

702. Under the Ontario Act mentioned in paragraph 699, the Hamilton Iron and Steel Company began operations on 1st February, 1896, and to the 2nd April, 1896, had used 5,291 tons of Canadian ore and 2,785 tons of United States ore. From the Canadian ore they made 2,630 gross tons of pig-iron, and from the United States ore 1,146 gross tons of pig-iron.

703. The total production of iron ore in Canada in 1890 was 76,511 tons, valued at the mines at \$155,380. In 1891 the quantity produced was 68,979 tons, valued at \$152,005; in 1892, 103,248 tons, valued at \$254,206; in 1893, 124,702 tons, valued at \$298,018; in 1894, 109,991 tons, valued at \$226,611. In Nova Scotia, the quantity produced in 1891 was 57,311 tons; in 1892, 75,000 tons; for the nine months ended 30th September, 1893, 66,837 tons; in 1894, 83,512 tons, and in 1895, 79,636 tons. The quantity of pig-iron made in 1890 was 21,772, valued at \$331,688; in 1891, 23,891 tons, valued at \$368,901; in 1892, 42,443 tons, valued at \$637,421; in 1893, 55,947 tons, valued at \$790,283, and in 1894, 49,967 tons, valued at \$646,447.

The quantity of steel produced in Canada during the fiscal year ended 30th June, 1894, was 17,032 net tons.

With the mileage of railways the country has, and with the increase in that mileage which each year will bring, there is reasonable ground for the belief that this country can enter upon the manufacture of steel with good prospects of ultimate success. During the past 16 years no less than 11,784 miles of railway in Canada have been laid with steel rails. At 100 tons to the mile this would give 1,178,400 tons of steel rails imported.

704. The following table gives the quantity and value of iron ore exported from Canada since 1867:—

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Quantity.	Value.	YEAR.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$		Tons.	\$
1868.....	25,312	54,723	1882.....	43,835	135,463
1869.....	27,848	60,298	1883.....	44,944	138,775
1870.....	15,232	34,927	1884.....	25,308	66,549
1871.....	26,825	58,068	1885.....	54,367	132,074
1872.....	26,165	64,904	1886.....	7,542	23,039
1873.....	47,200	112,336	1887.....	23,387	71,944
1874.....	44,278	97,740	1888.....	13,544	39,945
1875.....	32,443	75,917	1889.....	24,752	60,289
1876.....	14,286	30,702	1890.....	13,811	31,366
1877.....	7,755	14,854	1891.....	14,648	32,582
1878.....	5,421	13,405	1892.....	7,707	*36,935
1879.....	3,562	7,530	1893.....	7,811	26,114
1880.....	50,524	76,474	1894.....	1,859	9,026
1881.....	44,677	114,850	1895†.....	4,729	43,088
			Total.....	659,772	1,663,917

\* This value is apparently incorrectly given in the Trade and Navigation Returns. Includes 2,414 tons of chromic iron valued at \$27,345.