

496. The total production of silver in Canada in 1890 was 400,687 ounces, valued at \$420,722, the quantity being produced from the argentiferous provinces in the following proportions:—

Production of silver in Canada, 1890.

	Ozs.	Value.	Ozs.	Value.
Ontario.. .. .	181,609	\$162,309	158,715	\$166,652
Quebec .. . . .	148,517	133,666	171,545	180,122
British Columbia.. . . .	53,192	47,873	70,427	73,948

These figures show an increase, as compared with 1889, of \$76,814, due to an increase of production in all the provinces, but particularly in Quebec and British Columbia. The silver produce of Quebec is calculated as usual from the known percentage of the metal contained in the copper ore exported from the Capelton mines.

497. The following table gives the exports of silver ore during the years 1873 to 1890, exclusive of the production of the Capelton mines:—

Exports of silver, 1873-1890.

EXPORTS OF CANADIAN SILVER ORE, 1873 TO 1890.

YEAR.	Value.	YEAR.	Value.
	\$		\$
1873 .. . . .	1,243,758	1883 .. . . .	8,620
1874 .. . . .	493,463	1884 .. . . .	13,300
1875 .. . . .	472,992	1885 .. . . .	29,176
1876 .. . . .	354,178	1886 .. . . .	25,957
1877 .. . . .	42,848	1887 .. . . .	206,284
1878 .. . . .	665,715	1888 .. . . .	219,008
1879 .. . . .	154,273	1889 .. . . .	212,163
1880 .. . . .	68,205	1890 .. . . .	204,142
1881 .. . . .	15,115		
1882 .. . . .	6,705	Total .. . . .	4,435,902

498. The total value of the production of silver in the United States since 1848 has been \$1,020,133,247. In 1890 the estimated value was \$70,465,000.

Silver in United States.

499. The world's production of silver in 1890 was \$166,677,233. The present monetary stock of silver in the world is placed at \$3,705,480,000.

World's production of silver.

500. The total quantity of phosphate (apatite) mined in Canada during 1890 was 31,753 tons, valued at \$361,045 which was an increase of 765 tons in quantity and of \$44,383 in value. A certain number of tons, which cannot be estimated, should be added to the above quantity, representing the results of desultory operations by farmers on their own lots, particularly in Ontario. The only two

Phosphate.