

Long tons of 2,240 pounds are used with reference to Great Britain, the United States, Australasia, Canada and Russia, and the metric ton of 2,204 pounds for continental countries.

457. Next in importance, as regards value, among the minerals now being worked in Canada, is gold, the production of which is confined almost entirely to British Columbia and Nova Scotia, though a small quantity is annually produced in Quebec, and it has also been obtained from some parts of Ontario. It may be that when the country north and west of Lake Superior is fully explored, valuable deposits of gold may be discovered, as it is known to exist in many localities, and has been found in several places in small quantities. A small amount of gold is also obtained each year from the Saskatchewan River, near Edmonton. Gold was first discovered in British Columbia in 1857 in the Thompson River, near Nicoamen, and in Nova Scotia in 1860, near Tangier Harbour, since which date the value of the production in the latter province has been \$9,877,693. British Columbia, since 1858, has produced \$53,113,127, as near as can be ascertained, but as only an estimate can be made of the quantity carried away in private hands, the actual amount is probably larger.

Gold-mining in Canada.

458. The following table gives the value of the gold production in the Dominion in 1888, 1889 and 1890.

Production of gold in Canada, 1888-1890.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA, 1888, 1889 AND 1890.

PROVINCES.	Value.		
	1888.	1889.	1890.
	\$	\$	\$
British Columbia.....	616,731	588,923	494,436
Nova Scotia.....	436,939	510,029	474,990
North-West Territories, including Yukon district.....	41,200	195,000	179,000
Quebec.....	3,740	1,207	1,350
Total.....	1,098,610	1,295,159	1,149,776

459. The total number of ounces produced was 64,046, at an average value of \$17.95 per ounce. The product in 1889 was 72,328 ounces, valued at \$1,295,159, or an average value of \$17.90 per ounce. This is below what is generally taken as the average value per ounce, viz., \$19.50, or £4 sterling. It will be seen that there was a decrease in value of \$145,383, and in quantity of 8,282 ounces, as compared with 1889—the decrease being chiefly in Nova Scotia and British Columbia.

Value of gold per ounce.