

places where this mineral is worked at present are in Ottawa county, Quebec, and north of Kingston, Ontario, and the quantity shipped came from the two districts in the following proportions:—Ottawa county mines, 27,172 tons; and Ontario mines, 4,581 tons.

Exports of phosphate, 1890. 501. The quantity exported was 28,457 tons, valued at \$499,369, being a decrease, as compared with 1889, of 1,530 tons in quantity, but an increase in value of \$94,401. It is seen that almost the entire production is sent out of the country, by far the greater proportion going to Great Britain.

Exports of phosphate, 1878-1890. 502. The following table of exports since 1878 shows the progress that this industry has made during the last 13 years. It must not be forgotten that the figures of exports from Quebec include a certain amount of material produced in Ontario, but shipped to Montreal for export, and at that port credited to the Province of Quebec.

EXPORTS OF PHOSPHATE, 1878-1890.

YEAR.	ONTARIO.		QUEBEC.		TOTAL.	
	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.
		\$		\$		\$
1878.....	824	12,278	9,919	195,831	10,743	208,109
1879.....	1,842	20,565	6,604	101,470	8,446	122,035
1880.....	1,387	14,422	11,673	175,664	13,060	190,086
1881.....	2,471	36,117	9,497	182,339	11,968	218,456
1882.....	568	6,338	16,585	302,019	17,153	308,357
1883.....	50	500	19,666	427,168	19,716	427,668
1884.....	763	8,890	20,946	415,350	21,709	424,240
1885.....	434	5,962	28,535	490,331	28,969	496,293
1886.....	644	5,816	19,796	337,191	20,440	343,007
1887.....	705	8,277	22,447	424,940	23,152	433,217
1888.....	2,643	30,247	16,133	268,362	18,776	298,609
1889.....	3,547	38,833	26,440	355,935	29,987	394,768
1890.....	1,866	21,329	26,591	478,040	28,457	499,369
Total.....	17,744	209,574	234,832	4,154,640	252,576	4,364,214

Shipments of phosphate, 1891. 503. The shipments of phosphates from Montreal during the season of 1891 amounted to 15,135 tons, of which quantity 14,475 tons went to the United Kingdom and 660 tons to Germany. There was a decrease in the quantity exported, as compared with 1890, of 8,353 tons.

Imports of phosphate into Great Britain, 1882-1890. 504. That there is plenty of room in England for all the phosphate Canada is likely to produce is shown by the following table, the figures in which are taken from British returns, except the percentages, which are calculated in this office:—