

The following table gives the figures of domestic inspected and foreign imported oil since 1882, showing the total quantity of oil consumed in Canada during the period, from which it will be seen that there has been a steady increase in the consumption:—

YEAR.	Canadian Oil.	American Oil.	Total.
	Galls.	Galls.	Galls.
1882.....	5,910,787	3,026,186	8,936,973
1883.....	6,970,550	3,088,414	10,058,964
1884.....	7,656,011	3,148,920	10,804,931
1885.....	7,661,617	3,813,379	11,474,996
1886.....	8,149,472	3,803,724	11,953,196
1887.....	8,243,962	4,309,397	12,553,359
1888.....	9,545,895	4,493,924	14,039,819
1889.....	9,462,834	4,723,698	14,186,532
1890.....	10,121,210	5,075,650	15,196,860
1891.....	10,270,827	5,321,524	15,592,351
1892.....	10,238,426	5,793,636	16,032,062
1893.....	10,683,806	6,249,946	16,933,752
1894.....	10,825,350	6,666,323	17,491,673
1895.....	10,928,894	6,752,425	17,681,319
1896.....	10,530,339	5,804,067	16,334,406

PRODUCTION OF SALT IN CANADA, 1886-96.

YEAR.	Tons.	Value.	INCREASE OR DECREASE IN	
			Quantity.	Value.
			Tons.	\$
1886.....	62,359	227,197	—	—
1887.....	60,173	166,394	— 2,186	— 60,803
1888.....	59,070	185,460	— 1,103	+ 19,066
1889.....	32,832	128,547	— 26,238	— 56,913
1890.....	43,754	198,897	+ 10,922	+ 70,350
1891.....	45,021	161,179	+ 1,267	— 37,718
1892.....	45,486	162,041	+ 465	+ 862
1893.....	62,324	195,926	+ 16,838	+ 33,885
1894.....	57,199	170,687	— 5,125	— 25,293
1895.....	52,376	160,455	— 4,823	— 10,232
1896.....	43,956	169,677	— 8,420	+ 9,222

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