

The following table of exports since 1878 shows the position of this industry during the last twenty-five years.

QUANTITY AND VALUE OF PHOSPHATE EXPORTED FROM CANADA,
1878-1902.

Year.	Quantity.	Value.	Year.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$		Tons.	\$
1878.....	3,701	64,612	1891.....	24,257	422,200
1879.....	11,927	216,295	1892.....	17,243	380,462
1880.....	7,974	119,882	1893.....	11,890	132,475
1881.....	15,601	239,493	1894.....	4,947	40,400
1882.....	17,181	327,667	1895.....	4,189	33,810
1883.....	14,478	302,716	1896.....	528	5,280
1884.....	21,471	453,322	1897.....	23	275
1885.....	18,984	362,288	1898.....	256	1,090
1886.....	25,974	431,951	1899.....	861	9,290
1887.....	22,803	396,449	1900.....	149	2,285
1888.....	21,849	397,493	1901.....	6	120
1889.....	23,158	364,583	1902.....	70	1,180
1890.....	29,715	401,827			

ASBESTUS.

The following table, made up from returns furnished by the producers, gives the quantity and value of shipments from 1879 to 1887, after which the amount of production is given. It is believed, however, that, in some of the earlier years, the output was sometimes given instead of the quantity shipped, and according to returns of shipments made by the Quebec Central Railway, the aggregate quantity is too high.

SHIPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF ASBESTUS IN CANADA, 1879 TO 1902.

Calendar Year.	Quantity.	Value.	Calendar Year.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$		Tons.	\$
1879.....	300	19,500	1891.....	9,279	999,878
1880.....	380	24,700	1892.....	6,082	390,462
1881.....	540	85,100	1893.....	6,331	310,156
1882.....	810	52,650	1894.....	7,630	420,825
1883.....	955	68,750	1895.....	8,756	368,175
1884.....	1,141	75,097	1896.....	12,250	429,856
1885.....	2,440	142,441	1897.....	30,442	445,368
1886.....	3,458	206,251	1898.....	23,785	491,197
1887.....	4,619	226,976	1899.....	25,536	485,849
1888.....	4,404	255,007	1900.....	29,141	748,431
1889.....	6,113	426,554	1901.....	40,217	1,259,759
1890.....	9,860	1,260,240	1902*	31,779	1,191,338

* Subject to revision.

The production of asbestic in 1902 was 8,662 tons, valued at \$12,114.

EXPORTS OF ASBESTUS, 1892-1902.

Year ended June 30.	Quantity.	Value.	Year ended June 30.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$		Tons.	\$
1892.....	7,316	514,512	1898.....	18,424	510,368
1893.....	5,898	396,718	1899.....	14,520	453,176
1894.....	6,229	339,756	1900.....	18,164	490,909
1895.....	8,593	493,075	1901.....	26,715	864,573
1896.....	9,588	482,679	1902.....	33,072	1,131,202
1897.....	10,969	510,916			