

Previous to 1896 pig-iron was made entirely from Canadian ores. Since that date, however, increasing quantities of imported ore have been used as well as imported fuels and fluxes, and in 1915 about 83 per cent of the ore charged, 46 per cent of the coke, and a large proportion of the limestone were imported. The iron industry at Sydney and North Sydney has been built up on the basis of the Newfoundland Wabana ores and the local coal supply, while in recent years a portion of the limestone required has also been obtained from Port au Port, Newfoundland. In Ontario large quantities of United States "Lake ores" are used, the imported ores charged being 623,094 tons, and Canadian ores 293,305 tons, in 1915. All the fuel used, with the exception of a small quantity of charcoal, was imported either as coke, or as coal, for charging the by-product coke ovens at Sault Ste. Marie. A portion of the limestone flux is also obtained from quarries situated in the United States.

Iron Ore, Fuel, and Flux charged to Blast Furnaces.

Calendar Year.	IRON ORE CHARGED.		FUEL CHARGED.			Limestone.
	Canadian.	Imported.	Charcoal.	*Coke from Canadian coal.	Coke imported or made from imported coal.	
	Short tons.		Bushels.	Short tons.	Short tons.	Short tons.
1887.....	60,434		940,400	33,581		17,171
1888.....	54,956		804,286	30,228		16,857
1889.....	65,670		755,800	36,333		22,122
1890.....	57,304		589,860	34,073		18,478
1891.....	60,933		441,812	32,796		11,377
1892.....	96,948		1,121,365	52,622		22,067
1893.....	124,053		1,302,720	65,332		27,797
1894.....	108,871		1,173,970	60,026		25,151
1895.....	93,208		789,561	51,629		31,585
1896.....	96,560	46,300	756,600	50,067	33,990	37,462
1897.....	53,658	55,722	1,031,800	35,800	27,810	31,273
1898.....	57,881	77,107	836,400	31,952	50,407	33,913
1899.....	66,384	120,650	1,928,025	44,844	64,648	51,826
1900.....	71,341	112,042	1,799,737	45,021	59,345	52,966
1901.....	156,613	361,010	1,835,736	207,835	115,367	169,399
1902.....	125,664	559,381	2,146,623	362,208	112,314	293,594
1903.....	82,035	485,911	2,322,030	350,190	96,540	277,452
1904.....	180,932	454,671	3,477,470	257,182	130,210	211,278
1905.....	116,974	861,847	4,404,394	365,897	243,882	369,715
1906.....	221,733	982,740	2,168,476	462,672	304,676	456,036
1907.....	244,104	1,117,260	1,682,085	521,068	327,082	488,462
1908.....	209,266	1,051,445	1,121,990	492,076	325,670	483,065
1909.....	231,994	1,235,000	1,779,258	412,016	507,255	526,076
1910.....	149,505	1,377,035	1,615,919	491,281	476,838	569,355
1911.....	67,434	1,628,368	1,960,459	543,933	577,388	625,216
1912.....	71,588	2,019,165	1,886,748	609,183	656,815	705,613
1913.....	139,436	2,110,828	2,206,191	710,260	706,888	630,119
1914.....	182,964	1,324,326	920,045	330,269	590,902	447,641
1915.....	293,305	1,463,488	1,314,957	578,743	486,022	573,743

* Includes for the first ten years small quantity of coal.