

particulars are available, the annual output for some years has been about 600,000 barrels.

According to the census returns there were 12 refineries in operation in Ontario in 1890, employing about 250 men, and it was estimated that there were 3,500 wells pumped.

903. The following table contains the only trustworthy statistics of Canadian production of oil that are available, and these figures do not give the total production, since the quantity of crude oil, used as such, is not included :—

CANADIAN PETROLEUM AND NAPHTHA INSPECTED AND CORRESPONDING QUANTITIES OF CRUDE OIL, 1881-1893.

YEAR.	Refined Oils.	Crude equivalent calculated.
	Imp. galls.	Imp. galls.
1881.....	6,406,783	12,813,566
1882.....	5,910,787	13,134,993
1883.....	6,970,550	15,490,111
1884.....	7,656,011	19,140,027
1885.....	7,661,617	19,154,042
1886.....	8,149,472	21,445,979
1887.....	8,243,962	21,694,637
1888.....	9,545,895	25,120,776
1889.....	9,462,834	24,902,195
1890.....	10,121,210	26,634,763
1891.....	10,270,827	27,028,492
1892.....	10,238,426	26,943,227
1893.....	10,683,806	28,115,278
1894.....	10,825,350	28,487,763

904. According to returns from refiners, the production of all kinds by Canadian oil refiners in 1890, 1891 and 1892 was as follows :—

PRODUCTION OF OIL REFINERIES IN CANADA, 1890, 1891 and 1892.

ARTICLES.	1890.		1891.		1892.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Galls.	\$	Galls.	\$	Galls.	\$
Illuminating oils.....	11,129,277	1,264,677	10,427,040	1,170,241	10,806,806	1,176,720
Benzene and Naptha....	636,247	37,026	603,971	36,790	793,263	60,130
Paraffine oils.....	446,888	64,713	622,287	75,772	1,051,163	127,351
Gas oils.....	4,246,447	84,752	3,373,720	89,267	6,343,589	202,047
Lubricating oils and tar	2,877,388	130,349	2,500,000	101,752	3,177,853	133,336
Total gallons.....	19,336,247	1,581,517	17,527,018	1,473,822	22,172,674	1,699,584
Paraffine wax (lbs.)....	913,730	56,903	741,611	60,687	876,570	82,781
Total value.....	.....	1,638,420	.....	1,534,509	.....	1,782,365