

670. In quality the Vancouver Island bituminous coals are found to be superior for all practical purposes to any coals on the Pacific coast. They rank in San Francisco with the West Hartley coals.

671. In the Comox district the productive measures show ten seams of coal with a total of 29 feet 3 inches, the thickest seam being 10 feet.

672. The character of the coal is evidenced by the following analysis :—

—	Slow Coking.	Fast Coking.
Water.....	1·47	1·47
Volatile combustible.....	28·19	32·69
Fixed carbon.....	64·05	59·55
Ash.....	6·29	6·29

673. Anthracite in 3-feet and 6-feet seams, comparing favourably with that from Pennsylvania, has been found in Queen Charlotte's Island.

Samples analysed give the following results :—

	Sample 1.	Sample 2.
Water.....	1·60	7·89
Volatile combustible.....	5·02	4·77
Fixed carbon.....	83·09	85·76
Ash.....	8·76	6·69
Sulphur.....	1·53	0·89

674. The following gives the production of coal in Canada, by provinces, during the last five years, the figures in each year, however, being subject to revision :—

PRODUCTION OF COAL IN CANADA, 1891 to 1895.

PROVINCES.	Tons of 2,000 lbs.				
	1891.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.
Nova Scotia.....	2,290,158	2,175,913	* 1,884,638	2,464,262	2,339,954
British Columbia.....	1,152,588	925,495	1,095,689	1,134,507	1,052,412
Manitoba and N. W. Territories... }	180,330	191,139	221,415	268,000	120,318
New Brunswick.....					
Total.....	3,623,076	3,292,547	3,201,742	3,666,769	3,512,504

*Nine months only.