

at \$396,718 ; in 1894 to 6,229, valued at \$339,756 ; in 1895 to 8,593 tons, valued at \$493,075.

GYPSUM.

759. Gypsum is at present worked only in Ontario, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, though deposits of a certain quality have been found in Manitoba and the Territories. Gypsum is one of the oldest worked of any of the deposits of the country. In 1701 large quantities of it were mined by the French in St. John (New Brunswick) and transported to Port Royal (now Annapolis Royal), where it was used in connection with the building operations then being carried on there. Nearly one-half of the production of 1894 is credited to Nova Scotia. Of the exports of crude gypsum, nearly 80 per cent goes from Nova Scotia; the market for it is almost altogether in the United States. From the following table it will be seen that the greater part of the production is exported in a crude state :—

PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS OF CRUDE GYPSUM, 1886-95.

YEAR.	PRODUCTION.		EXPORTS.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$
1886.....	162,000	178,742	107,237	114,736
1887.....	154,008	157,277	148,533	166,514
1888.....	175,887	179,393	124,515	133,238
1889.....	213,273	205,108	176,875	189,491
1890.....	226,509	194,033	175,111	193,899
1891.....	203,605	206,251	172,496	184,977
1892.....	241,048	241,127	175,518	194,304
1893.....	192,568	196,150	176,489	178,979
1894.....	223,631	202,031	162,412	160,082
1895.....	226,178	202,608	160,898	156,897

BUILDING STONE.

760. The production of building stone in Canada during the past nine years has, as far as known, been :—

—	Cubic yards.	Value.
1886.....	165,777	\$642,509
1887.....	262,592	552,267
1888.....	411,570	641,712
1889.....	341,337	913,691
1890.....	382,563	964,783
1891.....	187,685	708,702
1892.....	219,747	608,301
1893.....	220,000	609,827
1894.....		*1,200,000
1895.....		*1,200,000

*Estimated.