

PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS OF CRUDE GYPSUM, 1886-1894.

YEAR.	PRODUCTION.		EXPORTS.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$
1886	162,000	178,742	107,237	114,736
1887	154,008	157,277	148,533	166,514
1888	175,887	179,393	124,515	133,238
1889	213,273	205,108	176,875	189,491
1890	226,509	194,033	175,111	193,899
1891	203,605	206,251	172,496	184,977
1892	241,048	241,127	175,518	194,304
1893	192,568	196,150	176,489	178,979
1894	223,631	202,031	162,412	160,082

BUILDING STONE.

936. The production of building stone in Canada during the past eight years has, as far as known, been :—

—	Cubic yards.	Value.
1886	165,777	\$642,509
1887	262,592	552,267
1888	411,570	641,712
1889	341,337	913,691
1890	382,563	964,733
1891	187,685	708,702
1892	219,747	608,301
1893	220,000	609,827
1894	* 1,200,000

*Estimated.

The above figures are from actual returns, and are supposed to represent about four-fifths of the total production.

There is not space in a work of this kind to take up all the minor mineral productions in detail. The table, at the commencement of the chapter, of mineral productions in 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894 will be some guide to their annual value.

MINING LAWS.

937. A brief resumé of the mining laws of the Dominion of Canada and of the several provinces is here given.

938. Under the Union Act of 1867, mines and minerals were placed under the care of the Provincial Governments.