

Rolling Mill Production.—Statistics of the production in rolling mills have been received from all firms operating both steel furnaces and rolling mills, as well as from a majority of other firms operating rolling mills, and the production in 1915 is reported of steel rails 232,411 tons; wire rods 124,381 tons; plates, sheets and bars, etc., 264,595 tons; angle splice bars, forgings, and other products 34,358 tons. The production in 1914 included: steel rails 428,226 tons; wire rods 63,856 tons; plates, sheets, bars, etc., 143,754 tons, and other products 42,070 tons.

The annual production of rolling mills so far as returns have been furnished to this Department are as follows:—

Annual Production of Rolling Mills.

(IN SHORT TONS.)

Year.	Steel rails.	Wire rods.	Plates, sheets, and bars.	Other products.
1908.....	300,935	41,420		
1909.....	377,642	81,762		
1910.....	399,762	88,456	128,940	28,354
1911.....	399,760	85,811	202,023	62,676
1912.....	471,422	68,174	267,797	36,441
1913.....	554,481	57,389	269,096	51,654
1914.....	428,226	63,856	143,754	42,070
1915.....	232,411	124,381	264,595	34,358

The record of production of finished rolled iron and steel in Canada collected and published by the American Iron and Steel Institute, and the American Iron and Steel Association, which covers a longer period of time and is possibly more complete than that given above, is shown in the following tables quoted from the Annual Statistical Report of the American Iron and Steel Institute for 1914 and special Statistical Bulletin, No. 4, 1916.

Finished Rolled Iron and Steel.

PRODUCTION OF FINISHED ROLLED PRODUCTS, 1895-1909.

Years.	Gross tons.	Years.	Gross tons.	Years.	Gross tons.
1895.....	66,402	1900.....	100,690	1905.....	385,826
1896.....	75,043	1901.....	112,007	1906.....	571,742
1897.....	77,021	1902.....	161,485	1907.....	600,179
1898.....	90,303	1903.....	129,516	1908.....	496,517
1899.....	110,642	1904.....	180,038	1909.....	662,741