

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.					
	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Asbestos	396,718	339,756	493,075	482,679	510,916	510,368
Coal	3,114,558	3,321,565	3,578,195	3,249,969	3,330,017	3,273,415
Copper	395,819	88,352	222,657	194,771	550,462	864,778
Gold	247,868	318,258	612,729	1,099,053	2,804,101	3,587,953
Gypsum	178,979	160,082	156,897	205,641	183,376	193,515
Iron ore	26,114	9,026	43,088	39,999	26,979	24,392
Iron and steel	316,454	295,924	308,711	506,946	522,988	606,082
Lead, metallic, contained in ore, &c.	*2,329	65,337	333,763	408,625	522,327	1,008,147
Mica	96,900	26,553	47,469	55,627	61,998	69,513
Nickel	427,557	808,799	599,568	486,651	498,515	970,531
Phosphates	132,475	40,400	33,810	5,280	275	1,090
Silver	65,406	423,707	651,737	1,595,548	2,613,173	3,519,786
Stone and marble	49,308	46,883	60,405	49,669	47,771	61,030
Other articles	430,539	376,119	329,481	270,868	234,020	527,347
Total	5,881,024	6,320,761	7,471,585	8,650,436	11,906,918	15,210,947

* Lead ore.

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

Countries.	1893.	1894.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States	5,034,429	5,261,568	6,514,476	7,671,574	10,701,824	14,087,136
Great Britain	367,141	356,008	506,300	371,806	582,579	509,298
British possessions	312,515	393,132	284,736	287,786	325,573	331,630
Germany	39,156	29,307	58,752	171,730	97,191	61,180
Japan	12,564	11	11,269	4,723
St. Pierre	23,751	23,751	19,550	17,765	27,093	26,556
Mexico	1,115	11,485	11	6,023	21,294	11,486
Other countries	90,353	245,510	87,760	123,741	140,095	178,938
Total	5,881,024	6,320,761	7,471,585	8,650,436	11,906,918	15,210,947

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