

The following table will show the average volume of the total export of the province, during the last twenty-five years:—

Year.	Tons.	Value. Dollars.
1855	95,301	80,875
1860	105,431	85,936
1865	56,155	45,088
1870	98,050	75,650
1873	120,693	120,693

In 1877, year ending June 30, Canada exported 101,376 tons, valued at 96,175 dollars; of which Nova Scotia exported 96,440 tons, valued at 89,488 dollars. In 1878, Canada exported 100,134 tons; of which Nova Scotia exported 94,607 tons, valued at 85,049 dollars. In 1879, Nova Scotia exported 95,126 tons, valued at 74,923 dollars.

The total exports from Nova Scotia since 1854, are about 2,300,000 tons, valued at about 1,900,000 dollars.

Very little ground gypsum is exported from Nova Scotia, but about 5,000 tons, or 20,000 dollars worth, is annually exported from New Brunswick to the United States. The imports of raw and manufactured gypsum into the western parts of Canada, from the United States, amount to an annual value of about 10,000 dollars.

The United States do not impose any duty on raw gypsum, but the ground or calcined article is subjected to 20 per cent. duty, which is practically prohibitive. There is no duty on foreign gypsum coming into Canada except when ground, then the duty is 20 per cent.; or when calcined, in which case it pays 15 cents per hundred pounds.

From the Provincial census of 1861 it would appear that 75,387 tons were quarried for domestic use. The Dominion census of 1871, gives only the quantity exported, viz., 96,544 tons. It may, however, be assumed that the quantity used for domestic purposes has not decreased. This would make the total quantity quarried in Nova Scotia, in 1879, about 150,000 tons. Mr. Hunt gives the quantity raised in England, in 1878, at 74,908 tons, valued at £22,472.

The writer thinks that the foregoing, necessarily imperfect, account of an important Canadian mineral may prove of interest, and that, if of no other value, it may indicate where unlimited quantities of a valuable agricultural material can be procured, should at any time the progress of invention and discovery allow its introduction into England.