

896. The following table gives the exports of copper during the period of Confederation :—

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Copper, fine.		Copper Ore.		YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Copper, fine.		Copper Ore.	
	Quan- tity.	Value.	Quan- tity.	Value.		Quan- tity.	Value.	Quan- tity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$		Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$
1868.....	135	17,922	5,440	376,238	1882.. . . .	.....	.....	44,744	139,245
1869.....	395	34,110	9,513	482,520	1883.....	.....	.....	4,402	150,479
1870.....	225	21,062	5,227	250,159	1884.....	.....	.....	1,677	214,044
1871.....	.....	.....	3,123	120,121	1885.....	.....	.....	1,257	246,230
1872.....	.....	.....	4,461	103,990	1886.....	.....	.....	5,224	291,397
1873.....	.....	.....	2,588	166,525	1887.....	.....	.....	5,267	181,545
1874.....	.....	.....	3,148	135,077	1888.....	509	50,900	1,509	95,585
1875.....	145	39,314	2,300	103,697	1889.....	76	7,602	1,267½	195,182
1876.....	.....	.....	2,230	352,035	1890.....	1,138	133,251	1,406	111,086
1877.....	.....	.....	1,313	264,442	1891.....	2,418	236,027	3,079	269,169
1878.....	.....	.....	654	119,629	1892.....	1,899	185,848	340	30,755
1879.....	.....	.....	98	19,762	1893.....	3,589	391,969	70	3,850
1880.....	.....	.....	5,883	150,799	1894.....	597	88,352	*	*
1881.....	.....	.....	19,802	150,412					

* Included in Copper, fine.

897. The exports of copper in 1893 were nearly equally divided between Ontario and Quebec, those of Ontario being 3,938,000 pounds, and those of Quebec, 3,239,000 pounds; in 1894 Ontario exported 741,037 pounds, Quebec 357,259 pounds, and British Columbia 95,278 pounds.

898. The "Bulletin du Musée Commercial" gives the world's production and consumption of copper as follows :—

	1892.	1893.
	Tons.	Tons.
Production	315,000	312,000
Consumption.....	327,000	319,000
Excess of consumption.....	12,000	7,000

The product of copper in Canada is, it will be seen, very small, but there are indications that the output will soon be materially increased; the copper is there, and considerable capital has lately been attracted to its development. Further, cheaper and more effective methods for separating the copper and the nickel from each other have been adopted in the Sudbury district which will doubtless result in a large increase of the output.