

675. The following table shows the production and distribution of coal, by counties, in Nova Scotia, for the year ended 30th September, 1895:—

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF COAL IN NOVA SCOTIA, 1895.

COUNTIES.	Coal Raised.	SOLD FOR		Total Sold.
		Home Consumption.	Export from Province.	
	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.
Cumberland	554,813	142,006	330,869	472,875
Pictou	466,296	263,193	149,845	413,038
Cape Breton	1,305,865	298,073	857,029	1,155,102
Other Counties	12,980	5,734	4,371	10,105
Total	2,339,954	709,006	1,342,114	2,051,120

* Tons of 2,000 lbs.

Contrasting these figures with 1888, the increase in quantity raised in the Cumberland basin is about 15 per cent, and in Cape Breton about 40 per cent. "Other counties" did not appear in the statement of 1888. The greatest absolute gain is in the Cape Breton basin.

Taking the totals, the proportions in 1895 were: round, 70·8 per cent; slack, 21·1 per cent, and run of mine, 8·1 per cent. In 1888 the proportions were: round coal, 65·9 per cent; slack, 21·2 per cent, and run of mine, 12·9 per cent. The increase has, therefore, been in the round coal, showing improvement in the methods of mining.

Formerly, large quantities of "culm" coal accumulated at the several mines, and became a cause of expense to owners. But with the development of manufacturing this culm has become a source of profit, being in demand for purposes where a great degree of heat is required.

676. The following table shows the production and distribution of coal in Nova Scotia for six years:—

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF COAL IN NOVA SCOTIA, 1890-95.

YEARS.	Coal Raised.	SOLD FOR		Total Sold.
		Home Consumption.	Export from Provinces.	
	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.
1890	2,222,081	674,191	1,326,254	2,000,444
1891	2,290,158	716,505	1,355,433	2,071,938
1892	2,175,914	698,855	1,264,431	1,963,286
1893†	1,884,639	524,079	1,140,156	1,664,235
1894‡	2,464,263	752,509	1,509,602	2,262,111
1895	2,339,954	709,006	1,342,114	2,051,120

* Tons of 2,000 lbs. † For 9 months ended 30th Sept. ‡ Year ended 30th Sept.

677. In British Columbia, the only collieries at present in operation are on Vancouver Island, and are situated at Nanaimo, Wellington and Union, and are three in number. Shafts are being sunk and prospecting carried on on Tumbo Island, between Victoria and the mainland, and also at Kamloops, on the mainland, but the output at present is nil.