

687. The following table gives the exports of silver ore during the years 1873 to 1893, exclusive of the production of the Capelton mines :—

Year ended 30th June.	Quantity.	Value.	Year ended 30th June.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$		Tons.	\$
1871.....		595,261	1883.....	100	14,200
1872.....		1,087,839	1884.....	37	12,920
1873.....		1,379,380	1885.....	31	7,539
1874.....	346	407,835	1886.....	81	25,134
1875.....		443,443	1887.....	40	24,937
1876.....	691	584,371	1888.....	543 $\frac{1}{8}$	299,420
1877.....	190	122,695	1889.....	216 $\frac{1}{2}$	168,265
1878.....		103,681	1890.....	238	201,615
1879.....		637,000	1891.....	309	238,367
1880.....		149,146	1892.....	325	193,441
1881.....		34,494	1893.....	418	65,496
1882.....		15,110			

688. 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 districts in the following proportions :—Ottawa county mines, 27,172 tons ; and Ontario mines, 4,581 tons. In 1891 the quantity produced was 23,588 tons, valued at \$161,693 ; in 1892, 11,932 tons, valued at \$157,424 ; and in 1893, 8,198 tons, valued at \$70,942.

689. The following table of exports since 1878 shows the position of this industry during the last sixteen years. The quantity exported in 1893 was 11,890 tons, valued at \$132,475, being a decrease as compared with 1892, of 5,353 tons in quantity, and in value of \$248,000. The exports almost all go to Great Britain. It must not be forgotten that the figures of exports from Quebec include a certain amount of material produced in Ontario, but shipped to Montreal for export, and at that port credited to the province of Quebec.