

Petrolea being the largest oil-producing districts. The oil is obtained at a depth of from 370 to 500 feet.

The following table contains the only trustworthy statistics of Canadian production of oil that are available, and these figures do not give the total production, since the quantity of crude oil, used as such, is not included.

CANADIAN PETROLEUM AND NAPHTHA INSPECTED, AND CORRESPONDING QUANTITIES OF CRUDE OIL, 1881-99.

Year ended 30th June.	Refined Oils.	Crude equivalent calculated.	Ratio of Crude to Refined.	Equivalent in Barrels of 35 Gallons.
	Imp. galls.	Imp. galls.		
1881.....	6,406,783	12,813,566	100 : 50	366,142
1882.....	5,910,747	13,134,993	100 : 45	375,285
1883.....	6,970,550	15,490,111	100 : 45	442,575
1884.....	7,656,001	19,140,002	100 : 40	546,857
1885.....	7,661,617	19,154,042	100 : 40	547,258
1886.....	8,149,472	21,445,979	100 : 38	612,742
1887.....	8,243,962	21,694,637	100 : 38	619,847
1888.....	9,545,895	25,120,776	100 : 38	717,736
1889.....	9,462,834	24,902,195	100 : 38	711,491
1890.....	10,121,210	26,634,763	100 : 38	760,993
1891.....	10,270,107	27,028,492	100 : 38	772,243
1892.....	10,238,426	26,943,227	100 : 38	769,806
1893.....	10,683,806	28,115,278	100 : 38	803,294
1894.....	10,824,270	28,484,921	100 : 38	813,855
1895.....	10,936,992	26,040,457	100 : 42	744,013
1896.....	10,533,951	25,080,835	100 : 42	716,595
1897.....	10,506,526	25,015,538	100 : 42	714,730
1898.....	10,796,847	25,706,778	100 : 42	734,479
1899.....	11,005,414	26,203,366	100 : 42	748,667

According to returns from refiners, the production of all kinds by Canadian oil refiners in 1897, 1898 and 1899 (calendar years) was as follows :—

PRODUCTION OF OIL REFINERIES IN CANADA, 1897, 1898 AND 1899.

Articles.	1897.		1898.		1899.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Gallons.	\$	Gallons.	\$	Gallons.	\$
Illuminating oils.....	10,493,449	1,064,130	11,804,667	1,189,871	11,883,627	1,197,870
Benzine and naphtha...	747,163	71,978	1,229,407	120,651	707,359	69,533
Paraffine oils.....	930,490	136,283	850,863	114,191	†	†
Gas and fuel oils.....	6,723,683	249,615	6,399,298	245,101	†	†
Lubricating oils and tar	1,148,847	62,058	868,957	53,479	†	†
Total, gallons....	20,043,632	1,584,064	21,153,192	1,723,293	†	†
Paraffine wax (lbs.)....	1,805,365	81,191	2,522,834	101,972	†	†
Axle grease (lbs.)....	227,079	7,174	*	*	†	†
Total, value.....	1,672,429	1,825,265	†	†

* Not specified.

† The Imperial Oil Company, on being applied to, refused to give any information; the return, therefore, is incomplete.

‡ Estimated at price of 1898.