

The following table shows the production and distribution of coal in Nova Scotia, 1872-97 :—

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF COAL IN NOVA SCOTIA, 1872-97.

Calendar Year.	Quantity Sold.	Colliery Consumption	†Production	Value of Production.
	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.	\$
1872	880,224	123,582	1,003,806	1,568,446
1873	986,839	121,406	1,108,245	1,731,682
1874	839,022	133,932	972,954	1,520,240
1875	791,610	139,003	930,613	1,454,084
1876	710,312	127,443	837,755	1,308,901
1877	769,513	110,702	880,215	1,375,339
1878	776,732	99,262	875,994	1,368,741
1879	771,259	94,961	866,220	1,353,469
1880	1,069,218	108,451	1,777,669	1,840,108
1881	1,159,216	120,834	1,280,050	2,000,079
1882	1,400,200	124,747	1,524,947	2,382,730
1883	1,453,226	125,383	1,578,609	2,466,576
1884	1,413,048	130,781	1,543,829	2,412,233
1885	1,405,031	142,939	1,547,990	2,418,725
1886	1,538,506	159,512	1,698,018	2,653,152
1887	1,702,046	156,550	1,858,596	2,904,057
1888	1,765,895	176,336	1,942,231	3,034,735
1889	1,741,720	177,107	1,918,827	2,998,167
1890	2,000,444	180,589	2,181,033	3,407,864
1891	2,071,938	195,981	2,267,919	3,543,624
1892	1,963,286	196,103	2,159,389	3,374,046
1893	2,214,848	230,076	2,444,924	3,820,194
1894	2,308,231	219,751	2,527,982	3,949,970
1895	2,008,270	216,875	2,225,145	3,476,790
1896	2,292,447	216,132	2,508,579	3,919,655
1897 ‡	2,555,031	210,356	2,465,387	3,852,168

* Tons of 2,000 lbs. † Sales and colliery consumption. ‡ Taken from N.S. report.