

684. The next statement gives the quantities of coal, being the produce of Canada, exported from Nova Scotia, British Columbia and New Brunswick, respectively, during the years 1868 to 1895, inclusive :—

EXPORTS OF COAL FROM NOVA SCOTIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA AND
NEW BRUNSWICK, 1868-95. Tons of 2,000 lbs.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Nova Scotia.	British Columbia.	New Brunswick.	Total.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1868.....	252,760	.....	12,575	265,335
1869.....	431,968	.....	8,175	440,143
1870.....	281,149	.....	5,425	286,574
1871.....	311,116	.....	6,992	318,108
1872.....	292,747	26,761	2,469	321,977
1873.....	364,899	33,786	6,013	404,698
1874.....	360,184	50,671	6,627	417,482
1875.....	222,856	59,355	5,616	287,827
1876.....	170,517	101,908	5,147	277,572
1877.....	140,210	102,830	6,237	249,277
1878.....	185,443	145,542	9,130	340,115
1879.....	134,017	173,789	7,803	315,609
1880.....	132,796	204,525	7,206	344,527
1881.....	190,551	214,243	14,794	419,588
1882.....	196,905	210,556	13,465	420,926
1883.....	216,805	193,485	17,670	427,960
1884.....	213,144	218,856	10,744	442,744
1885.....	201,949	275,621	1,099	478,669
1886.....	232,991	258,671	555	492,217
1887.....	190,788	325,034	156	515,978
1888.....	198,913	350,048	1,202	550,163
1889.....	176,186	452,625	.....	628,811
1890.....	205,630	500,534	710	706,874
1891.....	173,105	647,508	37	820,650
1892.....	210,934	695,560	1,761	908,255
1893.....	189,685	669,792	5,582	865,059
1894.....	240,954	716,304	3,227	960,485
1895.....	276,203	793,965	805	1,070,973
Total.....	6,395,405	7,421,969	161,222	13,978,596

By dividing these returns into five-year periods the following result is obtained :—

Year.	Average yearly export.
1868-72.....	326,427
1873-77.....	327,371
1878-82.....	368,153
1883-87.....	471,513
1888-92.....	722,950
1893-95 (3 years).....	965,516

The development of the export trade is clearly marked. It has been continuous ; it has been, especially in late years, rapid ; and in the last year of the series the export was four times that of the first year (1868).