



last year, due chiefly to the large output of the mines of the Boundary Creek district.

*Nickel*:—An increase of nearly 30 per cent in production is recorded. The price of nickel, which, from 1895 to 1898, ranged from 33 to 36 cents per lb, was quoted in the New York market throughout the year 1901, at from 50 to 60 cents per lb. The better prices and increased demand has stimulated production at the Sudbury mines. The output in 1901 was 4,595 tons of nickel as compared with 2,872 tons in 1899 and 1,998 tons in 1897.

*Iron Ore*:—Owing to the exploitation of the large deposit of ore of the Heler mine at Michipicoten, in Ontario, a considerable growth is evident in the country's production of this mineral. Part of the product goes to furnaces in Ontario, but the larger part is exported. Only the exports are credited in the table under this heading, the rest appearing under the item 'pig iron.' Adding to the exports the 156,613 tons of Canadian ore, &c., charged to Canadian furnaces, we arrive at a total production of 462,812 tons. In the sums of ore charged, however, a small proportion of mill cinder is included.

*Pig Iron*:—In the production of pig iron in Canadian furnaces an increase of over 184 per cent in quantity is recorded, while the estimated production from Canadian ore alone increased nearly 135 per cent. These increases are due in a large measure to the successful completion and operation of the furnaces of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company at Sydney, N.S. The Midland furnace of the Canada Iron Furnace Co. is also to be credited with a considerable portion of the increase, since they only commenced operations in the latter part of 1900. The various other furnaces continued operations on about the same scale.

*Steel*:—For obvious reasons the value of the steel product is not included in the general table. There was made, however, in steel furnaces in Canada during the year, 41,948 tons (of 2,000 lbs.) of steel ingots, &c., all of which was worked up into bars, &c. Work was continued on the steel rail plant at Sault Ste. Marie, and the manufacture of steel is said to have commenced during the present year (1902).

*Cement*:—The figures of production for cement represent the sales and shipments only. A large amount, some 70,000 barrels remained in stock, however, at the close of the year.