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CANADA'S LEADING MINERAL PRODUCTS

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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics report on Canada's leading mineral products for July records increased outputs of copper, gold, nickel, petroleum and zinc in comparison with the production in July, 1929.

Canadian copper producers reported an output of 26,154,536 pounds, an increase of 0.2 per cent over the June production and 26 per cent over the total for July, 1929. The production in Ontario was 10.95 million pounds, in British Columbia, 7.91 million pounds and in Quebec and Nova Scotia, 7.28 million pounds. The month opened with electrolytic copper quoted at 11.725 cents per pound in New York; on the fifteenth a decline to 11.025 cents was recorded and from the seventeenth te the end of the month the price was steady at 10.775 cents per pound.

Gold production at 170,264 ounces was slightly below the June level but 7 per cent above the July, 1929, output. Ontario operators produced 140,689 ounces made up of 70,714 ounces from the Porcupine area, 65,903 ounces from Kirkland lake, and 4,072 ounces from other sources. British Columbia mines produced 13,202 ounces, Quebec, 10,871 ounces and the Yukon, Manitoba and Nova Scotia the remainder.

The Canadian production of lead in July amounted to 26,218,993 pounds as compared with 28,891,665 pounds in June and 31,637,167 pounds in July last year. Lead prices were very stable during July and were at a slightly higher level than in May and June. The London market quotations for the current month averaged 3.945 cents per pound; in July, 1929, the average price was 4.956 cents per pound.

Nickel output in July totalled 9,379,712 pounds as compared with 8,076,148 pounds in July, 1929.

Silver production amounted to 1,999,136 ounces; a decrease of 17 per cent from the July, 1929 total of 2,409,176 ounces. British Columbia continued to be the chief producing province with an output of 987,431 ounces; Ontario came next with 682,560 ounces and the Yukon, Quebec, Nova Scotia and Manitoba followed in the order named. The commencement of shipments from the Porter-Idaho property in British Columbia was an interesting feature of the industry in July. New York quotations for silver averaged 34.346 cents or slightly below the June figure. The month opened with silver quoted at 33.750 cents per ounce but the closing price was higher at 34.625 cents per ounce.

Zinc production reached a total of 19,936,626 pounds; in June 22,506,558 pounds were produced and in July, 1929, the output was 14,285,796 pounds. The average price for zinc on the London market in July was 3.513 cents per pound; during the corresponding month of 1929 quotation averaged 5.504 cents per pound.

Asbestos shipments amounted to 17,070 tons as against 28,368 tons in July last year.

Canada's coal production during July amounted to 1,061,091 tons, a decrease of 11.4 per cent from the 1925-1929 average for the month of 1,197,317 tons. The output of bituminous coal in July was 915,231 tons, of sub-bituminous coal, 45,642 tons, and of lignite coal, 100,218 tons. Mines in Nova Scotia produced

\$562,221 tons; in New Brunswick, 16,056 tons; in Saskatchewan, 20,101 tons; in Alberta, 323,549 tons; and in British Columbia, 139,050 tons.

Feldspar shipments by Canadian producers during July amounted to 1,973 tons.

The production of gypsum totalled 148,941 tons in July. Nova Scotia shipments accounted for 85 per cent of this total.

Natural gas production from New Brunswick, Ontario and Alberta wells amounted to 1,304,168 thousand cubic feet.

Petroleum output from Canadian wells at 122,862 barrels was slightly above the June level and 12 per cent higher than the July, 1929, total.

Salt production has shown little variation during the past five months and in July shipments amounted to 25,677 tons.

According to MacLean's Building Review the value of contracts awarded in Canada during July was \$37,374,400. The total value of contracts awarded during the first seven months of the current year shows a falling off of 17.3 per cent from the cerresponding period of 1929.

Canadian producers sold 1,504,508 barrels of cement as compared with 1,669,915 barrels in July, 1929.

The production of clay products in Canada was valued at \$1,208,069; in the corresponding month of 1929 the sales were valued at \$1,630,742.

Lime sales in 1930 have followed a slightly lower level than in the preceding year and the July production amounted to 44,694 tons as against 55,238 tons in the same month of 1929.

## PRODUCTION OF LEADING MINERALS IN CANADA.

				Seven Months ending
	June	July	July	July
	1930	1930	1929	1929 1930
Asbestos tons	24,035	17,070	28,368	171,148 140,763
Cement brls.	1,313,683	1,504,508	1,669,915	6,677,401 5,820,370
Clay Products \$	1,207,041	1,208,069	1,630,742	7,194,923 5,947,539
Coal tons	1,192,255	1,061,091	1,316,153	10,098,846 8,220,852
Copper lb.	26,098,196	26, 154, 536	20,779,141	136,178,360 183,691,362
Feldspar tons	1,355	1,973	1,893	20,504 15,853
Gold fine oz.	175,481	170,264	159,262	1,100,292 1,146,499
Gypsum tons	237,511	148,941	174,623	630,601 589,006
Lead lb.	28,891,665	26,218,993	31,637,167	187,020,674 198,423,055
Lime tons	43,587	44,694	55,238	335,052 297,020
Natural gas M cu. ft.	1,304,570	1,304,168	1,349,640	16,830,895 17,232,913
Nickel 1b.	8,584,699	9,379,712	8,076,148	63,074,223 64,493,237
Petroleum brls.	121,403	122,862	109,033	578,773 762,746
Salt tons	25,510	25,677	30,181	185,024 172,161
Silver fine oz.	3,104,405	1,999,136	2,409,176	13,755,378 15,222,695
Zinc lb.	22,506,558	19,936,626	14,285,796	117,214,574 143,308,011

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