

During the thirty-two years, 1886-1917, the value of mineral production has increased from \$10,221,255 to \$193,271,816, and the per capita value from \$2.23 to \$23.12.

Comparing the principal mineral products as between the earliest and latest records, we find that in 1867 the production of gold was 145,775 fine oz., of the value of \$3,013,431; it reached its highest value in 1900 with 1,350,057 oz., of the value of \$27,908,153 and in 1917 the production was 738,831 oz., value \$15,272,992. Of silver the census of 1871 recorded a production of 69,197 oz., obtained solely in Ontario. The earliest year of continuous record for this metal is 1887, 355,083 oz., value \$347,271; the highest value was in 1912, 31,955,560 oz., value \$19,440,165; in 1917 the production was 22,221,274 oz., value \$18,091,895. Copper, the production of which in 1886 was 3,505,000 lb., value \$385,550, had increased to 117,150,028 lb., value \$31,867,150, in 1916 and to 109,227,332 lb., value \$29,687,989, in 1917. Nickel, from 830,477 lb., value \$498,286, in 1889, has increased to 84,330,280 lb., value \$33,732,112, in 1917. Finally, coal, the production of which in 1874 was 1,063,742 tons, value \$1,763,423, was in 1917 14,015,588 tons, value \$47,643,646, with average values per ton of \$1.66 for the former and \$3.39 for the latter year.

#### MANUFACTURES.

An industrial or manufacturing inquiry has been a feature of each decennial census since Confederation. In 1871, the first census held after Confederation, the Dominion consisted of only the four provinces, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario. Table 39 giving the capital invested, the number of hands employed, the value of the annual wages, the value of raw materials and the total value of the products will serve to show the extent of the manufacturing industry in those early days of the Dominion.

For succeeding censuses the provinces of Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories formed part of the Dominion, and Table 40 gives similar particulars for the two census years 1880 and 1890 for the whole of Canada.

39.—Statistics of Canadian Manufactures, 1870.

Province.	Capital invested.	Number of employees.	Amount of yearly wages.	Value of raw materials.	Total Value of products.
	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia.....	6,041,966	15,595	3,176,266	5,806,257	12,338,105
New Brunswick.....	5,976,176	18,352	3,869,360	9,431,760	17,367,687
Quebec.....	28,071,868	66,714	12,389,673	44,555,025	77,205,182
Ontario.....	37,874,010	87,281	21,415,710	65,114,804	114,706,799
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>77,964,020</b>	<b>187,942</b>	<b>40,851,009</b>	<b>124,907,846</b>	<b>221,617,773</b>