

Production of salt, 1886-1890.

493. The total production in 1890 was 43,754 tons, of the value of \$198,897. This was an increase, as compared with 1889, of 10,922 tons in quantity and of \$70,350 in value. The production of salt had been steadily decreasing, as shown by the following figures; and the revival in 1890 was due to the formation of a trust by the various manufacturers under the name of the "Canada Salt Association":—

PRODUCTION OF SALT IN CANADA, 1886-1890.

YEAR.	Tons.	Value.
		\$
1886 .....	62,359	227,195
1887 .....	60,173	166,394
1888 .....	59,070	185,460
1889 .....	32,832	128,547
1890 .....	43,754	198,897

There were 16 producers in 1890 employing about 250 hands, as compared with 13 producers employing 210 hands in 1889.

Exports of salt, 1875-1890.

494. The exports of Canadian salt, almost all of which was manufactured in Ontario, have been since 1875 as follow:—

EXPORTS OF CANADIAN SALT, 1875-1890.

YEAR.	Ontario.	Quebec.	Other Provinces.	Total.	Value.
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	\$
1875 .....	541,669	1,089	42	542,800	66,834
1876 .....	905,522	3,833	.....	909,355	84,154
1877 .....	702,494	2,150	.....	704,644	60,677
1878 .....	403,798	3,297	.....	407,095	37,027
1879 .....	587,805	2,616	345	590,766	49,367
1880 .....	464,661	1,887	1,093	467,641	46,211
1881 .....	336,608	6,600	.....	343,208	44,627
1882 .....	181,007	751	.....	181,758	18,350
1883 .....	199,733	.....	.....	199,733	19,492
1884 .....	167,029	.....	.....	167,029	15,291
1885 .....	246,584	210	.....	246,794	18,756
1886 .....	224,595	.....	348	224,943	16,886
1887 .....	153,475	.....	570	154,045	11,526
1888 .....	14,968	133	150	15,251	3,987
1889 .....	8,350	75	132	8,557	2,390
1890 .....	5,830	25	216	6,071	1,522

Salt in United States.

495. The total output of salt in the United States in 1889 was 10,000,000 barrels, valued at \$5,000,000; and in 1890, 8,683,943 barrels, valued at \$4,707,869.