

The following table gives the production of all kinds of finished rolled iron and steel in Canada from 1895 to 1908 in gross tons:

Years.	Gross Tons.	Years.	Gross Tons.	Years.	Gross Tons.
1895.....	151,402	1901.....	100,680	1905.....	340,826
1896.....	75,043	1902.....	112,007	1906.....	571,742
1897.....	77,924	1903.....	161,485	1907.....	600,179
1898.....	90,303	1904.....	123,516	1908.....	496,517
1899.....	110,642		180,038		

Forged Iron and Steel.—The total production of forged iron and steel by rolling mills and steel works in Canada in 1908 amounted to about 14,738 tons, of which about 2,300 tons were iron, and about 12,438 tons were steel.

Cut Nails and Wire Nails.—In 1908 the rolling mills and steel works in Canada which operated cut nail or wire nail factories, produced about 298,000 kegs of steel cut nails and steel wire nails of 100 pounds each, as compared with about 313,200 kegs in 1907, and about 347,000 kegs in 1906.

Active Rolling Mills and Steel Works.—In 1908 there were twenty-five works in five provinces which made steel ingots or castings, or rolled iron or steel into finished forms, against twenty-two works in five provinces in 1907, a gain of three works. Of the total in 1908 there were nineteen works which rolled iron or steel into finished forms, and six works which made steel ingots or castings, but not finished forms of rolled iron or steel; while in 1907 the number of works which rolled iron or steel into finished forms was sixteen, and the number of works which did not produce finished rolled forms was six. There were two idle rolling mills and steel works in Canada in 1908.

Of the twenty-five rolling mills and steel works in Canada which were active in 1908, five were located in Nova Scotia, six in Quebec, twelve in Ontario, one in New Brunswick, and one in Manitoba.

BOUNTIES.

Bounties on iron and steel made in Canada were provided for by the Dominion government in 1897 (Chapter 6, Statutes of Canada, 1897). This Act was amended in 1899 (Chapter 8, Statutes of Canada, 1899), and again in 1903 (Chapter 68, Statutes of Canada, 1903). The latter Act provided for the payment of bounty until June 30, 1907. On April 27, 1907, a new Act was passed (Chapter 24, Statutes of Canada, 1907), providing for the further payment of bounties from January 1, 1907, to December 31, 1910, and in the case of pig iron made by electric smelting until December 31, 1912. The Act is as follows:—