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been supplied by official data (some thirty years) the coal production of Nova Scotia has been \$5,000,000 tons, valued at \$130,000,000. Although the annual coal production now exceeds the fishery yield in cash value, the great importance of the fishery industry and the significance attached to its acquisition by the earliest colonizers, are confirmed and strengthened by such substantial results as the addition of some \$250,000,000 to the wealth of the Province from its prosecution, beginning with the year of Confederation down to the current year. The gold production has reached about \$17,000,000 in a similar period, the banner year of 1902 showing \$627,357. 74,000 tons of iron ore were raised last year, 274,000 tons of limestone, and close upon 200,000 tons of gypsum. Of coke 308,000 tons

were produced in 1905, chiefly at the extensive plant of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company in Sydney, a rapidly advancing sphere of activity destined to make it the "Pittsburg of the Dominion" in the near future.

Sir William Lambairn in his work on iron uses the following language: "In Nova Scotia some of the richest



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ores yet discovered occur in boundless abundance. The iron manufactured from them is of the very best quality and is equal to the finest Swedish metal." "Acadian Geology" has been brilliantly elucidated in the standard work of Sir William Dawson, which specifies 98 separate books, reports and pamphlets as supplementing the investigations of that distinguished authority, Dr. Gilpin, F. R. S. C., Chief Inspector of Mines for Nova Scotia in a recent report on the Mineral Lands of the Province say: "The peculiarly diversified nature of the Nova Scotia minerals