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CONTRACT DRILLING IN THE MINING INDUSTRY

1955

(Diamond drilling of deposits other than fuels)

During 1955 the footage drilled by contract diamond drilling was 6,443,641 compared with 5,639,574 in 1954. Income received from drilling was \$21,444,802. There were 55 firms reporting their operations in this industry. Drilling was reported in all provinces except Prince Edward Island.

The average number of employees was estimated at 2,840 and the salaries and wages totalled \$9,852,432.

Equipment owned by the operators included 338 air or steam-driven drills and 6,296 gasoline-driven drills.

TABLE 1. Contract Diamond Drilling Operations, 1946-1955 (Drilling operations conducted by contractors who employed diamond drills only, and which were confined chiefly to the testing of metalliferous deposits)

Year	Footage drilled	Income from drilling	Average number of employees	Total salaries and wages paid
		\$		\$
1946	6,260,513	11,786,846	2,829	5,285,695
1947	4,072,622	6,635,476	1,838	3,179,473
1948	4,027,977	5,801,117	1,281	2,723,530
1949	4,777,015	7,570,454	1,415	3,423,124
1950	6,006,747	9,492,679	1,862	4,532,903
1951	5,091,514	12,357,329	2,431	5,996,026
1952	5,180,783	14,667,847	2,345	7,119,714
1953	5,258,870	15,779,420	2,238	7,110,188
1954				
Newfoundland	59,450	207,470	31	93,327
Nova Scotia	64,275	218,732	57	185,522
New Brunswick	209,973	726,345	154	245,436
Quebec	1,333,797	3,467,740	477	1,619,603
Ontario	2,454,373	7,309,992	1,118	3,558,279
Manitoba	223,406	949,618	162	595,710
Saskatchewan	375,548	1,291,478	142	571,044
Alberta	6,559	51,738	20	78,524
British Columbia	666,573	907,063	79	440,554
Northwest Territories	185,432	425,986	82	276,877
Yukon	60,188	376,319	30	168,769
Canada	5,639,574	15,932,481	2,352	7,833,645
1955				
Newfoundland	90,712	386,119	48	148,356
Nova Scotia	17,265	63,989	20	21,107
New Brunswick	112,249	446,370	62	186,389
Quebec	1,702,009	4,338,243	618	2,079,447
Ontario	3,424,492	12,042,444	1,543	5,407,353
Manitoba	335,929	1,045,074	150	598,755
Saskatchewan	321,254	1,290,961	154	569,893
Alberta	1,496	11,965	16	68,531
British Columbia	147,230	822,275	120	364,908
Northwest Territories	251,959	730,999	91	324,748
Yukon	39,046	266,363	18	82,945
Canada	6,443,641	21,444,802	2,840	9,852,432

TABLE 2. Value of Stones, Readyset and Castset Bits, Purchased by Contractors, 1946-1955

Year	Value	Year	Value
	\$		\$
1946	2,192,615	1951	2,390,351
1947	1,418,831	1952	3,322,289
1948	1,599,527	1953	2,939,143
1949	1,379,793	1954	2,051,999
1950	1,640,194	1955	3,356,757

TABLE 3. Drilling Completed on Auriferous Quartz Deposits (Gold Mines), 1954 and 1955

	Footage drilled	
	1954	1955
Diamond drilling for exploration and testing:		
By mining companies with their own personnel and equipment	652,839	830,442
By diamond drilling contractors ¹	1,525,621	1,353,214
Other diamond drilling:		
Blast hole diamond drilling:		
By mining companies with their own personnel and equipment	64,993	58,401
By diamond drilling contractors ¹	175,400	112,515
Drilling by percussion or other machines ²	36,784,541	40,107,292

1. Included in Table 1.

2. Not complete as records are unavailable at certain mines.

Value of diamonds purchased by gold mining companies in 1955 totalled \$153,626 compared with \$154,585 in 1954.

