685. The following table gives the imports of coal by Canada since Confederation:—

IMPORTS OF ANTHRACITE AND BITUMINOUS COAL (FOR HOME CONSUMPTION) INTO CANADA DURING THE YEARS FROM 1868 TO 1895.

(Tons of 2,000 lbs.)

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	COAL ANTHRACITE.				COAL BITUMINOUS.			
YEAR.	Dutiable.		Free.		Dutiable.		Free.	
	Qty.	Value.	Qty.	Value.	Qty.	Value.	Qty.	Value.
	Tons.	*	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$
1868+ 1869- 1870- 1871- 1872- 1873- 1874- 1875- 1876- 1877- 1878- 1879- 1880- 1881- 1882- 1883- 1884- 1885- 1886- 1887- 1888- 1888-	93,895 516,729 572,092 638,273 754,891 868,000 910,324 995,425 949,782	918,288 				*292,387 1,220,716 1,741,568 1,992,081 2,996,198	513,970 456,090 355,347	1,706,154 1,493,169 1,127,877
1890			;1,201,335 ;1,399,067 ;1,479,106 ;1,500,550 ;1,530,522 ;1,404,342	4,595,727 5,224,452 5,640,346 6,355,285 6,354,040 5,350,627	1,409,282 1,598,855 1,615,220 1,603,154 1,359,509 1,444,928	3,528,959 4,060,896 4,099,221 3,967,764		

^{*} Coal and coke, all kinds. † Imports of coal into Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia only. ‡ Anthracite coal dust included.

^{686.} The following table gives the imports of coal for home consumption into the several provinces during the last eight years, the figures being taken from the Trade and Navigation Returns. It must not be forgotten that these figures are made up from the import entries only of each province, and that they do not pretend to represent the consumption of each province.