

The total imports aggregated 9,872,924 tons, valued at \$26,831,859, an amount almost equal to the home production.

COAL.—TABLE 6.

Imports of Coal into Canada.

BITUMINOUS COAL.			ANTHRACITE COAL AND ANTHRACITE DUST.		BITUMINOUS COAL DUST.	
Fiscal Year.	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.
		\$		\$		\$
1880.....	457,049	1,220,761	516,729	1,509,960	3,565	8,877
1881.....	587,024	1,741,568	572,092	2,325,937	337	666
1882.....	636,374	1,962,081	638,273	2,666,356	471	900
1883.....	911,629	2,956,198	754,891	3,344,936	8,154	10,082
1884.....	1,118,615	3,613,470	868,000	3,831,283	12,782	14,600
1885.....	1,011,875	3,197,539	910,324	3,009,844	20,185	20,412
1886.....	930,949	2,591,554	995,425	4,028,050	36,230	36,996
1887.....	1,149,792	3,126,223	1,100,165	4,423,062	31,401	33,178
1888.....	1,231,234	3,451,661	† 2,138,627	5,291,875	28,808	34,730
1889.....	1,248,540	3,255,171	1,291,705	5,199,481	39,980	47,189
1890.....	1,409,282	3,528,959	1,201,835	4,595,727	53,104	29,818
1891.....	1,598,855	4,060,896	1,399,067	5,224,452	60,127	36,130
1892.....	1,615,220	4,099,221	1,479,106	5,640,346	82,091	39,840
1893.....	1,603,154	3,967,764	1,500,550	6,365,285	103,585	44,474
1894.....	1,359,509	3,315,094	1,530,522	6,354,040	117,573	49,510
1895.....	1,444,928	3,321,387	1,404,342	5,350,637	181,318	52,221
1896.....	1,538,489	3,299,025	1,574,355	5,667,096	210,386	53,742
1897.....	1,543,476	3,254,217	1,457,295	5,695,168	225,562	59,609
1898.....	1,684,024	3,179,595	1,460,701	5,874,685	229,445	45,556
1899.....	2,171,358	3,691,946	1,745,460	6,490,509	276,547	44,717
1900.....	2,439,764	4,310,964	1,654,401	6,602,912	330,174	98,349
1901.....	2,514,392	4,956,025	1,933,283	7,923,950	414,432	275,559
1902.....	2,077,392	5,712,058	1,652,451	7,021,939	489,548	264,550
1903.....	3,511,412	7,776,717	1,456,713	7,028,661	550,883	420,317
1904.....	4,053,900	9,108,208	2,275,018	10,461,223	608,041	544,128
1905.....	4,176,274	8,002,896	2,604,137	12,093,371	650,261	343,456
1906.....	4,495,550	8,360,348	2,200,863	10,304,308	747,251	489,180
Calendar Year.	Bituminous round and run of mine.				Bituminous slack such as will pass through a 3" screen.	
1907.....	6,370,132	13,232,445	3,141,873	14,506,129	1,139,256	1,219,940
1908.....	(a) 6,025,574	12,516,748	(h) 3,160,110	14,478,536	(c) 1,111,811	1,355,677
1909.....	5,625,063	11,455,818	3,017,844	13,906,152	1,230,017	1,469,889

(a). Duty, 53c. per ton. (h). Coal, anthracite, and anthracite coal dust; duty free. (c). Duty 20 per cent, not over 13c. per ton.

† In the anthracite column the imports show a very considerable increase in 1888 over 1887, an increase of over 94 per cent, the falling off again in 1889 being quite as remarkable. The average values per ton for the three years 1887, 1888, and 1889, were \$4.02, \$2.47, and \$4.03 respectively. Although a duty of 50c. per ton on anthracite coal was removed May 13, 1887, it is hardly thought this would account for the changes indicated, and unless some error may possibly have crept into the Trade and Navigation report, no explanation is available.

With statistics of production, exports, and imports of coal available, a basis is furnished for an estimate of the country's coal consumption. The consumption in 1909 amounted to 18,625,202 tons, as compared with 19,351,902 tons in 1908, a decrease of 726,700 tons, or 3.76 per cent. Of the total consumption in 1909, 9,711,826 tons, or 52.1 per cent, were imported coal, and 8,913,376 tons, or 47.9 per cent domestic coal.