TABLE 4. Drilling Completed on Copper-Gold-Silver and Nickel-Copper Deposits, 1954 and 1955

	Footage drilled	
	1954	1955
Diamond drilling for exploration and testing:		
By mining companies with their own personnel and equipment	277,209	552,134
By diamond drilling contractors ¹	1,022,013	1,551,066
Other diamond drilling:		
Blast hole diamond drilling:		
By mining companies with their own personnel and equipment	1,362,092	752,081
By diamond drilling contractors ¹	49,606	18,545
Drilling by percussion or other machines ²	30,084,136	29,168,271

1. Included in Table 1.

2. Not complete as records are unavailable at certain mines.

Value of diamonds purchased by copper-gold-silver and nickel-copper mining companies in 1955 totalled \$419,277 compared with \$381,802 in 1954.

TABLE 5. Drilling Completed on Silver-Lead-Zinc and Silver-Cobalt Deposits, 1954 and 1955

	Footage drilled	
	1954	1955
Diamond drilling for exploration and testing:		
By mining companies with their own personnel and equipment	19,572	77,050
By diamond drilling contractors ¹	489,214	516,211
Other diamond drilling:		
Blast hole diamond drilling:		
By mining companies with their own personnel and equipment	376,509	523,853
By diamond drilling contractors ¹	6,677	4,464
Drilling by percussion or other machines ²	5,872,126	8,282,408

1. Included in Table 1.

2. Not complete as records are unavailable at certain mines.

Value of diamonds purchased by silver-lead-zinc and silver-cobalt companies in 1955 amounted to \$171,318 compared with \$168,456 in 1954.

TABLE 6. Drilling Completed on Other Metal-bearing Deposits, 1954 and 1955

	Footage drilled	
	1954	1955
Diamond drilling for exploration and testing:		
By mining companies with their own personnel and equipment	20,238	63,070
By diamond drilling contractors ¹	604,372	1,651,772
Other diamond drilling:		
Blast hole diamond drilling:		
By mining companies with their own personnel and equipment	—	13,842
By diamond drilling contractors ¹	28,596	35,136
Drilling by percussion or other machines ²	3,823,636	11,533,171

1. Included in Table 1.

2. Includes drilling on iron, chromite, titanium and uranium deposits. Does not include drilling on uranium deposits in 1954.

Value of diamonds purchased by other metal-mining companies in 1955 amounted to \$19,190 compared with \$8,236 in 1954.

TABLE 7. Drilling Completed on Asbestos Deposits, 1954 and 1955

	Footage drilled	
	1954	1955
Diamond drilling for exploration and testing:		
By mining companies with their own personnel and equipment	15,745	—
By diamond drilling contractors ¹	179,741	104,220
Other diamond drilling:		
Blast hole diamond drilling:		
By mining companies with their own personnel and equipment	—	—
By diamond drilling contractors ¹	8,421	3,250
Drilling by percussion or other machines ²	3,452,754	3,890,837

1. Included in Table 1.

2. Not complete as data are not reported by some firms.

Note. The total footage of contract drilling recorded in Tables 3 to 7 does not necessarily agree with the corresponding totals shown in Table 1 as drilling data are incomplete or unobtainable from some mining firms.

Diamonds purchased by asbestos mining companies were nil in 1954 and 1955.

