

The values of the principal articles of mineral production exported by Canada in the last six years, according to the Trade and Navigation Returns, were :

ARTICLES.	EXPORTS, DOMESTIC.					
	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Asbestos	514,412	396,718	339,756	493,075	482,679	510,916
Coal	3,195,467	3,114,558	3,321,565	3,578,195	3,249,069	3,330,017
Copper	216,608	395,819	88,352	222,657	194,771	550,462
Gold	316,177	247,868	318,258	612,729	1,099,053	2,804,101
Gypsum	194,304	178,979	160,082	156,897	205,641	183,376
Iron ore	36,935	26,114	9,026	43,088	39,999	26,979
Iron and steel	243,857	316,454	295,924	308,711	506,946	522,988
Mica	68,466	96,900	26,553	47,469	55,627	61,998
Nickel	617,639	427,557	808,799	599,568	486,651	498,515
Phosphates	330,462	132,475	40,400	33,810	5,280	275
Silver	195,341	65,406	423,797	651,737	1,595,548	2,613,173
Stone and marble	69,209	49,308	46,883	60,405	49,669	47,771
Other articles	308,391	432,868	441,456	668,244	679,493	756,347
Total	6,341,363	5,881,024	6,320,761	7,471,585	8,650,436	11,906,918

The principal countries to which the articles were shipped during the same period were :

COUNTRIES.	1892.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	5,045,694	5,034,429	5,261,568	6,514,476	7,671,574	10,701,824
Great Britain	806,055	367,141	356,008	506,300	371,906	582,579
British possessions	319,593	312,515	393,132	284,736	287,786	325,673
Germany	30,320	39,156	29,307	58,752	171,730	97,191
Japan	4,596	12,564	11	11,269
St. Pierre	35,673	23,751	23,751	19,550	17,765	27,093
Mexico	3,175	1,115	11,485	11	6,023	21,294
Other countries	96,257	90,353	245,510	87,760	123,741	140,195
Total	6,341,363	5,881,024	6,320,761	7,471,585	8,650,436	11,906,918

COAL.

The coal areas of Canada are estimated at 97,200 square miles, not including areas known, but as yet undeveloped, in the far north.

There are 1st, the coal fields of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick ; 2nd, those of the North-west Territories ; 3rd, those of the Rocky Mountains ; and 4th, those of British Columbia. The coal areas of Nova Scotia cover about 635 square miles. They are divided into the Cape Breton, the Pictou and the Cumberland basins. New Brunswick contains, so far as known, no seams of sufficient magnitude to be worked successfully in competition with the Cumberland mines.