

ASBESTUS.

The following table, made up from returns furnished by the producers, gives the quantity and value of shipments from 1879 to 1887, after which the amount of production is given. It is believed, however, that, in some of the earlier years, the output was sometimes given instead of the quantity shipped, and, according to returns of shipments made by the Quebec Central Railway, the aggregate quantity is too high.

SHIPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF ASBESTUS IN CANADA, 1879 TO 1898.

Calendar Year.	Quantity.	Value.	Calendar Year.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	§		Tons.	§
1879.....	300	19,500	1889.....	6,113	426,554
1880.....	380	24,700	1890.....	9,860	1,230,240
1881.....	540	35,100	1891.....	9,279	999,878
1882.....	810	52,650	1892.....	6,082	390,462
1883.....	955	68,750	1893.....	6,331	310,156
1884.....	1,141	75,097	1894.....	7,630	420,825
1885.....	2,440	142,441	1895.....	8,756	368,175
1886.....	3,458	206,251	1896.....	12,250	429,856
1887.....	4,619	226,976	1897.....	30,442	445,368
1888.....	4,404	255,007	1898*.....	23,785	486,227

* Subject to revision.

EXPORTS OF ASBESTUS, 1892-98.

Year ended 30th June.	Quantity.	Value.	Year ended 30th June.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	§		Tons.	§
1892.....	7,316	514,512	1896.....	9,588	482,679
1893.....	5,898	396,718	1897.....	10,969	510,916
1894.....	6,229	339,756	1898.....	18,424	510,368
1895.....	8,593	493,075			