

Production of Iron Ore in Nova Scotia, 1876-1885.

Calendar Year.	Short tons.	Calendar Year.	Short tons.
1876.....	15,274	1881.....	39,841
1877.....	16,879	1882.....	42,135
1878.....	36,600	1883.....	52,410
1879.....	29,880	1884.....	54,885
1880.....	51,193	1885.....	48,129

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS OF IRON ORE

According to returns received direct from the mine operators, 89,730 tons of ore were shipped to the United States during 1915, as against 60,410 tons in 1914, these being the total shipments outside of Canada. The shipments to destinations outside of Canada in 1913 totalled 216,614 tons, and included 196,151 tons to the United States; 12,927 tons to Scotland, and 7,536 tons to Holland. The Department of Customs reports the exports during the three years as 79,770 tons in 1915; 135,451 tons in 1914, and 126,124 tons in 1913.

There were charged to Canadian blast furnaces in 1915, 1,463,488 tons of imported ores, as compared with 1,324,326 tons in 1914. The annual consumption of imported ores in blast furnaces, which, previous to 1912, was the only record of imports, is shown in the table "Iron Ore, Fuel and Flux charged to Blast Furnaces."

The total quantity of ores thus consumed since 1896 has been 17,444,296 tons. The imported ores charged in 1915 included 840,394 tons from Newfoundland, and 623,094 tons of "Lake Ores."

The imports during 1915, according to the records of the Customs Department, were 1,504,113 tons, valued at \$2,331,755, as compared with 1,147,108 tons, valued at \$2,387,358 imported in 1914. The 1915 imports included 715,060 tons, valued at \$1,568,866 from the United States; 24 tons, valued at \$561 from Great Britain, and 762,328 tons from other countries (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 the Wabana mines during 1915 were 868,451 short tons, of which 802,128 tons were shipped to Sydney and 66,323 tons to the United Kingdom. The total shipments from Wabana since the mines were first operated in 1895, have amounted to 15,525,636 short tons, of which 9,726,881 tons were sent to Sydney; 2,078,197 tons to the United States, and 3,720,558 tons to Great Britain and Europe. A complete record of the shipments from Wabana is shown in tabular form.

A record of the tonnage of iron ores received from the United States is presented in the Table "Exports of Iron Ore from the United States to