

Exports of Iron Ore.

Calendar Year.	Canadian Customs Record.			Calendar Year.	Imports into the United States from Canada.*		
	Short tons.	Value.	Average value.		Short tons.	Value.	Average value.
		\$	\$			\$	\$
1909.....	21,956	61,954	2.82				
1910.....	114,499	324,186	2.83				
1911.....	37,686	133,411	3.54	1911.....	56,538	106,038	1.87
1912.....	118,129	382,005	3.23	1912.....	119,476	201,882	1.69
1913.....	126,124	426,681	3.38	1913.....	201,443	409,098	2.03
1914.....	135,451	360,974	2.67	1914.....	58,816	153,415	2.61
1915.....	79,770	206,823	2.59	1915.....	94,219	245,092	2.60
1916.....	161,260	541,779	3.36	1916.....	153,255	509,602	3.32
1917.....	164,004	660,673	4.03	1917.....	200,239	766,688	3.83
1918.....	130,250	650,502		1918.....	130,250	650,502	4.99

*Compiled from the "Foreign Commerce and Navigation of the United States."

Imports of Iron Ore, 1912-1918.

Calendar Year.	United States.		Newfoundland.		Other Countries.		Total.	
	Short tons.	Value.	Short tons.	Value.	Short tons.	Value.	Short tons.	Value.
		\$		\$		\$		\$
1912 (*9 mos.).....	1,206,567	3,090,207	840,892	840,892	50	975	2,047,509	3,932,074
1913.....	1,072,156	3,007,653	869,669	869,669	500	502	1,942,325	3,877,824
1914.....	749,979	1,972,550	389,850	389,850	7,279	24,958	1,147,108	2,387,358
1915.....	715,060	1,568,866	789,029	762,328	24	561	1,504,113	2,331,755
1916.....	1,364,992	3,463,419	974,685	955,504			2,339,677	4,419,013
1917.....	1,309,075	4,143,084	942,322	981,805			2,251,397	5,124,889
1918.....	1,394,687	5,047,607	806,151	848,367			2,200,838	5,895,974

*Imports of iron ore separately stated in Customs Reports from April 1912 only.

Production of Iron Ore in Newfoundland.

The iron ore deposits at Wabana, Newfoundland, are owned and operated by the two Canadian companies operating coal mines and steel plants at Sydney and Sydney Mines, Cape Breton. The shipments from Wabana mines during 1917 were 883,346 short tons, all of which went to Cape Breton. The total shipments from Wabana since the mines were first operated in 1895 have amounted to 18,269,616 short tons, of which 12,470,861 tons were sent to Nova Scotia, 2,078,197 tons to the United States, and 3,720,558 tons to Great Britain and Europe.

IRON ORE PRICES.

The prices of Canadian iron ores are naturally based on prices current in the United States. "Lake Ores", that is, those originating in what is generally known as the Lake Superior iron region, and which contributed about 80 per cent of the iron and steel requirements of the United States are quoted per gross ton delivered at Lake Erie ports. Ore prices and freights are usually fixed at the beginning of each season, and the price of any individual ore then depends on its variation from the standard in iron and phosphorus content, etc.