

explorations already made, promises to be an argentiferous region of great richness. Beyond this district, to the north-west, are found veins of gold-bearing quartz and extensive ranges of magnetic iron ore, while to the south-west is believed to be a continuation of the Vermilion iron range of northern Minnesota. The partial examination already made inspires the hope that here will, in time, be developed an iron region of great value. In the region adjacent to the Lake of the Woods, gold-bearing veins of good promise have been discovered, and an early development of some of the properties may be looked for. No reference has been made in the foregoing enumeration to the oil and salt deposits in western Ontario, which are of great value.

439. Nova Scotia, British Columbia, Quebec, the north and west portions of Ontario and some parts of the North-West Territories, are essentially the mining districts of the Dominion. Coal has been found in Manitoba, but no metalliferous ores have at present been discovered there, and though a number of minerals and metals are known to exist in New Brunswick, none of them have yet been found in any very large quantities, and mining is only carried on to a small extent. There is no mining in Prince Edward Island. Mining districts of the Dominion.

440. The figures relating to Canada used in this chapter have been taken almost entirely from the statistical report on the minerals of Canada for 1890 published by the Geological Survey. The figures relating to the United States and foreign countries have been taken partly from official and partly from other sources, notably the publications of the American Iron and Steel Association. Sources of information.

441. The following statement of the mineral production of Canada in 1890 and 1891, will give some idea of the present value of an industry which is still in its infancy. The figures for 1891 are subject to revision. Mineral production of Canada, 1890 and 1891.

MINERAL PRODUCTION OF CANADA, 1890 AND 1891.

PRODUCT.	1890.		1891.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
Antimony ore. Tons.	26½	\$ 625	10	\$ 60
Arsenic. " "	25	1,500	20	1,000
Asbestos. " "	9,860	1,260,240	9,000	1,000,000
* Bricks. 1,000	211,727	1,266,982	173,808	1,047,311
* Building stone. Cub. yds.	382,563	964,783	187,685	708,702
Cement. Brls.	102,216	92,405	93,779	109,086
Coal. Tons.	3,117,661	6,496,110	* 3,400,479	7,792,175
Coke. " "	56,450	166,298	57,084	175,592
Copper. Lbs.	6,013,671	902,050	9,529,076	1,238,780
Feldspar. Tons.	700	3,500	685	3,425
Fertilizers. " "	1,203	31,889		
Fire clay. " "			250	750

* Incomplete.