

PLATINUM. As articles of platinum are not manufactured in Canada, there is
Production. no home market for the crude metal and the imports, as shown in
 Table 2, represent only the finished articles.

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 IMPORTS OF PLATINUM.

Imports.

Fiscal Year.	Value.
1883.	\$ 113
1884.	576
1885.	792
1886.	1,154
1887.	1,422
1888.	13,475
1889.	3,167
1890.	5,215
1891.	4,065
1892.	1,962
1893.	14,082
1894.	7,151
1895.	3,937
1896.	6,186
1897.	9,031
1898.	9,781
1899.	9,671
1900.	57,910
1901*.	20,283

*Platinum wire and platinum in bars, strips, sheets or plates; platinum retorts, pans, condensers, tubing and pipe, imported by manufacturers of sulphuric acid for use in their works. Duty free.

It is to be hoped that the increasing demand for this valuable metal may stimulate prospecting and lead to the discovery of other workable deposits. With this in view Mr. Theo. Denis, B. Sc., of the Staff of the Mines Section has prepared the following article on the subject, giving in condensed form, information inaccessible to the ordinary reader on account of its being scattered throughout a number of technical publications. Descriptive matter relating to the mode of occurrence and methods of working deposits in other countries has been included as suggestive of points likely to be of use to the prospector and miner in Canada.

OCCURRENCES OF PLATINUM IN CANADA.

Occurrences. Although the first reference to the occurrence of platinum in Canada was made as early as 1852, by Dr. T. Sterry Hunt, yet, the production