

919. The imports of salt have been as follows:—

IMPORTS OF SALT FOR HOME CONSUMPTION INTO CANADA, 1868-1894.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	DUTIABLE.			FREE.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Duty.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$	\$	Tons.	\$
1868.				68,549	492,068
1869.				50,197	442,571
1870.	*185	2,265	330	95,163	540,557
1871.	+2,090	17,882	3,732	81,462	304,137
1872.				71,357	312,251
1873.				56,633	287,388
1874.				80,495	463,275
1875.				71,822	316,439
1876.				85,555	352,083
1877.				86,862	348,020
1878.				76,681	324,704
1879.	105	1,451	230	87,143	400,924
1880.	363	3,916	730	106,357	400,167
1881.	1,294	6,355	2,254	115,820	488,278
1882.	1,840	12,318	4,151	83,092	311,489
1883.	6,068	36,223	13,904	123,374	386,144
1884.	6,385	38,949	15,052	112,695	321,243
1885.	5,199	31,726	12,263	85,786	255,719
1886.	6,183	39,181	14,402	90,103	255,359
1887.	5,206	35,670	12,655	101,521	285,455
1888.	5,255	32,136	15,042	92,083	220,975
1889.	5,595	38,968	15,563	90,424	253,009
1890.	7,568	57,549	20,537	79,245	252,291
1891.	7,570	59,311	21,056	97,746	321,239
1892.	9,324	65,963	13,065	100,916	314,995
1893.	10,689	79,838	15,306	95,788	281,462
1894.	7,934	53,336	11,386	98,334	328,300

* From April 7th. † To April 1st, 1871.

920. The total output of salt in the United States in 1889 was 8,005,565 barrels, valued at \$4,195,412; in 1890, 8,776,991 barrels, valued at \$4,752,286; in 1891, 9,987,945 barrels, valued at \$4,716,121; in 1892, 11,698,890 barrels, valued at \$5,654,915; in 1893, 11,435,487 barrels, valued at \$5,717,743, and in 1894 of 11,502,975 barrels, valued at \$5,396,956.

SILVER.

921. The total production of silver in Canada in 1890 was 400,687 ounces, valued at \$420,722; in 1891 it was 414,651 ounces, valued at \$406,233; in 1892, 310,651 ounces, valued at \$269,489; in 1893, 414,975 ounces, valued at \$321,423, and in 1894, 649,586 ounces, valued at \$409,239.

These figures are far behind those of 1872 and 1873 which were years when great activity prevailed and when one or two mines in Ontario, principally one called Silver Islet in Lake Superior, a mere rock whose greatest diameter was 75 feet, produced over three million dollars in a short time.