Directory, 1955

List of Active Diamond Drilling Contractors, 1955

Name of firm	Head office address
Anderson Diamond Drilling	306 Patricia Blvd., Timmins, Ontario
Arno Diamond Drilling Co. Ltd.	Box 426, Timmins, Ontario
Baderski, Frank, & Son	464 Algonquin Blvd. E., Timmins, Ontario
Baker, L. J., Diamond Drilling Co. Ltd.	Box 218, Val d'Or, Quebec
Barron Diamond Drilling	Haileybury, Ontario
Boyles Bros. Drilling (Alberta) Ltd.	10210-111 Street, Edmonton, Alberta
Boyles Bros. Drilling Co. Ltd.	1291 Parker St., Vancouver, British Columbia
Boyles Bros. Drilling (Eastern) Ltd.	Box 26, Port Arthur, Ontario
Boyles Bros. (Quebec) Ltd.	Noranda, Quebec
Bradley Bros. Ltd.	Noranda, Quebec
Bradville Drilling & Exploration Ltd.	Box 475, Kirkland Lake, Ontario
Brochu, W.C.	Box 11, Gateway, Ontario
Burton, Archie S.	352 Hawey Crescent, Sudbury, Ontario
Byberg, Harry	907-1st St. S., Kenora, Ontario
Cameron Drilling Co. Ltd.	761 Royal St., Malartic, Quebec
Canadian Longyear Ltd.	1111 Main St. W., North Bay, Ontario
Connors, T., Diamond Drilling Co. Ltd.	744 West Hastings St., Vancouver, British Columbia
Continental Diamond Drilling Co. Ltd.	Drawer 250, Rouyn, Quebec
Cloutier Bros. Diamond Drilling	Box 361, Cobalt, Ontario
Dion Diamond Drilling	Madsen, Ontario
Duggan & St. Paul	Red Lake, Ontario
Edwards, Jack H.	Box 369, Kenora, Ontario
Eco Exploration Co. Ltd.	411 Childs Building, Winnipeg, Manitoba
Exploration Drilling Services Co.	Inch Block, Cobalt, Ontario
Fathom Drilling Ltd.	Madsen, Ontario
Gisler, Peter	Balmertown, Ontario
Global Mine Developers Ltd.	6 Church St., Mimico, Ontario
Goyette Diamond Drilling Reg'd.	1010 - 6th Ave., Val d'Or, Quebec
Graham Diamond Drilling	666 McLean Drive, Timmins, Ontario
Groleau Bros. Diamond Drilling Ltd.	44 Taschereau St., Rouyn, Quebec
Griffith Bros. Diamond Drilling	Bissett, Manitoba
Harvey Kendrick Development Ltd.	Uranium City, Saskatchewan
Heath & Sherwood	Box 340, Kirkland Lake, Ontario
Inspiration Mining & Development Co. Ltd.	170 Regina St., North Bay, Ontario
Inspiration Mining & Development Co. Ltd. (Thetford Branch)	Box 156, Thetford Mines, Quebec
Labine Bros.	Cochenour, Ontario
Larson, B.E.	Box 651, Bathurst, New Brunswick
La Rocque, T.E., Diamond Drilling Co. Ltd.	10 Frontenac St., Val d'Or, Quebec
Lavallee Diamond Drilling	Box 295, Matachewan, Ontario
Logan Bros. Diamond Drilling	R.R. No. 2, Truro, Nova Scotia
Morissette Diamond Drilling Ltd.	Box 440, Haileybury, Ontario
Midwest Diamond Drilling Co. Ltd.	Flin Flon, Manitoba
McIsaac, R.M.	35 Church St., Flin Flon, Manitoba
Mutch Diamond Drilling Co. Ltd.	786 Edgewood Rd. North, Vancouver, British Columbia
National Diamond Drilling Co. Ltd.	Box 508, Rossland, British Columbia
Northwest Drilling Ltd.	705 W. 2nd St., North Vancouver, British Columbia
Niemetz & Cavan Diamond Drilling	Temagami, Ontario
Pacific Diamond Drilling Co. Ltd.	367 East 2nd Ave., Vancouver, British Columbia
Pilon, J.L., Limited	Box 90, Ferris, Ontario
Plant's Diamond Drilling Co.	Box 65, South Porcupine, Ontario
Portelance Diamond Drilling	171 Macamic Rd., Noranda, Quebec
Patricia Diamond Drilling Co. Ltd.	McKenzie Island, Ontario
Patrick Harrison & Co. Ltd.	Box 370, Noranda, Quebec
Renaud Diamond Drilling Reg'd.	252 Murdock Ave., Noranda, Quebec
Rowan, Angus	99 Elm St. N., Timmins, Ontario
Smith & Travers Co. Ltd.	208 Walnut St., Sudbury, Ontario
Subterra Exploration Co. Ltd.	Box 233, Ferris, Ontario
Sprague & Henwood, Inc.	221 W. Olive St., Scranton, Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Tremblay, Paul	59 B Avenue, Noranda, Quebec
Turcotte, R., & Cie.	3354 Mace St., Mackayville, Quebec
Wallace Drilling Company	Box 37, Uranium City, Saskatchewan
Wilson, A.	Box 277, Noranda, Quebec

