

1886 was 2,091,976 tons of 2,000 lbs., valued at \$4,017,225, of this Nova Scotia produced 1,682,924 tons, leaving only 409,052 for British Columbia and the North West Territories, the other coal districts of the Province, although some coal is mined in New Brunswick. In the matter of the production of coal Nova Scotia is now, and in all probability will continue, away in the lead of all the other Provinces. Coal mining here is still in its infancy.

COPPER.

The low price of copper in the past, and the enormous production of the great mines in the States, has heretofore had a demoralizing effect on copper mining in Canada, consequently we find from the report that in 1886 no copper works were in operation, so that all the ore from the different mines was exported for treatment abroad. The exports were almost entirely from Quebec and Ontario, and are estimated at about 3,505,000 tons, valued at some \$354,000. Nova Scotia is destined some day to become a large producer of copper. The Eastern Development Company have what is reported to be a great mine, and there are other fine copper properties in the Province, which, if the present price of that metal is maintained, will doubtless be opened up.

GOLD.

The total production of gold in Canada in 1886 was 76,879 ozs., valued at \$1,330,442, an increase over the production of 1885 of 2,541 ozs., and in value an increase of \$214,419. British Columbia and Nova Scotia are the two gold producing Provinces of the Dominion. "In British Columbia the gold has hitherto been derived from the alluvions, but in Nova Scotia, on the contrary, the quartz veins were worked from the first." Gold has also been found in the Province of Quebec, in the Counties of Compton and Shorbrooke. Also in the alluvions of the tributaries of the Chaudiere River in Beauce County, principally from Gilbert River. It is also found in parts of Ontario, and in the alluvions of the Saskatchewan River, near Edmonton.

In comparing the returns from British Columbia and Nova Scotia, it will be noticed that while the latter are taken from the sworn returns of the Mines' Office, the former are largely estimated and evidently not very reliable. The production of gold in British Columbia in 1886 is estimated as follows:—Amount actually known to have been exported by banks, \$753,043. Add one-third more, estimate of gold carried away in private hands, \$150,608—total 903,651. Number of miners employed 3,147. Average yearly earnings per man, \$287. The Gold Commissioner of B. C. in his report estimates the total product at \$798,400—a difference of \$105,251. The Nova Scotia returns for 1886 are 23,362 ozs. 5 dwts. 15 grs., valued at \$455,564, showing an average yield of \$15.80 per ton of 2,000 lbs. If we should adopt the B. C. idea, and estimate the probable amount mined, but for which there are no returns, every one will admit that the returns might safely be increased by a third. But taking the figures as they are, they show that even now we are producing over half as much gold as is produced in famed British Columbia, and that in proportion, the profits of our mines are greater than are those of that Province.

The more that statistics are examined into, the more apparent becomes the fact that in the crucial test of profits, the gold-mines of Nova Scotia rank with the best in the world. Mr. Coste's statistics are so interesting that we shall give further extracts from them in our next issue.

Enormous yields of gold from quartz are reported from West Australia, large indeed that they are not quotable without confirmation, but whether correct or exaggerated, the reports are likely to cause a rush to the young colony—the younger, that is to say, in development than in date of settlement.

The Plymouth Consolidated Mining Company of California, will pay February 6th, dividend No. 57, of forty cents a share, aggregating \$40,000, making \$80,000 paid this year, and \$2,280,000 paid to date.

The Daly Mining Company of Utah, will pay January 31st, dividend No. 11, of fifty cents a share, aggregating \$75,000, making \$450,000 paid to date.

The North Belle Isle Mining Company have resumed the payment of dividends by the announcement of one of fifty cents a share, aggregating \$50,000, payable February 2d.

The Eureka Consolidated Mining Company of Nevada, will pay February 3d, dividend No. 31, of twenty-five cents a share, aggregating \$12,500, making \$25,000 paid this year.

The Central Copper Mining Company of Michigan, will pay, February 1st, dividend No. 6 of two dollars a share, aggregating \$40,000, making \$360,000 paid to date.

The Atlantic Copper Mining Company, of Michigan, will pay, February 1st, dividend No. 9, of one dollar and fifty cents a share, aggregating \$90,000, making \$440,000 paid to date.

The Homestake Mining Company, of Dakota, will pay, January 25th, dividend No. 144, of twenty cents a share, aggregating \$25,000, making \$1,023,750 paid to date.

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