

852. 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 1894.

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.....	1,529,708	282,000	1,811,708
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
1893.....	†1,884,638	1,095,689	2,980,327
1894.....	‡2,464,263	1,134,507	3,598,770
Total.....	32,398,367	9,651,288	42,049,655

\*Tons of 2,000 lbs. †For 9 months only. ‡Year ended September 30.

853. The development and the direction of the development of the coal trade of Nova Scotia are shown in the next table.

In 1873 the total sales amounted to 984,839 tons of 2,000 pounds distributed as follows : Sales within the province, 241,130 tons ; sales to neighbouring provinces, 378,434 tons ; to countries outside of the Dominion, 367,174 tons. In 1883 the total sales were 1,453,126 tons, of which 527,886 tons were within the province, 770,684 to neighbouring provinces, and 139,721 tons to outside countries. In 1894 the total sales were 2,262,111 tons, of which Nova Scotia took 752,509 tons, the neighbouring provinces 1,411,983 tons, and outside countries 97,619 tons. Thus in twenty-two years the total sales have increased 129 per cent ; the amount consumed within the province has increased 212 per cent, and the purchases of neighbouring provinces have increased nearly 274 per cent.

These facts indicate the growth of manufacturing in the Province of Nova Scotia, and in the other provinces which draw their supply from the Nova Scotian coal fields. They also indicate the development of railway facilities tending to the cheapening of transportation.

In Nova Scotia there are now 64 miles of railways owned by coal and iron mines. These employ 31 locomotives and require an equipment of 1,697 waggons. These railways, inasmuch as they do not carry passengers, are not included in the railway mileage of Canada.