

Coal fields of Nova Scotia. 695. The coal fields of Nova Scotia are estimated to occupy an area of 685 square miles, and, as at present known, are five in number, viz., three in Cape Breton and two in the province proper. The coal is bituminous, and for gas, cooking and steam purposes equals any in the world.

Production of coal in Nova Scotia, 1892. 696. The following table shows the production and distribution of coal, by counties, in Nova Scotia, in 1892 :—

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF COAL IN NOVA SCOTIA, 1892.

COUNTIES.	Coal Raised.	SOLD FOR		Total Sold.
		Home Consumption.	Export from the Province.	
	Tons.*	Tons.*	Tons.*	Tons.*
Cumberland	458,493	126,721	295,926	422,647
Pictou	449,725	256,545	148,912	405,457
Cape Breton	1,032,864	240,120	683,749	923,869
Other counties	1,698	592	369	961
Total	1,942,780	623,978	1,128,956	1,752,934

* Long tons of 2,240 lbs.

Production of coal in Nova Scotia, 1890-1891 and 1892. 697. There was a falling off in the total output and also in the quantity sold as compared with 1891, the figures for which and for 1890 are given in the next table.

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF COAL IN NOVA SCOTIA, 1890, 1891 and 1892.

YEAR.	Coal Raised.	SOLD FOR		Total Sold.
		Home Consumption.	Export from the Province.	
	Tons.*	Tons.*	Tons.*	Tons.*
1890	1,984,001	601,956	1,184,155	1,786,111
1891	2,044,784	639,737	1,210,208	1,849,945
1892	1,942,780	623,978	1,128,956	1,752,934

* Long tons of 2,240 lbs.