SECTION II

Contract Drilling for Fuels

Drilling for petroleum or natural gas, direct, or exploratory drilling for these minerals was reported by 117 contractors. The total reported footage was 13,056,006 feet and the income from operations amounted to \$68,348,596 compared, respectively, with 10,066,620 feet and \$58,823,980 in 1954. Rotary drilling amounted to 12,711,953 feet and 344,053 feet were done by cable drills. The firms owned 296 rotary drills and 73 cable drills.

Supplies used during the year included 12,216 tons of bentonite, Pembina clay, etc., valued at

\$670,734; 625 tons of barite valued at \$77,479; drilling bits, cables and lubricants valued at \$8,235,984; general repairs to rig, \$8,856,975 and casing pipe was valued at \$183,760. Data on supplies are incomplete as many items are furnished to the contractor drillers by the well owners.

Drilling done by oil companies with their own equipment is not included in this report.

TABLE 8. Drilling Conducted During 1954 and 1955 by Contractors, for Petroleum, Natural Gas and Other Purposes Not Included in Section 1 of This Report

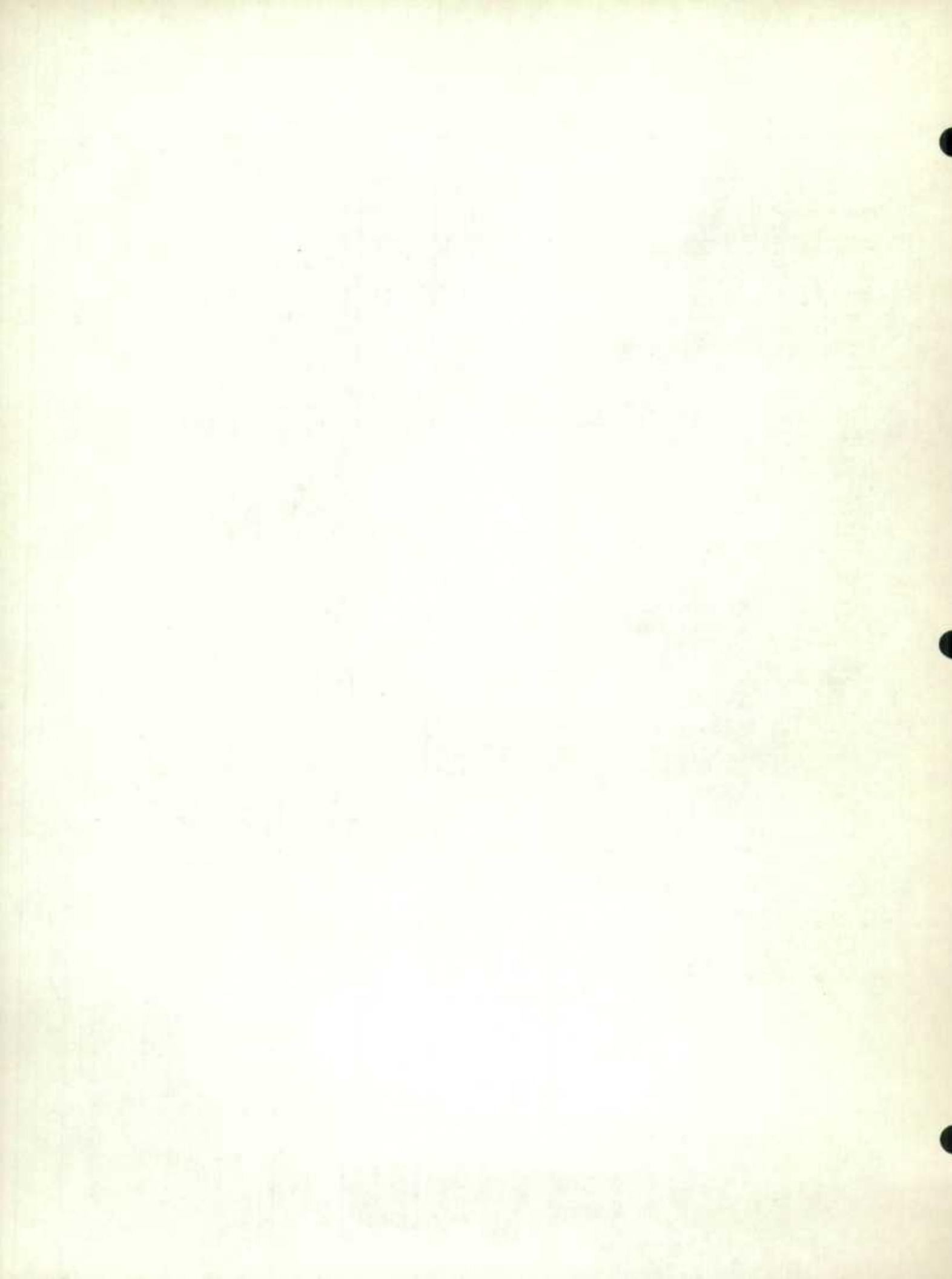
Province	Footage drilled						Gross income from drilling	Average number of employees	Total salaries and wages paid			
	For petroleum		For gas		For other purposes							
