

According to returns from refiners, the production of all kinds of Canadian oil refiners in 1898, 1899 and 1900 (calender years) was as follows:—

PRODUCTION OF OIL REFINERIES IN CANADA, 1898, 1899 AND 1900.

Articles.	1898.		†1899.		†1900.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Gallons.	\$	Gallons.	\$	Gallons.	\$
Illuminating oils . . . . .	11,804,667	1,189,871	11,697,910	1,059,485	11,783,755	1,076,242
Benzine and naphtha, . . .	1,229,407	120,651	1,394,530	148,963	1,463,599	174,346
Paraffine oils . . . . .	850,863	114,191	*	*	*	*
Gas and fuel oils . . . . .	6,399,298	245,101	5,410,915	213,544	3,669,102	200,934
Lubricating oils and tar.	868,957	53,479	2,087,475	189,294	1,980,428	232,805
Total, gallons . . . . .	21,153,192	1,723,293	20,590,830	1,611,286	18,896,884	1,684,327
Paraffine wax and candles (lbs) . . . . .	2,522,834	101,972	2,792,766	136,066	4,599,683	184,718
Axle grease (lbs) . . . . .	*	*	*	*	*	* W 111
Total, value . . . . .		1,825,265		1,747,352		1,869,045

\* Not specified.

† The above figures are taken from the Ontario Mineral Report, 1900, and are only for that province.

The average price of crude oil on the Petrolea Oil Exchange in the years named was as follows:—

	\$	cts.
1886 . . . . .	88	68 per barrel.
1887 . . . . .	78	00 "
1888 . . . . .	1 03	84 "
1889 . . . . .	95	54 "
1890 . . . . .	1 17	88 "
1891 . . . . .	1 33	77 "
1892 . . . . .	1 26	50 "
1893 . . . . .	1 10	25 "
1894 . . . . .	1 01	50 "
1895 . . . . .	1 46	00 "
1896 . . . . .	1 59	00 "
1897 . . . . .	1 42	50 "
1898 . . . . .	1 40	00 "
1899 . . . . .	1 48	66 "
1900 . . . . .	1 60	00 "
1901 . . . . .	1 53	90 "