

In the Thetford, Black Lake, Coleraine and Danville districts, in the Eastern Townships, there were 16 companies at work, while two companies were at work in Ottawa County. The exports of asbestos in 1892 amounted to 7,316 tons, valued at \$514,512; in 1893 to 5,898 tons, valued at \$396,718; in 1894 to 6,229 tons, valued at \$339,756; in 1895 to 8,593 tons, valued at \$493,075; in 1896, 9,588 tons, valued at \$482,679.

GYPSUM.

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.

PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS OF CRUDE GYPSUM, 1886-96.

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
1896.....	205,203	174,403	200,857	205,641

BUILDING STONE.

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

YEAR.	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	708,736
1892.....	219,747	609,827
1893.....	220,000	1,100,000
1894.....		1,200,000
1895.....		1,095,000
1896.....		*1,000,000

*Partly estimated.