443	39,887
1877.....	3,785	10,528	1890.....	18,754	40,690
1878.....	4,315	8,846			
1879.....	9,467	20,974	Total.....	590,892	1,491,311

468. The quantity of ore consumed in the country was 57,304 tons, out of which 21,772 tons of pig iron were made, as compared with

Home consumption of iron ore.