	Type of drill		Type of drill		Type of drill							
	Cable	Rotary	Cable	Rotary	Cable	Rotary						
1954							\$		\$			
Nova Scotia	—	—	—	—	8,400	—	33,058	7	13,786			
Quebec	90	44,775	—	—	—	—	154,400	45	144,300			
Ontario	74,590	2,759	366,479	1,894	2,922	13,283	1,810,831	186	604,871			
Manitoba	—	704,586	—	—	2,112	—	4,134,029	344	1,208,841			
Saskatchewan.....	—	1,854,373	—	9,270	2,887	177,234	9,798,912	757	2,793,415			
Alberta	—	5,011,408	—	253,185	—	1,241,884	40,134,913	2,997	12,566,348			
British Columbia	—	75,108	—	66,151	—	145,000	2,457,837	217	752,738			
Northwest Territories	—	8,230	—	—	—	—	300,000	6	37,495			
Canada	74,680	7,701,239	366,479	330,500	16,321	1,577,401	58,823,980	4,559	18,121,844			
1955												
Nova Scotia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—			
Quebec	8,242	—	—	—	1,375	—	57,621	16	17,889			
Ontario	66,817	3,800	223,896	—	39,073	3,073	1,083,813	159	448,072			
Manitoba	—	724,395	—	42,395	1,459	12,500	3,882,607	375	1,109,766			
Saskatchewan.....	—	2,479,142	—	8,400	—	308,578	11,082,356	805	3,325,707			
Alberta	2,721	7,029,022	—	737,235	—	1,060,642	49,144,314	3,286	16,368,359			
British Columbia	—	105,835	—	85,242	—	87,722	2,825,799	237	1,000,119			
Northwest Territories	—	9,972	—	—	—	14,000	272,086	23	58,159			
Canada	77,780	10,352,166	223,896	873,272	42,377	1,486,515	68,348,596	4,901	22,328,071			

