

The total output in 1895 was 1,052,412 tons of 2,000 pounds, as compared with 1,134,507 tons in 1894, a decrease of 82,095 tons.

678. The following are details of the production and distribution of British Columbian coal:—

COLLIERIES.	Coal Raised.	* Home Consumption.	Sold for for export.	Coal on hand 1st January, 1895.
	† Tons.	† Tons.	† Tons.	† Tons.
Nanaimo.....	378,782	113,287	262,441	4,040
Wellington.....	377,334	57,214	330,263	25,683
Union.....	296,296	40,450	254,390	13,477
Total	1,052,412	210,951	847,094	43,200

* Including coal used in the collieries.

† Tons of 2,000 pounds.

The coal is bituminous and of a very high quality, commanding a better price at San Francisco than any United States coal. In an analysis published by the State Mineralogist of California, in 1887, the relative values for steam of British Columbian and Washington Territory coal were given as follows: Wellington, 1,047; Nanaimo, 1,335, and Seattle, 1,330.

679. The next table shows the production of coal in the provinces of Nova Scotia and British Columbia in each year since 1874:—

PRODUCTION OF COAL IN NOVA SCOTIA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA,
1874 TO 1895.

YEAR.	Nova Scotia.	British Columbia.	Total.
	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.
1874.....	977,446	81,000	1,058,446
1875.....	874,905	110,000	984,905
1876.....	794,803	139,000	933,803
1877.....	848,395	154,000	1,002,395
1878.....	863,081	171,000	1,034,081
1879.....	882,863	241,000	1,123,863
1880.....	1,156,635	268,000	1,424,635
1881.....	1,259,182	228,000	1,487,182
1882.....	1,529,708	282,000	1,811,708
1883.....	1,593,259	213,000	1,806,259
1884.....	1,556,010	394,070	1,950,080
1885.....	1,514,470	365,000	1,879,470
1886.....	1,682,924	326,636	2,009,560
1887.....	1,871,338	413,360	2,284,698
1888.....	1,989,263	548,017	2,537,280
1889.....	1,967,032	649,409	2,616,441
1890.....	2,222,081	759,517	2,981,598
1891.....	2,290,158	1,152,588	3,442,746
1892.....	2,175,913	925,495	3,101,408
1893.....	†1,884,638	1,095,689	2,980,327
1894.....	‡2,464,263	1,134,507	3,598,770
1895.....	‡2,339,954	1,052,412	3,392,366
Total.....	34,738,321	10,703,700	45,442,021

* Tons of 2,000 lbs.

† For 9 months only.

‡ Year ended September 30.