

TRADE AND COMMERCE.

produced from shales; but as yet this process has not been successfully prosecuted.

Manila Fibre Bounty.—On October 24, 1903, a bounty equal to the export duty in the Philippine Islands on Manila fibre, and not to exceed three-eighths of one cent per lb. on the Manila fibre used in the manufacture of binder twine, was authorized. This bounty was extended on April 27, 1907, to include Manila fibre used in the manufacture of cordage. The bounty on Manila fibre expired on October 4, 1913.

Total Value of Bounties.—Table 52 shows the quantity of mineral products and of Manila fibre upon which bounties were paid and the amount of the bounties paid from 1896 to 1914. From this table it will be seen that the amount of these bounties paid in 1915 was \$124,272, and that the total value of bounties paid from 1896 to 1915 was \$21,560,728. Of this amount \$16,785,827 was for iron and steel, \$1,979,104 for lead, \$2,427,835 for crude petroleum and \$367,962 for Manila fibre. Table 53 gives the names of the cordage companies, the quantities of Manila fibre used and of cordage made and the amount of the bounties for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1915.

52.—Bounties paid in Canada on Mineral Products and Binder Twine, 1896-1915.

Fiscal Year.	Pig Iron.		Puddled Iron Bars.		Steel.		Manufactures of Steel.	
	Quantity.	Bounty.	Quantity.	Bounty.	Quantity.	Bounty.	Quantity.	Bounty.
	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$	Tons.	\$
1896.....	52,052	104,105	2,804	5,611	29,749	59,499	-	-
1897.....	33,254	66,509	1,509	3,019	8,683	17,366	-	-
1898.....	72,523	145,046	2,568	5,136	24,673	49,346	-	-
1899.....	76,496	152,992	5,837	11,674	23,342	46,684	-	-
1900.....	101,838	203,676	3,374	6,748	21,453	42,906	-	-
1901.....	150,339	300,678	5,567	11,134	33,352	66,704	-	-
1902.....	341,654	683,308	6,984	13,968	36,375	72,750	-	-
1903.....	321,191	642,382	2,482	4,964	260,668	521,336	-	-
1904.....	273,434	546,868	4,321	8,642	128,884	257,768	4,211	8,422
1905.....	386,719	773,438	3,509	7,018	300,421	600,842	40,213	80,426
1906.....	581,858	1,163,716	3,560	7,120	569,237	1,138,474	72,875	145,750
1907 ¹	416,265	832,530	297	594	454,932	909,864	63,238	126,476
1908.....	686,780	1,373,560	-	-	661,940	1,323,880	57,856	115,712
1909.....	609,431	1,218,862	-	-	570,588	1,141,176	55,515	111,030
1910.....	740,244	1,480,488	-	-	740,390	1,480,780	89,802	179,604
1911.....	587,469	1,174,938	-	-	584,093	1,168,186	87,810	175,620
1912.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,792 ²	55,584
Totals.....	5,431,547	10,863,094	42,812	85,624	4,448,780	8,897,560	499,312	998,624

¹Nine months.

²Bounty on Wire rods paid to the Dominion Iron and Steel Co., Limited, Sydney, N.S.