

## PRODUCTION OF SALT IN CANADA, 1886-1894.

YEAR.	Tons.	Value.
		\$
1886.....	62,359	227,197
1887.....	60,173	166,394
1888.....	59,070	185,460
1889.....	32,832	128,547
1890.....	43,754	198,897
1891.....	45,021	161,179
1892.....	45,486	162,041
1893.....	62,324	195,926
1894.....	57,199	170,687

From the returns made to Mr. Blue, Director of the Ontario Bureau of Mines, the salt produced in Ontario in 1894 was 35,215 tons. The Geological Survey returns, embracing the whole of Canada, give the production of 1894 at 57,199 tons. This would indicate that 21,984 tons were produced in the other provinces. Mr. Blue remarks, however, "that with the decrease in the business there is a corresponding difficulty in procuring returns from the manufacturers." In view of this statement it is probable that the Geological Survey have been more successful in obtaining full returns. It is hardly likely that the other provinces produce any such quantity as a comparison of the figures of the Geological Survey and the Ontario Bureau of Mines suggests. The divergency suggests closer examination on the part of the collectors of the statistics, both federal and provincial.

918. The exports of Canadian salt have been since 1876 as follows :—

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Ontario.	Quebec.	Other Provinces.	Total.	Value.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	\$
1876.....	870,437	2,566	42	873,045	90,931
1877.....	785,973	3,626	.....	789,599	82,323
1878.....	655,131	2,661	.....	657,792	53,585
1879.....	551,145	3,496	70	554,711	48,667
1880.....	488,676	2,423	50	491,149	45,903
1881.....	248,638	4,917	.....	253,555	39,566
1882.....	378,968	2,508	.....	381,476	36,418
1883.....	197,159	26	.....	197,185	17,511
1884.....	181,742	.....	.....	181,742	17,408
1885.....	107,523	.....	.....	107,523	12,326
1886.....	384,283	210	.....	384,493	26,749
1887.....	106,295	.....	348	106,643	9,463
1888.....	131,010	.....	570	131,580	10,044
1889.....	12,818	208	150	13,176	3,750
1890.....	5,830	25	216	6,071	1,522
1891.....	5,540	166	.....	5,706	1,429
1892.....	3,040	210	.....	3,250	763
1893.....	4,010	.....	.....	4,010	955
1894.....	4,986	.....	.....	4,986	1,280