

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.					
	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Asbestos .....	493,075	482,679	510,916	510,368	453,176	490,909
Coal .....	3,578,195	3,249,069	3,330,017	3,273,415	3,562,794	4,599,602
Copper .....	222,657	194,771	550,462	864,778	922,979	1,387,388
Gold - bearing quartz, dust, nuggets, &c. ....	612,729	1,099,053	2,804,101	3,587,953	3,272,702	14,148,543
Gypsum .....	156,897	205,641	183,376	193,515	166,222	236,065
Iron ore .....	43,088	39,999	26,979	24,392	21,415	24,034
Iron and steel .....	308,711	506,946	522,988	606,082	706,411	1,425,163
Lead, metallic, con- tained in ore, &c. ....	333,763	408,625	522,327	1,008,147	895,349	688,691
Mica .....	47,469	55,627	61,998	69,513	148,239	136,352
Nickel .....	599,568	486,651	498,515	970,531	994,537	1,040,498
Phosphates .....	33,810	5,280	275	1,090	9,290	2,285
Silver .....	651,737	1,595,548	2,613,173	3,519,786	2,630,281	1,354,053
Stone and marble .....	60,405	49,669	47,771	61,030	62,047	130,207
Other articles .....	329,481	270,868	234,020	529,347	297,707	452,287
Total .....	7,471,585	8,650,436	11,906,918	15,210,947	14,143,149	26,116,077

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

Countries.	1895.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States .....	6,514,476	7,671,574	10,701,824	14,087,136	12,913,311	24,355,843
Great Britain .....	506,300	371,806	582,579	509,298	399,031	524,851
British possessions .....	284,736	287,786	325,573	331,630	441,059	580,198
Germany .....	58,752	171,730	97,191	61,180	34,008	155,612
Japan .....		11	11,269	4,723	477	10,965
St. Pierre .....	19,550	17,765	27,093	26,556	25,318	26,719
Mexico .....	11	6,023	21,294	11,486	8,078	49,459
Other countries .....	87,760	123,741	140,095	178,938	321,867	412,436
Total .....	7,471,585	8,650,436	11,906,918	15,210,947	14,143,149	26,116,077

### 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