

SILVER PRODUCTION OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

	1897	1890
Australasia	73.3 per cent.	92.2 per cent.
Canada	25.4 "	4.5 "
United Kingdom	1.3 "	3.3 "
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HISTORY OF CANADA'S PRODUCTION OF THE PRECIOUS METALS

Sofar the output of the precious metals has only been spoken of in its proportional relationship to the rest of the world. A statistical study of the subject would hardly be complete, however, without giving the actual figures. These are given below for the forty-one years commencing 1858. The annual totals are compiled from data taken from the reports of the Section of Mines of the Geological Survey Department.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA

1858.....	\$ 705,000	1879.....	\$1,582,358
1859.....	1,615,072	1880.....	1,304,824
1860.....	2,228,543	1881.....	1,313,153
1861.....	2,666,118	1882.....	1,246,268
1862.....	2,798,774	1883.....	1,113,246
1863.....	4,186,011	1884.....	1,058,439
1864.....	4,126,199	1885.....	1,148,829
1865.....	3,987,562	1886.....	1,413,196
1866.....	3,153,597	1887.....	1,187,804
1867.....	3,013,431	1888.....	1,098,610
1868.....	2,773,527	1889.....	1,295,159
1869.....	2,123,405	1890.....	1,149,776
1870.....	1,724,348	1891.....	930,614
1871.....	2,174,412	1892.....	907,601
1872.....	1,866,321	1893.....	976,603
1873.....	1,536,871	1894.....	1,128,688
1874.....	2,022,862	1895.....	2,083,674
1875.....	2,693,533	1896.....	2,754,774
1876.....	2,020,233	1897.....	6,027,016
1877.....	1,949,444	1898.....	13,700,000
1878.....	1,538,394		

The record as given above begins with the year 1858, when gold was first seriously mined in British Columbia. About 1846 gold mining was commenced on the Beauce placer gravels in Quebec, but the work done was slight, and practically no figures of production are on record before 1863, and even after that date the figures available are known to be partial and unreliable. Thus the totals given from 1858 to 1862 inclusive are those for British Columbia, the only contributor. From that time