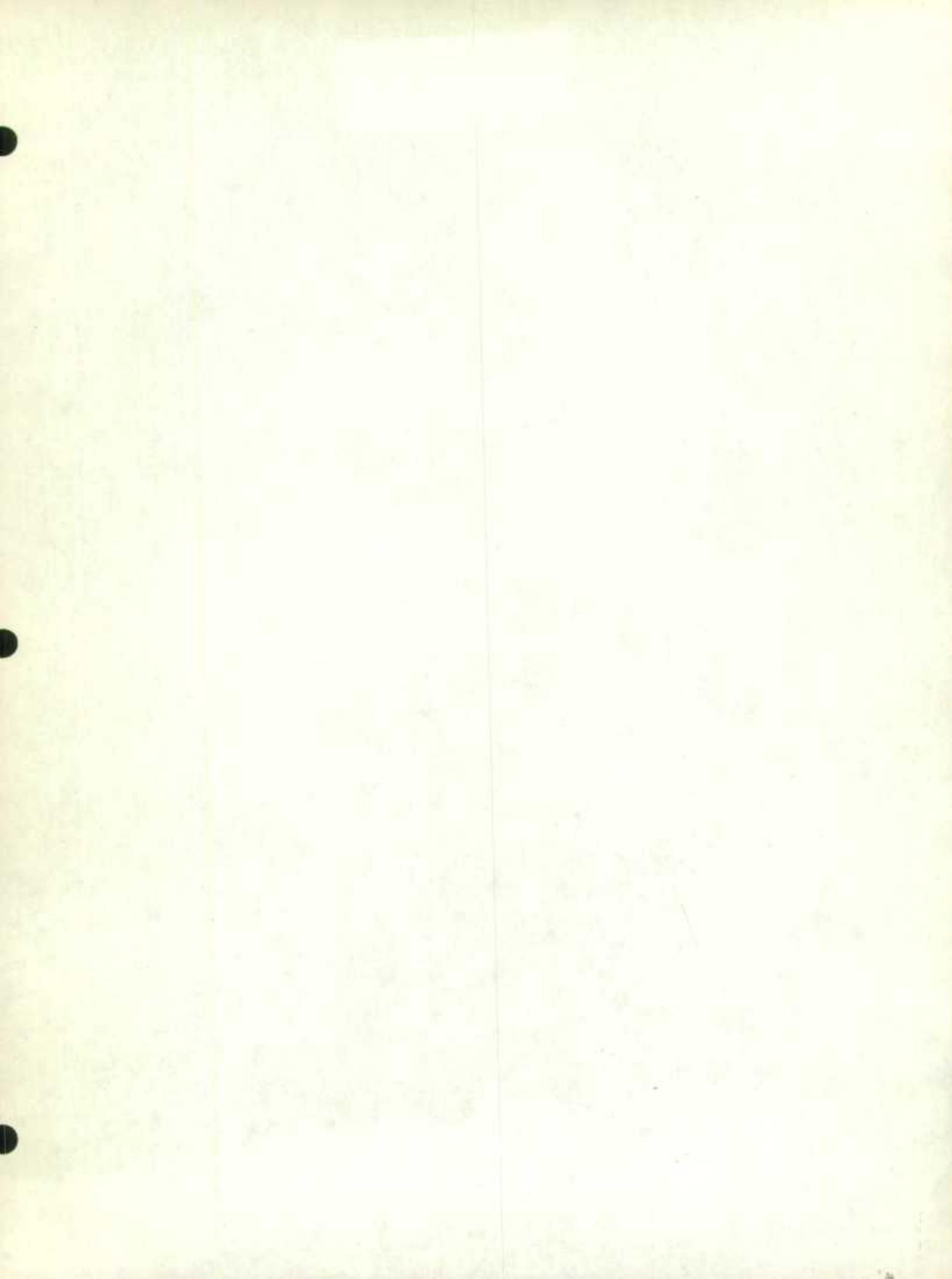
List of Contract Drillers, 1955

Name of firm	Head office address
Quebec:	
Gelinas, G.	Ste-Angele de Laval
St. Lambert Drilling Co. Ltd.	McKayville
Turcotte, P.	St-Thimothee
Ontario:	
Ashton, J. L.	550 King St. W., Chatham
Carter, C. M.	Wallaceburg
Culver, M., & Son	R.R. 2, Selkirk
Culver, O.	Stevensville
Davidson, F. L.	Wingham
Earl, Sydney	Kerrwood
Garringer, Wm.	161 First St. E., Dunnville
Haskell, Bert	Bright
Heal, A. A.	Box 264, Watford
Held, Karl F., & Son	Fort Erie
Irving, Donald	64 Culver St., Simcoe
Jackson, P. L., & Co.	211 George St., Dunnville
Kiser, Wayne, & Son	111 Victoria Ave., Chatham
Knight & Neale	Dunnville
Laramie, C.	R.R. 1, Kingsville
Lather, R.	Bothwell
Lyons, S., & Son	R.R. 5, Simcoe
Mandley, Roy, & Son	Dunnville
McMaster, R., & Sons Co. Ltd.	Box 455, Caledonia
McPherson, R. L.	88 Thompson Blvd., Windsor
Meier & Shaw	401 St. Clair St., Chatham
Nagel, Elmer	Stevensville
Nauman, H. V.	Fisherville
Nauman, J. R.	Fisherville
Palenkas Bros.	R.R. 4, West Lorne
Patterson & Culver	Dunnville
Rawlings Drilling Company	145 William St. S., Chatham
Roth, Harvey	R.R. 9, Dunnville
Schweyer, George	Fisherville
Shank, E.	Port Dover
Sider, Ralph	Box 88, Ridgeway
Smelser, Ivan, & Sons	Jarvis
