

748. The total output of salt in the United States in 1889 was 8,005,565 barrels, valued at \$4,195,412; in 1890, 8,776,991 barrels, valued at \$4,752,286; and in 1891, 9,987,945, valued at \$4,716,121. Salt in
United
States.

749. The total production of silver in Canada in 1890 was 400,687 ounces, valued at \$420,722. In 1891 it was \$415,493 ounces, valued at \$407,183, and in 1892 305,026 ounces, valued at \$264,510. The argentiferous provinces are those of Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, the silver produce of Quebec being calculated, as usual, from the known percentage of the metal contained in the copper ore exported from the Capelton mines. Silver in
Canada.

750. The following table gives the exports of silver ore during the years 1873 to 1892, exclusive of the production of the Capelton mines:— Exports of
silver,
1873-1892.

EXPORTS OF CANADIAN SILVER ORE, 1873 TO 1892.

YEAR.	Value.	YEAR.	Value.
	\$		\$
1873	1,243,758	1884	13,300
1874	493,463	1885	29,176
1875	472,992	1886	25,937
1876	354,178	1887	206,284
1877	42,848	1888	219,008
1878	665,715	1889	212,163
1879	154,273	1890	204,142
1880	68,205	1891	238,367
1881	15,115	1892	193,441
1882	6,705		
1883	8,620	Total	4,867,710

751. The total value of the production of silver in the United States since 1845 has been \$1,072,893,279. In 1891 the estimated value was \$75,416,565. Silver in
United
States.

752. The world's production of silver in 1890 was \$166,677,233. The present monetary stock of silver in the world is placed at \$3,705,480,000. World's
production
of silver.

753. Phosphate or apatite, in its purest form, contains 92.26 per cent of phosphate of lime, equivalent to 42.26 per cent of phosphoric acid. The total quantity of this mineral mined in Canada during 1890 was 31,753 tons, valued at \$361,045 which was an increase over 1889 of 765 tons in quantity and of \$44,383 in value. A certain number of tons, which cannot be estimated, should be added to the above quantity, representing the results of desultory operations by farmers on their own lots, particularly in Ontario. The only two places where this mineral is worked at present are in Ottawa county, Quebec, and north of Kingston, Ontario, and the quantity shipped came from the two Phosphate