

According to returns published by the Ontario Bureau of Mines, the production of Canadian oil refineries in 1899, 1900 and 1901 (calendar years) was as follows :—

PRODUCTION OF OIL REFINERIES IN CANADA, 1899, 1900 AND 1901.

Articles.	1899.		1900.		1901.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
	Gallons.	\$	Gallons.	\$	Gallons.	\$
Illuminating oil.....	11,697,910	1,059,485	11,783,755	1,076,242	9,463,262	} 1,467,940
Benzine and naphtha ..	1,394,530	148,963	1,463,599	174,346	1,075,999	
Gas and fuel oils and tar	5,410,915	213,544	3,669,102	200,934	2,652,987	
Lubricating oils.....	2,087,475	189,294	1,980,428	232,805	764,861	
Total, gallons....	20,590,830	1,611,286	18,896,884	1,684,327	13,957,109	
Paraffine wax and candles (lbs.)	2,792,766	136,066	4,599,683	184,718	3,489,492	
Total, value		1,747,352	1,869,045	

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 "
1902.....	1 73	25 "