

738. Production by countries is given as follows:—

	Barrels.
United States, 1894.....	48,527,336
Russia, Baku, 1893.....	33,104,126
“ elsewhere, 1890.....	251,543
Austria-Hungary, 1890.....	816,000
Canada, 1894.....	829,104
Peru, 1890.....	350,000
India, 1891.....	146,107
Germany, 1892.....	103,323
France, 1891.....	70,000
Japan, 1890.....	48,027
Argentine, 1891.....	21,000
Italy, 1891.....	8,085
Great Britain.....	1,526
Other countries.....	200,000

NATURAL GAS.

739. Natural gas has been known to exist in Canada for many years, but no attempt to put it to any practical use was made until July, 1885, when a well was sunk at Port Colborne, Ont., from which gas was utilized in the following August. Since then numerous wells have been sunk, but the two most productive gas fields thus far discovered are situated in Ontario, one in Essex county, and one in Welland, the daily flow of gas in the latter county being 30,895,000 cubic feet. A pipe line connection has been made from these wells with the city of Buffalo. In Essex county one well has a daily flow of 7,000,000 cubic feet, which gas is utilized in lighting the streets of Kingsville. Gas has also been found in small quantities in Quebec and the North-west Territories. The estimated available daily flow of natural gas in Ontario in January, 1891, was 50,000,000 cubic feet. The gross amount received from sales of natural gas in 1893 was nearly \$367,000; in 1894, \$313,754, and 1895, \$423,032.

740. Natural gas has been found in considerable quantities in the United States, and has been largely utilized. It is not easy, for many reasons, to give any exact figures of its consumption, but, measured by the displacement of fuel and the amount actually received from the sale of gas, it appears that in 1893 the value of the natural gas consumed in the United States was \$14,346,250. There has been a falling off since 1888, in which year—the high water mark year—the value was \$22,629,825, the decrease in 1893 being nearly 37 per cent. There was a falling off in 1894, for which year the value is given at \$11,000,000.

SALT.

741. The salt produced in the Dominion is almost all manufactured in the Province of Ontario, the census returns showing 19 establishments in