

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF COAL IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1892--(LONG TONS.)

COLLIERIES.	Coal Raised.	*Home Consumption.	Sold for Export.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Nanaimo .....	433,386	.....	307,623
Wellington .....	290,371	.....	238,400
East Wellington.....	33,650	.....	28,000
Union.....	68,928	.....	66,556
Total.....	826,335	196,224	640,579

\* Including coal used in the collieries.

High quality of British Columbian coal.

701. The coal is bituminous and of a very high quality, commanding a better price at San Francisco than any United States 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.)

Production of coal in Nova Scotia and British Columbia, 1874-1892.

702. 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 1892.

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	228,000	1,487,182
1882.....	1,529,798	282,000	1,811,798
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
1891.....	2,290,158	1,152,588	3,442,746
1892.....	2,175,913	925,495	3,101,408
Total.....	28,049,466	7,421,092	35,470,558