

The production of all classes was slightly less than that reported for 1909. The record is probably an underestimate as there are one or two large firms that neglected to make returns, while there is a class of small operators from whom it is particularly difficult to obtain satisfactory information. In many cases they do not seem to have kept any record of their shipments. Ontario shows an increased production of limestone, the value of output in 1910 being \$722,763: of which \$368,911 was crushed stone; \$189,293 flux; \$100,991 rubble, and \$62,830 building stone. The production in Manitoba was valued at \$328,029, and consists chiefly of building stone with some crushed stone and rubble. The production of limestone in Nova Scotia and British Columbia was used entirely for furnace flux.

### MARBLE.

From 1886 to 1896 there was a small production of marble, aggregating, however, only \$4,167 in value for the eleven years. During the next eleven years—1897 to 1907—there is no record of any production. But the opening up of the quarries at Philipsburg, Que., by the Missisquoi Marble Company, Limited., together with the development of quarries in Ontario and British Columbia, has resulted in a considerable production of marble during the past three years. The total value of the production in 1910 was returned as \$158,779, as compared with \$158,441 in 1909 and \$125,000 in 1908. As already shown in a previous table the imports of marble during 1910 were valued at \$267,215, and in 1909, \$182,147. Marble quarries were operated during 1910 at Philipsburg, Que., Darling and Hungerford townships in Ontario, and Marblehead, British Columbia.

The value of the Quebec production was \$151,000, as compared with \$130,000 in 1909; Ontario \$4,100 as against \$3,441 in 1909; and British Columbia \$3,679 as compared with \$25,000 in 1909. With the exception of the Philipsburg quarries the operations were practically confined to the development of quarries.

### Annual Production of Marble.

Calendar Year.	Tons.	Value.	Calendar Year.	Tons.	Value.
		\$			\$
1886.....	501	9,900	1893.....	590	5,100
1887.....	242	6,224	1894.....	Nil	Nil
1888.....	191	3,100	1895.....	200	2,000
1889.....	3	980	1896.....	224	2,405
1890.....	780	10,776	1897 to 1907 inclusive.....	Nil	Nil
1891.....	240	1,752	1908.....		125,000
1892.....	340	3,000	1909.....		158,441
			1910.....		158,779