

\$769,392 more than in 1889. The values of the principal articles exported in the last three years were as follow :—

	1888.	1889.	1890.
Asbestos.....	\$ 277,742	\$ 360,144	\$ 528,530
Coal.....	1,974,731	2,334,905	2,436,906
Copper ore.....	257,287	168,457	398,497
Gold.....	628,158	609,250	706,792
Gypsum.....	121,389	195,176	192,359
Iron and steel (about).....	350,000	310,000	275,000
Phosphates.....	298,609	394,768	499,369
Silver.....	219,008	212,163	204,142
Stone and marble.....	78,119	*49,578	*65,336
Iron ore.....	55,177	39,887	40,690
Other articles.....	478,590	363,821	459,920
Total.....	<u>\$4,738,810</u>	<u>\$5,038,149</u>	<u>\$5,807,541</u>

And the countries to which they were principally exported were :—

United States.....	\$3,341,308	\$3,753,351	\$3,963,257
United Kingdom.....	478,260	422,355	630,815
Other British possessions.....	150,763	158,143	189,973
Germany.....	46,053	15,856	17,067
Japan.....	40,180	4,000	7,200
St. Pierre.....	16,312	16,564	19,905
China.....	12,950
Mexico.....	10,570	10,118
Other countries.....	14,541	38,783	27,540
Total.....	<u>\$4,110,937</u>	<u>\$4,419,170</u>	<u>\$4,855,757</u>

The difference in amounts is owing to the total values being given for the calendar year and the export values for the fiscal year. It will be seen that, in 1890, 81 per cent of the exports went to the United States, and 17 per cent to the United Kingdom and British possessions, as compared with 84 per cent and 13 per cent, respectively, in 1889.

444. The total value of imports of minerals and products chiefly manufactured therefrom, in 1890, was \$24,472,327, of which amount \$8,154,504 was for coal and \$8,473,741 for iron and steel, the two forming 68 per cent of the whole sum. Value of imports, 1890.

445. The most important mineral, in point of value, produced in Canada in 1890, was coal, the quantity being 3,117,661 tons, valued at the point of production at \$6,496,110, being an increase over 1889 of 398,183 tons. In the former year the quantity produced was 2,719,478 tons. Production of coal, 1890.

446. Almost all the coal at present is produced in the provinces of Nova Scotia and British Columbia, but the coal deposits in the North-West Territories are capable of extensive development, and the output Coal-producing regions of Canada.

*Stone only.