

696. In the Thetford, Black Lake, Coleraine and Danville districts, in the Eastern Townships, there were 16 companies at work, while two companies were at work in Ottawa county. The exports of asbestos in 1892 amounted to 7,316 tons, valued at \$514,412, and in 1893 to 5,898 tons, valued at \$396,718.

697. Gypsum, the production of which is steadily increasing, is at present worked only in Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, though deposits of a certain quality have been found in Manitoba and the Territories. From the following table it will be seen that the greater part of the production is exported in a crude state :—

PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS OF CRUDE GYPSUM, 1886-1893.

YEAR.	PRODUCTION.		EXPORTS.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$
1886.....	162,000	178,742	107,237	114,736
1887.....	154,008	157,277	148,533	166,514
1888.....	175,887	179,393	124,515	133,238
1889.....	213,273	205,108	176,875	189,491
1890.....	226,509	194,033	175,111	193,899
1891.....	203,545	192,096	172,496	184,977
1892.....	226,568	225,260	175,518	194,304
1893.....	192,568	196,150	176,489	178,979

698. The production of building stone in Canada during the past eight years has, as far as known, been :—

	Cub. yds.	Value.
1886.....	165,777	\$642,509
1887.....	262,592	552,267
1888.....	411,570	641,712
1889.....	341,337	913,691
1890.....	382,563	964,783
1891.....	187,685	708,702
1892.....	219,097	608,301
1893.....	220,000	610,000

The above figures are from actual returns, and are supposed to represent about four-fifths of the total production.

699. There is not space in a work of this kind to take up all the minor mineral productions in detail. The table, at the commencement of the chapter, of mineral production in 1891, 1892 and 1893, will be some guide to their annual value.