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Monthly Statistics for 1929.— For several years Canadian production figures have been published monthly on such important products as coal, coke, iron and steel, and automobiles. Similarly information on imports into Canada and exports therefrom has been issued monthly, both import and export lists including all the principal items in each case. But up to the present time the only statistics available monthly relating to mineral output of Canada have been those compiled and published outside of the Dominion. To remedy this situation the Bureau undertook in January, 1929, to collect monthly data on the output of leading mineral products in Canada. The results of the first year's work are shown in this report.

The work is being continued and a monthly report will be issued regularly hereafter, thus providing a Canadian official guide to monthly production of these mineral products.

Sixteen representative mineral products have been selected and production statistics for these minerals will be given in the monthly report. The selected items are: asbestos, cement, clay products, coal, copper, feldspar, gold, gypsum, lead, lime, natural gas, nickel, petroleum, salt, silver and zinc. Production data have been obtained in terms of quantity for all items except clay products, in which sales values have been used. In 1929 the combined production value of these 16 products was \$282,726,395 or 92.05 per cent of the aggregate for all mineral products. The following table shows the monthly data by items for 1929. As some of the figures collected monthly were of a preliminary nature, corrections have been made in the monthly records to bring the totals for the twelve months into accord with the totals reported for the year.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS IN CANADA, 1929.

	Asbestos tons	C-ment brls.	Clay Products \$	Coal tons	Copper lb.	Feldspar tons
Jan.	17,882	385,679	494,034	1,585,072	19,850,095	2,114
Feb.	22,421	430,710	492,263	1,649,960	18,518,573	6,592
Mar.	22,109	581,815	669,303	1,387,696	18,777,027	4,505
April	24,770	796,475	963,713	1,394,320	18,328,736	967
May	28,458	1,233,644	1,418,303	1,404,861	19,232,242	1,816
June	27,140	1,579,163	1,526,565	1,360,774	20,692,546	2,617
July	28,368	1,669,915	1,630,742	1,316,153	20,779,141	1,893
Aug.	29,254	1,697,089	1,614,595	1,362,166	21,283,867	5,363
Sept.	27,891	1,447,383	1,378,454	1,417,749	20,411,401	2,814
Oct.	30,120	1,423,489	1,350,002	1,593,568	20,706,320	2,306
Nov.	27,911	760,083	1,032,302	1,534,190	24,120,566	4,133
Dec.	19,731	278,631	652,200	1,490,856	25,407,295	2,233
TOTAL	306,055	12,284,081	13,222,476	17,502,355	248,107,809	37,353
	Gold fine oz.	Gypsum tons	Lead lb.	Lime tons	Natural Gas M cu. ft.	
Jan.	150,475	30,936	24,668,121	43,652	3,365,525	
Feb.	145,904	31,347	20,638,454	41,345	3,338,090	
Mar.	155,850	41,772	23,856,042	47,580	2,717,365	
April	153,389	87,322	27,103,985	46,520	2,529,957	
May	165,052	109,245	27,806,000	47,396	2,103,990	
June	170,360	155,355	31,310,905	53,312	1,426,328	
July	159,262	174,623	31,637,167	55,238	1,349,640	
Aug.	164,436	143,789	27,048,907	55,227	1,391,124	
Sept.	161,459	162,295	24,941,590	51,724	1,613,042	
Oct.	182,052	141,541	31,050,798	53,436	2,080,903	
Nov.	150,418	89,949	24,143,931	51,995	2,722,461	
Dec.	168,639	38,209	31,744,345	42,751	3,459,026	
TOTAL	1,927,295	1,211,384	325,950,245	530,175	28,097,456	
	Nickel lb.	Petroleum brls.	Salt tons	Silver fine oz.	Zinc lb.	
Jan.	9,705,455	54,874	23,131	1,701,081	15,953,322	
Feb.	8,396,837	53,025	23,958	1,003,681	16,174,468	
Mar.	8,785,121	69,691	29,674	1,550,356	18,979,341	
April	9,473,039	83,542	20,813	1,326,251	17,746,976	
May	9,337,783	100,779	27,420	2,112,979	17,500,028	
June	9,299,840	107,829	29,847	3,651,854	16,574,643	
July	8,076,148	109,033	30,181	2,409,176	14,285,796	
Aug.	7,443,248	111,392	29,876	2,209,770	16,032,136	
Sept.	6,699,971	100,796	28,359	1,596,568	16,826,789	
Oct.	7,310,172	114,030	31,303	1,906,483	14,048,409	
Nov.	14,913,819	114,337	29,826	1,519,883	14,451,532	
Dec.	10,834,379	101,365	25,876	2,192,073	17,639,781	
TOTAL	110,275,812	1,120,693	330,264	23,180,155	196,213,221	

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Monthly Statistics for January, 1930.- Monthly statistics on Canada's leading mineral products for January, 1930, showed gains over December, 1929, in the output of coal, feldspar, natural gas and zinc. In comparison with the totals for January, 1929, the figures for January, 1930, were higher in coal, copper, feldspar, gold, natural gas, petroleum, salt, silver and zinc. In this connection it may be noted that new yearly production records were established in 1929 for the outputs of copper, gold, natural gas, petroleum, salt and zinc.

A feature of the month's record was the rise in coal output to a point 7.6 per cent over the average for January in the five preceding years. Copper production was 5 million pounds higher than the January, 1929 figure, although slightly below the December total. Gold production showed a similar trend, the figure for the month being above that for January, 1929, but below the total for December, 1929. Natural gas showed continued improvement over both the January and December, 1929, figures. Petroleum and salt outputs were greater than in January, 1929, but less than the totals for December. Silver production, while higher than in January, 1929, was about 22 per cent below the output in December, but it is possible the December figure included silver recovered from clean-ups for the year. Zinc showed a continued advance, rising over both the preceding January and December totals.

PRODUCTION OF LEADING MINERALS IN CANADA.

		December 1929	January 1930	January 1929	Calendar Year 1929	
					Quantity	Value
Asbestos	tons	19,731	17,117	17,882	306,055	13,172,581
Cement	brls.	278,631	269,195	385,679	12,284,081	19,339,244
Clay Products	\$	652,200	477,449	494,034	-	13,222,476
Coal	tons	1,490,836	1,630,178	1,585,072	17,502,355	63,026,369
Copper	lb.	25,407,295	24,936,756	19,850,095	248,107,809	43,411,036
Feldspar	tons	2,233	2,540	2,114	37,353	343,149
Gold	fine oz.	168,638	154,114	150,475	1,927,295	39,840,722
Gypsum	tons	38,209	11,277	30,936	1,211,383	3,338,859
Lead	lb.	31,744,345	23,231,247	24,668,121	325,950,245	16,514,057
Lime	tons	42,751	42,437	43,652	590,175	5,288,351
Natural gas M cu. ft.		3,459,026	3,888,517	3,365,525	28,097,456	9,891,659
Nickel	lb.	10,834,379	9,228,010	9,705,455	110,275,812	27,115,443
Petroleum	brls.	101,365	100,496	54,874	1,120,693	3,790,497
Salt	tons	25,876	24,530	23,131	330,264	1,578,036
Silver	fine oz.	2,192,073	1,709,222	1,701,081	23,180,155	12,283,859
Zinc	lb.	17,639,781	17,754,289	15,953,322	196,213,221	10,570,007

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