

A comparison of the mineral production of the British Empire and of the rest of the world in 1900, is given below. It will be seen that the British Empire provides twenty-eight per cent of the first eight articles, forty-eight per cent of the gold and ten per cent of the silver.

| | United Kingdom. | British Colonies and Possessions. | United States. | Germany. | Whole World. |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| | *Tons. | *Tons. | *Tons. | *Tons. | *Tons. |
| Coal..... Tons* | 252,132,002 | 21,096,474 | 269,881,826 | 165,066,658 | 845,935,096 |
| Iron..... " | 5,225,502 | 270,878 | 15,443,951 | 5,075,261 | 44,551,261 |
| Copper..... " | 856 | 44,828 | 303,053 | 34,084 | 589,278 |
| Lead..... " | 27,280 | 53,389 | 270,824 | 133,907 | 868,201 |
| Tin..... " | 4,778 | 52,111 | | 18 | 88,869 |
| Zinc..... " | 10,152 | 4,635 | 123,886 | 168,991 | 491,903 |
| Petroleum..... " | | 265,961 | 8,249,108 | 55,513 | 20,446,453 |
| Salt..... " | 2,084,121 | 1,366,273 | 2,920,882 | 1,668,458 | 13,854,428 |
| Fine gold..... Lbs. | 914·66 | 414,519·50 | 264,288·25 | 219·19 | 866,603·98 |
| " silver .. " | 13,082·94 | 1,271,699·18 | 4,105,675·12 | 371,041·19 | 12,946,921·94 |

*Tons of 2,000 lbs.

PRODUCTION OF COPPER IN CANADA.

| Calendar Year. | Pounds. | Value. |
|----------------|------------|-----------|
| | | \$ |
| 1886..... | 3,505,000 | 385,550 |
| 1887..... | 3,260,424 | 366,798 |
| 1888..... | 5,562,864 | 927,107 |
| 1889..... | 6,809,752 | 936,341 |
| 1890..... | 6,013,671 | 947,153 |
| 1891..... | 8,928,921 | 1,149,598 |
| 1892..... | 7,087,275 | 818,580 |
| 1893..... | 8,109,856 | 871,809 |
| 1894..... | 7,737,016 | 739,659 |
| 1895..... | 8,789,162 | 945,714 |
| 1896..... | 9,393,012 | 1,021,148 |
| 1897..... | 13,300,802 | 1,501,660 |
| 1898..... | 17,747,136 | 2,134,980 |
| 1899..... | 15,078,475 | 2,655,319 |
| 1900..... | 18,937,138 | 3,065,922 |
| 1901..... | 37,827,019 | 6,096,581 |
| 1902*..... | 39,168,202 | 4,553,695 |

* Subject to revision.