

great richness. Beyond this district, to the north-west are found veins of gold-bearing quartz and extensive ranges of magnetic iron ore, while to the south-west is believed to be a continuation of the Vermilion iron range of northern Minnesota. The partial examination already made inspires the hope that here will, in time, be developed an iron region of great value. In the region adjacent to the Lake of the Woods, gold-bearing veins of good promise have been discovered, and an early development of some of the properties may be looked for. No reference has been made in the foregoing enumeration to the oil and salt deposits of western Ontario, which are of great value.

687. Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Quebec, the north and west portions of Ontario, and some parts of the North-west Territories, are essentially the mining districts of the Dominion. Coal has been found in Manitoba, and, during 1892, the Canadian Pacific Railway completed a line to the Souris coal fields, which are now being developed; iron ore is also said to abound in the lake districts, but has not yet been worked; and a number of minerals and metals are known to exist in New Brunswick, but none of them have yet been found in any very large quantities, and mining is only carried on to a small extent. There is no mining in Prince Edward Island.

688. The figures relating to Canada used in this chapter have been taken, in most cases, either from the reports published by the Geological Survey, or from the Trade and Navigation Returns. The figures relating to the United States and foreign countries have been taken partly from official and partly from other sources, notably the publications of the American Iron and Steel Association.

689. The following statement of the mineral production of Canada in 1891 and 1892 will give some idea of the amount of room there is for development of the mining industries. The figures for both years are subject to revision.

MINERAL PRODUCTION OF CANADA, 1891 AND 1892.

PRODUCT.	1891.		1892.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Antimony ore..... Tons.	10	\$ 60	.....	.....
Arsenic..... "	20	1,000	.....	.....
Asbestos..... "	9,000	1,000,000	6,042	388,462
*Bricks..... 1,000	173,808	1,047,311	199,266	1,247,715
*Building stone..... Cub. yds.	187,685	708,702	219,097	608,381
Cement..... Brls.	93,779	109,086	102,408	120,063
Coal..... Tons.	*3,484,341	7,792,175	*3,290,897	7,181,610
Coke..... "	57,084	175,592	56,135	160,249
Copper..... Lbs.	9,529,076	1,238,780	7,042,195	821,589
Feldspar..... Tons.	685	3,425	175	525
Fertilizers..... "	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fire clay..... "	250	750	.....	9,567

* Incomplete.