

The total consumption by three-year periods was :

1884-5-6	222,773 tons—	yearly average,	74,260 tons.
1887-8-9	298,051 “	“	99,350 “
1890-1-2	313,992 “	“	104,664 “
1893-4 (2 years)	252,587 “	“	126,293 “

These figures show 1st, that there is a very considerable growth in the use of pig-iron, the increase in the two years, 1893-94 over the two years 1884-85, having been 67.3 per cent; 2nd, that while there has been an increasing demand for pig-iron, iron kentledge and scrap-iron and steel, an increasing proportion of the whole is pig-iron made in Canada.

874. Following are the amounts which have been paid under the Federal parliamentary authorization :—

YEAR.	Amount.	Bounty per ton.	YEAR.	Amount.	Bounty per ton.
	\$	\$ cts.		\$	\$ cts.
1884.....	44,090	1 50	1890.....	25,697	1 00
1885.....	38,655	1 50	1891.....	20,153	1 00
1886.....	39,270	1 50	1892.....	30,294	1 00
1887.....	59,576	1 50	1893.....	93,896	2 00
1888.....	33,314	1 50	1894.....	125,044	2 00
1889.....	37,234	1 50			

875. The total production of iron ore in Canada in 1890 was 76,511 tons, valued at the mines at \$155,380. In 1891 the quantity produced was 68,979 tons, valued at \$152,005; in 1892, 103,248 tons, valued at \$254,206; in 1893, 124,702 tons, valued at \$298,018; in 1894, 109,991 tons, valued at \$226,611. In Nova Scotia the quantity produced in 1891 was 57,311 tons; in 1892, 75,000 tons; for the nine months ended 30th September, 1893, 66,837 tons, and in 1894, 83,512 tons. The quantity of pig-iron made in 1890 was 21,772, valued at \$331,688; in 1891, 23,891 tons, valued at \$368,901; in 1892, 42,443 tons, valued at \$637,421; in 1893, 55,947 tons, valued at \$790,283, and in 1894, 49,967 tons, valued at \$646,447.

The quantity of steel produced in Canada during the fiscal year ended June 30th, 1894, was 17,032 net tons.

With the mileage of railways the country has, and with the increase in that mileage which each year will bring, there is reasonable ground for the belief that this country can enter upon the manufacture of steel with good prospects of ultimate success. During the past 16 years no less than 11,784 miles of railway in Canada have been laid with steel rails. At 100 tons to the mile this would give 1,178,400 tons of steel rails imported.