

nickel, nearly \$422,000; asbestos, iron ore and cement aggregating about \$185,000.

Of the gold output the main feature was the very large increase in that of the Yukon. This accounts for \$7,500,000 of the enlargement, which is three times as great an estimated output as that for last year. With the exception of the gold washings of the Saskatchewan River in the North west Territories, there were also increases in all the other districts of the Dominion.

There were increased outputs of coal in all the different districts. In copper the largest increase was in Ontario, which amounted to over 50 per cent of the previous year's output. British Columbia showed also a considerable enlargement, whilst in Quebec a small falling off was apparent. A rise in the price of the metal makes the proportional increase in value greater than that for quantity.

In nickel, the increase in the quantity is greater than that in the value, owing to a fall in the average price of the metal for the year.

The falling away in the production of both lead and silver is, in the former case, partly offset by the rise in the average price, whilst in the latter case a lower price for the year has aggravated the proportional decrease in the value as compared with the quantity.

Whilst there was a decrease in the actual quantity of the product of the asbestos mines of Quebec, the value shows a large percentage increase, which is explained by the lesser proportion of asbestic and low grade fiber in the output.

The proportional contributions of the chief products to the grand total of value are set forth in the following table both for 1897 and 1898.

1897.		1898.	
PRODUCT.	Per cent of Total Production.	PRODUCT.	Per cent of Total Production.
Coal.....	26.87	Gold.....	36.28
Gold.....	21.02	Coal.....	21.79
Building material.....	12.56	Building material.....	9.53
Silver.....	11.59	Silver.....	6.84
Copper.....	5.24	Copper.....	5.72
Nickel.....	4.88	Nickel.....	4.82
Lead.....	4.87	Lead.....	3.19
Petroleum.....	3.53	Petroleum.....	2.60
Asbestos.....	1.55	Asbestos.....	1.29
Natural Gas.....	1.11	Cement.....	1.05
Cement.....	.96	Natural Gas.....	.85
Gypsum.....	.85	Salt.....	.66
Salt.....	.79	Gypsum.....	.61
Coke.....	.62	Coke.....	.58