

411. The coal fields of Nova Scotia are estimated to occupy an area of 685 square miles and, as at present known, are five in number, viz., three in Cape Breton and two in the Province proper. The coal is bituminous, and for gas, cooking and steam purposes equal to any in the world.

Coal fields of Nova Scotia.

412. The following table shows the production of coal by Provinces in 1888 :—

Production of coal in Canada, 1888, by Provinces.

PRODUCTION OF COAL IN CANADA, 1888.

	Tons of 2,000 lbs.	Value.
		\$
Nova Scotia.....	1,989,263	3,108,224
British Columbia.....	548,017	1,957,204
North-West Territories.....	115,124	183,354
New Brunswick.....	5,730	11,050
Total.....	2,658,134	5,259,832

413. The next table shows the production of coal in the Provinces of Nova Scotia and British Columbia in each year since 1874 :—

Production of coal in Nova Scotia and British Columbia, 1874-1888.

PRODUCTION OF COAL IN NOVA SCOTIA AND BRITISH COLUMBIA, 1874 TO 1888.

YEAR.	Nova Scotia.	British Columbia.	Total.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1874.....	977,446	81,000	1,058,446
1875.....	874,905	110,000	984,905
1876.....	794,803	139,000	933,803
1877.....	848,395	154,000	1,002,395
1878.....	863,081	171,000	1,034,081
1879.....	882,863	241,000	1,123,863
1880.....	1,156,635	268,000	1,424,635
1881.....	1,259,182	228,000	1,487,182
1882.....	1,529,708	282,000	1,811,708
1883.....	1,593,259	213,000	1,806,259
1884.....	1,556,010	394,070	1,950,080
1885.....	1,514,470	365,000	1,879,470
1886.....	1,682,924	326,636	2,009,560
1887.....	1,871,338	413,360	2,284,698
1888.....	1,989,263	548,017	2,537,280
Total.....	19,394,282	3,934,083	23,328,365