

Soapstone. Structural materials and clay products show an aggregate estimated value in 1899, of nearly \$5,600,000, including *Cement, Flagstones, Granite, Slate, Terra-cotta, Pottery*, etc., besides building materials proper, such as *Building-stone, Bricks, Lime*, etc.

Such is a general enumeration of the mineral products of Canada that have already become the basis of industries of greater or less magnitude. The subjoined table shows, in condensed form, the approximate amount and value of each of these products or classes of products in the calendar year 1899, together with the totals for each year from 1886 (the first for which complete returns are available) to date. In 1899 the minerals that may be classed as metallic, being utilized in that form, are valued at \$28,833,717, the non-metallic minerals and structural materials at \$18,141,795.

PRODUCTION OF MINERALS IN CANADA IN 1899.

PRODUCT.	QUANTITY.	VALUE.
		\$
Copper (fine in ore, &c.) Lbs.	15,078,475	2,655,319
Gold, Yukon District... \$16,000,000		
“ all other..... 5,049,730		
		21,049,730
Iron ore..... Tons.	77,158	248,372
Lead (fine, in ore, &c.)..... Lbs.	21,862,436	977,250
Nickel (fine, in ore, &c.)..... “	5,744,000	2,067,840
Platinum (partial return)... Oz.	55	835
Silver (fine, in ore, &c.)..... Lbs.	3,078,837	1,834,371
Arsenic “	114,637	4,872
Asbestos and asbestic. Tons.	25,285	483,299
Chromite..... “	1,980	23,760
Coal..... “	4,565,993	9,040,058
Coke..... “	100,820	350,022
Felspar..... “	3,000	6,000
Fire-clay..... “	599	1,295
Graphite..... “	1,220	16,179
Grindstones..... “	4,511	43,265
Gypsum..... “	244,566	257,329
Limestone (for flux)..... “	53,202	45,662
Manganese ore..... “	308	3,960
Mica.....		163,000