

veins of rich copper ores have been mined for years. On Lake Superior the native copper, which has been so extensively and profitably worked on the Michigan shore, exists in large quantities along the Canadian shore. In Quebec and the other eastern provinces deposits of copper have been found. In British Columbia masses of native copper have been found in various parts of the province. The largest deposits are found in the neighbourhood of Sudbury, in Ontario.

PRODUCTION OF COPPER IN CANADA.

	Pounds.	Valued at
		\$
1890.....	6,013,671	902,050
1891.....	8,928,921	1,160,760
1892.....	7,087,275	826,849
1893.....	8,109,856	875,864
1894.....	8,481,685	805,760
1895.....	8,789,162	949,229
1896.....	9,385,556	1,021,148

The following table gives the exports of copper since Confederation :—

YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Copper, fine.		Copper Ore.		YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE.	Copper, fine.		Copper Ore.	
	Quan- tity.	Value.	Quan- tity.	Value.		Quan- tity.	Value.	Quan- tity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$		Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$
1868.....	135	17,922	5,440	376,298	1882.....	.....	.....	44,744	139,245
1869.....	395	34,110	9,513	482,520	1883.....	.....	.....	4,402	150,479
1870.....	225	21,062	5,227	250,159	1884.....	.....	.....	1,677	214,044
1871.....	.....	.....	3,123	120,121	1885.....	.....	.....	1,257	246,230
1872.....	.....	.....	4,461	103,990	1886.....	.....	.....	5,224	291,397
1873.....	.....	.....	2,588	166,525	1887.....	.....	.....	5,267	181,545
1874.....	.....	.....	3,148	135,077	1888.....	509	50,900	1,509	95,585
1875.....	145	39,314	2,300	103,697	1889.....	76	7,602	1,267½	195,182
1876.....	.....	.....	2,230	352,035	1890.....	1,138	133,251	1,406	111,086
1877.....	.....	.....	1,313	264,442	1891.....	2,418	236,027	3,079	269,169
1878.....	.....	.....	654	119,629	1892.....	1,899	185,848	340	30,755
1879.....	.....	.....	98	19,762	1893.....	3,589	391,969	70	3,850
1880.....	.....	.....	5,883	150,799	1894.....	597	88,352	*	*
1881.....	.....	.....	19,802	150,412	1895.....	1,722	222,677	*	*
					1896.....	1,788	194,771	*	*

*Included in copper, fine.

In 1896 Ontario exported 330,184 pounds, Quebec 368,404 pounds, and British Columbia 2,876,894 pounds.

NICKEL.

In 1883 the first discovery of a deposit of nickeliferous pyrrhotite was made while the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was making a cutting

