

In British Columbia, the only collieries at present in operation are on Vancouver Island, and are situated at Nanaimo, Wellington Union, and West Wellington, and are four in number.

The following are details of the production and distribution of British Columbian coal, 1874-97.

Calendar Year.	Quantity Sold for Export.	†Home Consumption.	‡Production.	Value of Production.
	*Tons.	*Tons.	*Tons.	\$
1874	62,762	28,026	90,788	243,183
1875	74,359	35,002	109,361	292,932
1876	137,009	19,998	157,007	420,555
1877	129,227	27,228	156,455	419,076
1878	184,444	29,306	213,750	572,544
1879	215,147	45,130	260,277	697,170
1880	252,950	52,095	305,045	817,086
1881	212,041	45,015	257,056	688,542
1882	260,300	62,901	323,201	865,716
1883	167,515	72,560	240,075	643,059
1884	343,255	97,875	441,130	1,181,598
1885	266,332	106,655	372,987	999,072
1886	279,110	96,305	375,415	1,005,576
1887	375,026	111,122	486,142	1,302,165
1888	409,600	129,867	539,467	1,445,001
1889	496,916	139,523	636,439	1,704,747
1890	569,262	198,324	767,586	2,056,035
1891	903,256	227,021	1,130,277	3,027,528
1892	717,448	219,770	937,218	2,510,406
1893	861,187	232,793	1,093,980	2,930,304
1894	926,959	185,669	1,112,628	2,980,254
1895	847,094	210,951	1,058,045	2,834,049
1896	710,346	293,423	1,003,769	2,688,666
1897 	679,751	309,045	988,796	2,648,562

* Tons of 2,000 lbs. † Including coal used in the collieries.

‡ Home consumption and quantity sold for export. || Taken from B.C. report