

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.					
	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Asbestos . . . . .	482,679	510,916	510,368	453,176	490,909	864,573
Coal . . . . .	3,249,069	3,330,017	3,273,415	3,562,794	4,599,602	5,307,060
Coke . . . . .	74	3,802	7,341	15,684	33,770	192,910
Copper . . . . .	194,771	550,462	864,778	922,979	1,387,388	2,659,261
Gold-bearing quartz, dust, nuggets, &c . . . . .	1,099,053	2,804,101	3,587,953	3,272,702	14,148,543	24,445,156
Gypsum . . . . .	205,641	183,376	193,515	166,222	236,065	185,208
Iron ore . . . . .	39,999	26,979	24,392	21,415	24,034	167,266
Iron and steel . . . . .	506,946	522,988	606,082	706,411	1,425,163	1,432,961
Lead, metallic contained in ore, &c . . . . .	408,625	522,327	1,008,147	895,349	688,691	2,517,084
Lime . . . . .	76,451	56,720	48,307	64,112	77,325	83,439
Mica . . . . .	55,627	61,998	69,513	148,239	136,352	149,588
Nickel . . . . .	486,651	498,515	970,531	994,537	1,040,498	958,365
Phosphates . . . . .	5,280	275	1,090	9,290	2,285	120
Silver . . . . .	1,595,548	2,613,173	3,519,786	2,630,281	1,354,053	2,420,750
Stone and marble . . . . .	49,669	47,771	61,030	62,047	130,207	143,827
Other articles . . . . .	278,656	239,256	521,900	298,414	454,601	783,232
Total . . . . .	8,734,739	11,972,676	15,268,148	14,223,652	26,229,486	42,310,800

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

Countries.	1896.	1897.	1898.	1899.	1900.	1901.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
United States . . . . .	7,750,781	10,760,039	14,141,657	12,991,852	24,451,241	39,338,754
Great Britain . . . . .	371,806	582,579	509,298	399,031	524,851	1,310,593
British Possessions . . . . .	292,731	332,999	331,935	442,715	580,455	561,109
Germany . . . . .	171,730	97,191	61,180	34,008	165,612	396,496
Japan . . . . .	11	11,269	4,723	477	13,065	13,325
St. Pierre . . . . .	17,919	27,199	26,677	25,624	26,811	33,811
Mexico . . . . .	6,023	21,294	13,740	8,078	58,839	42,703
Other countries . . . . .	123,738	140,106	178,938	321,867	418,612	614,009
Total . . . . .	8,734,739	11,972,676	15,268,148	14,223,652	26,229,486	42,310,800

### 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