Stewart, Elgin	R.R. 3, Jarvis
Stubble & Stubble	Merlin
Stubble, H. H., & Son	225 Grand Ave., Chatham
Union Rotary Drillers (Canada) Limited	1104 N. Mission St., Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, U.S.A.
Werner, D.	Fisherville
Manitoba:	
Cleary, T.L., Drilling Co. Ltd.	309-7th Ave. W., Calgary, Alberta
Coyle, D. J.	799 Gateway Rd., Winnipeg 5
Saskatchewan:	
Border Drilling Co. Ltd.	Lloydminster
Gold Star Drilling Company	Box 544, Regina
Owen Drilling Company	Box 655, Overton, Texas, U.S.A.
Alberta:	
Aikens Drilling Co.	Shelby, Montana, U.S.A.
American Northland Oil Co.	Box 520, Wainwright
Arrow Drilling Company Canada Limited	309-7th Ave. W., Calgary
B. M. G. Drilling Ltd.	9916-109th St., Edmonton
Bawdon, Peter, Drilling Ltd.	810A-First St. W., Calgary
Big Indian Drilling Co. Ltd.	220 Blow Bldg., Calgary
Brandon Drilling Contractor	115A-8th Ave. E., Calgary
Brinkerhoff Drilling Company Ltd.	1001 Barron Bldg., Calgary
Burggren Exploration & Drilling Ltd.	11436-112th Ave., Edmonton
Cambridge Corporation Ltd.	237-7th Ave. W., Calgary
Can-Tex Drilling Co. Ltd.	239-6th Ave. W., Calgary
Cascade Drilling Company Ltd.	510A-8th Ave. W., Calgary
Central Leduc Drilling Co. Ltd.	224-9th Ave. W., Calgary
Commonwealth Drilling Co. Ltd.	122-8th Ave. W., Calgary

