

The character of the coal is evidenced by the following analysis :—

	Slow Coking.	Fast Coking.
Water.....	1.47	1.47
Volatile combustible.....	28.19	32.69
Fixed carbon.....	64.05	59.55
Ash.....	6.29	6.29

Anthracite in 3-foot and 6-foot seams, comparing favourably with that from Pennsylvania, has been found in Queen Charlotte's Island.

Samples analysed give the following results :—

	Sample 1.	Sample 2.
Water.....	1.60	7.89
Volatile combustible.....	5.02	4.77
Fixed carbon.....	83.09	85.76
Ash.....	8.76	6.69
Sulphur.....	1.58	0.89

The following gives the production of coal in Canada, by provinces, during the years 1874-97 :—

PRODUCTION OF COAL IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, 1874-97.

Calendar Year.	Nova Scotia.	British Columbia.	Manitoba and the Territories	New Brunswick	Total Production.
	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.
1874..	972,954	90,788			1,063,742
1875..	930,613	109,361			1,039,974
1876..	837,755	157,007			994,762
1877..	880,215	156,455			1,036,670
1878..	875,994	213,750			1,089,744
1879..	866,220	260,277			1,126,497
1880..	1,777,669	305,045			1,482,714
1881..	1,280,050	257,056			1,537,106
1882..	1,524,947	323,201			1,848,148
1883..	1,578,009	240,075			1,818,684
1884..	1,543,829	441,130			1,984,959
1885..	1,547,990	372,987			1,920,977
1886..	1,698,018	375,415		43,220	2,116,653
1887..	1,858,596	486,142	74,152	10,440	2,429,330
1888..	1,942,231	539,467	115,124	5,730	2,602,552
1889..	1,918,827	636,439	97,364	5,673	2,658,303
1890..	2,181,033	767,586	128,953	7,110	3,084,682
1891..	2,267,919	1,130,277	174,131	5,422	3,577,749
1892..	2,159,389	937,218	134,370	6,768	3,287,745
1893..	2,444,924	1,093,980	238,395	6,200	3,783,499
1894..	2,527,982	1,112,628	199,991	6,469	3,847,070
1895..	2,225,145	1,058,045	185,654	9,500	3,478,344
1896..	2,508,579	1,003,769	225,868	7,500	3,745,716
1897..	†2,465,387	‡988,796			3,876,201

* Tons of 2,000 lbs. † Taken from N. S. report. Year ends 30th Sept.

‡ Taken from B. C. report. || Subject to revision.