

675. Petroleum is found in several other countries of the world, but principally in the United States, Russia, Egypt and Burmah. Important deposits of oil are said to have been recently discovered in Peru. It was first discovered in the United States, in Pennsylvania, in 1859, and the total production of crude oil since then to the end of 1893, has amounted to 607,369,164 barrels, valued at an equal number of dollars, the states of Pennsylvania and New York having produced 486,000,000 barrels of that quantity. The total production in the United States in 1893 was 48,416,666 barrels, being a decrease of 2,092,470 barrels, as compared with 1892. In 1888 the exports amounted to 456,427,221 gallons; in 1889, 502,257,455 gallons; in 1890, 523,295,090 gallons; in 1891, 571,119,805 gallons; in 1892, 564,896,658 gallons, and in 1893, 642,239,816 gallons.

676. The earliest records of production of petroleum in Russia commenced in 1821, though the existence of oil was known hundreds of years before. The Baku oil fields, at the eastern extremity of the Caucasus Mountains are the most important. The total shipments of petroleum products from Baku, from 1883 to 1891, have been :—

	Galls.
1883	145,180,705
1884	262,621,710
1885	300,149,775
1886	377,006,120
1887	389,816,630
1888	609,428,571
1889	806,399,999
1890	842,741,074
1891	898,915,749

677. Production by countries is given as follows :—

	Brls.
United States, 1893	48,416,666
Russia, Baku, 1893	33,104,126
“ elsewhere, 1890	251,543
Austria-Hungary, 1890	816,600
Canada, 1893	798,406
Peru, 1890	350,000
India, 1891	146,107
Germany, 1892	103,323
France, 1891	70,000
Japan, 1890	48,027
Argentine, 1891	21,000
Italy, 1891	8,085
Great Britain	1,526
Other countries	200,000

678. Natural gas has been known to exist in Canada for many years, but no attempt to put it to any practical use was made until July, 1885, when a well was sunk at Port Colborne, Ont., from which gas was utilized in the following August. Since then