List of Contract Drillers, 1955 — Concluded

Name of firm	Head office address
Alberta — concluded:	
Coralta Drilling Ltd.	Box 4104, Edmonton
Coultis Drilling Ltd.	1724 Suffolk St., Calgary
Crag Drilling Ltd.	304 Grain Exchange Bldg., Calgary
Crowsnest Drilling Company	Box 117, Coleman
Dallas Drilling Co. Ltd.	1208 First National Bank Bldg., Dallas, Texas, U.S.A.
Devon Drilling Company Ltd.	703-5th St. W., Calgary
Dominion Drilling Company Ltd.	401 Petroleum Bldg., Edmonton
Donnell Drilling Ltd.	133-6th Ave. E., Calgary
Double A. Drilling Co. Ltd.	307 Rawleigh Bldg., Edmonton
Duke Drilling Co. Ltd.	121-8th Ave. W., Calgary
Fast Drilling Company Ltd.	11146-86th St., Edmonton
Ferguson Bros. Drilling Ltd.	10257 Jasper Ave., Edmonton
Five Star Drilling	536-8th Ave. W., Calgary
General Petroleums of Canada Limited	224-Ninth Ave. W., Calgary
Gustavson Drilling Co. Ltd.	208 Alberta Blk., Calgary
Harlo Drilling Co. Ltd.	340-7th Ave. W., Calgary
Hi-Tower Drilling Co. Ltd.	400 Lancaster Bldg., Calgary
Holemaster Drillers Ltd.	8745-84th Ave., Edmonton
Hunter Drilling Limited	602-7th Ave. W., Calgary
Lee, R. E., Drilling Co. Ltd.	300 Lancaster Bldg., Calgary
Llanos Drilling Limited	901-8th Ave. W., Calgary
Loffland Brothers Company of Canada	Box 1649, Tulsa, Oklahoma, U.S.A.
Lohmann-Johnson Drilling Co. Ltd.	718-8th Ave. W., Calgary
MacKenzie, J. W., Drilling Ltd.	152-1st Ave. S., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
McIntyre & Webster Ltd.	709-8th Ave. W., Calgary
Merit Drilling Co.	415-10th St. N. W., Calgary
Moore Drilling Co. Ltd.	Petroleum Bldg., Calgary
Northwest Seismic Surveys Ltd.	415-10th N. W., Calgary
Oil Producers Limited	222 Tegler Bldg., Edmonton
Oxark Drilling Co. Ltd.	133-6th Ave. E., Calgary
Parker Drilling Co. of Canada Limited	308-8th Ave. W., Calgary
Paul Guthrie Development Ltd.	9916-109th St., Edmonton
Pennant Drilling Ltd.	203 Mayo Bldg., Tulsa, Oklahoma, U.S.A.
Petrolia Drilling Co. Ltd.	830-8th Ave. W., Calgary
Portable Drilling Ltd.	209-6th Ave. W., Calgary
Precision Drilling Co. Ltd.	1134-8th Ave. W., Calgary
Price Drilling Co. Ltd.	507-49th Ave. W., Calgary
R. & J. Drilling Co. Ltd.	1917-23rd Ave. N. W., Calgary
Reading & Bates Drilling Co. Ltd.	1502 Philtower Bldg., Tulsa 3, Oklahoma, U.S.A.
Red Willow Drilling Co.	10584-107th St., Edmonton
Regent Drilling Company Limited	Box 421, Edmonton
Rocky Mountain Drilling Co. Ltd.	1134-8th Ave. W., Calgary
Rodcliff Drilling Ltd.	Westlock
Ryland Drilling Limited	10318-82nd Ave., Edmonton
S. & T. Drilling Co. Ltd.	10824A-82nd Ave., Edmonton
Spire Drilling Co. Ltd.	217 Dominion Bank Bldg., Calgary
Stewart Drilling Co. Ltd.	10856-82nd Ave., Edmonton
Tenora Drilling Limited	102 Campbell Furniture Bldg., Edmonton
Thornton & Bates Drilling Co.	1502 Philtower Bldg., Tulsa, Oklahoma, U.S.A.
Tri-City Drilling Company Ltd.	Box 347, Edmonton
Trident Drilling Co. Ltd.	803-8th St. W., Calgary
Trinity Canadian Drilling Co.	237-7th Ave. W., Calgary
Tri-Province Drilling Co. Ltd.	307-6th Ave. W., Calgary
Tronsgard Drilling Ltd.	10424-82nd Ave., Edmonton
Veran Drilling Co. Ltd.	340-7th Ave. W., Calgary
Wilcox Drilling Co. Ltd.	Canrose
Wilderman Drilling Ltd.	220 Blow Bldg., Calgary
Young Drilling Company Limited	631-7th Ave. W., Calgary





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