

The following table shows the production and distribution of coal in Nova Scotia for seven years :—

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF COAL IN NOVA SCOTIA, 1890-96.

YEARS.	Coal Raised.	SOLD FOR		Total Sold.
		Home Consumption.	Export from Provinces.	
	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.
1890.....	2,222,081	674,191	1,326,254	2,000,444
1891 ..	2,290,158	716,505	1,355,433	2,071,938
1892 ..	2,175,914	698,855	1,264,431	1,963,286
1893† ..	1,884,639	524,079	1,140,156	1,664,235
1894‡ ..	2,464,263	752,509	1,509,602	2,262,111
1895 ..	2,339,954	709,006	1,342,114	2,051,120
1896.....	2,503,728	746,371	1,546,417	2,292,788

* Tons of 2,000 lbs. † For 9 months ended 30th Sept. ‡ Year ended 30th Sept.

Of the total sold in 1896, the Cumberland mines produced 473,517 tons; the Pictou, 393,396 tons; the Cape Breton, 1,408,245 tons, and other mines, 17,130 tons.

In British Columbia, the only collieries at present in operation are on Vancouver Island, and are situated at Nanaimo, Wellington Union, and West Wellington, and are four in number.

The following are details of the production and distribution of British Columbian coal :—

COLLIERIES.	Coal Raised.	* Home Consumption.	Sold for Export.	Coal on hand 1st January, 1896.
	† Tons.	† Tons.	† Tons.	† Tons.
Nanaimo	359,045	102,375	260,328	7,094
Wellington	380,684	115,504	264,226	15,437
Union	261,643	74,646	185,791	14,933
West Wellington.....	896	896		
Total.....	1,002,268	293,421	710,345	37,464

* Including coal used in the collieries.

† Tons of 2,000 lbs.