

decrease in the business there is a corresponding difficulty in procuring returns from the manufacturers." In view of this statement it is probable that the Geological Survey have been more successful in obtaining full returns. It is hardly likely that the other provinces produce any such quantity as a comparison of the figures of the Geological Survey and the Ontario Bureau of Mines suggests. The divergency suggests closer examination on the part of the collectors of statistics, both federal and provincial.

743. The exports of Canadian salt have been since 1876 as follows:—

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Ontario.	Quebec.	Other Provinces.	Total.	Value.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	\$
1876.....	870,437	2,566	42	873,045	90,931
1877.....	785,973	3,626	.....	789,599	82,323
1878.....	655,131	2,661	.....	657,792	53,585
1879.....	551,145	3,496	70	554,711	48,667
1880.....	488,676	2,423	50	491,149	45,903
1881.....	248,638	4,917	.....	253,555	39,566
1882.....	378,968	2,508	.....	381,476	36,418
1883.....	197,159	26	.....	197,185	17,511
1884.....	181,742	.....	.....	181,742	17,408
1885.....	107,523	.....	.....	107,523	12,326
1886.....	384,283	210	.....	384,493	26,749
1887.....	106,295	.....	348	106,443	9,463
1888.....	131,010	.....	570	131,580	10,044
1889.....	12,818	208	150	13,176	3,750
1890.....	5,830	25	216	6,071	1,522
1891.....	5,540	166	.....	5,706	1,429
1892.....	3,040	210	.....	3,250	763
1893.....	4,010	.....	.....	4,010	955
1894.....	4,986	.....	.....	4,986	1,280
1895.....	5,402	.....	.....	5,402	1,136

744. The imports of salt have been as follows:—

IMPORTS OF SALT FOR HOME CONSUMPTION INTO CANADA, 1868-95.

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	DUTIABLE.			FREE.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Duty.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$	\$	Tons.	\$
1868.....	.....	.....	.....	68,549	492,068
1869.....	.....	.....	.....	50,197	442,571
1870.....	*185	2,265	330	95,163	540,557
1871.....	†2,090	17,882	3,732	81,462	304,137
1872.....	.....	.....	.....	71,357	312,251
1873.....	.....	.....	.....	56,633	287,388
1874.....	.....	.....	.....	80,495	463,275
1875.....	.....	.....	.....	71,822	316,439

*From April 7th. †To April 1st, 1871.