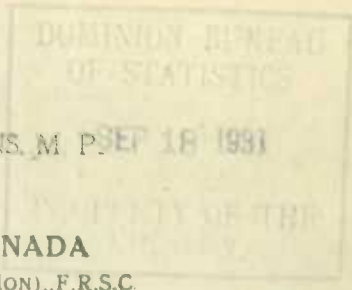


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CANADA'S LEADING MINERAL PRODUCTS
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Production statistics for May relating to Canada's leading mineral products, as compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, show increases in the output of gold, nickel, zinc, feldspar and petroleum in comparison with the production in May, 1930.

Copper production from Canadian sources amounted to 27,362,106 pounds in May, a 1.74 per cent decline from the April total and 0.44 per cent from the May, 1930, output. During the month under review Ontario produced 12.96 million pounds; Quebec, 5.83 million pounds; British Columbia, 5.41 million pounds; and Manitoba, 3.16 million pounds. Electrolytic copper averaged 8.665 cents per pound on the New York market in May. According to the Engineering and Mining World copper was sold in May at 8.5 cents per pound, delivered in the East, the lowest price in the history of the industry.

Canadian gold production continued at a high level in May when 215,190 ounces were produced. In April the output was 223,082 ounces while in May of the preceding year, 168,267 ounces were produced. Ontario was the leading producing province with an output of 162,343 ounces, made up of 89,969 ounces from the Kirkland Lake area, 68,316 ounces from the Porcupine area, and 4,058 ounces from other sources. Quebec produced 32,093 ounces; British Columbia, 11,325 ounces; Manitoba, 8,456 ounces, and the Yukon and Nova Scotia the remainder.

Lead quotations on the London market declined to 2.5 cents in May as compared with 2.69 cents per pound in April and 3.866 cents in May, 1930. Canadian production of this metal showed a sharp decline to 19,574,813 pounds from the April total of 29,037,271 pounds.

Nickel producers reported a production of 10,653,724 pounds in May; in the corresponding month of the previous year, 9,538,891 pounds were produced.

Despite a further decline in the price of silver, the Canadian production in May advanced to 1,785,940 ounces as against 1,685,842 ounces in April. The average price for May was 27.65 cents per ounce on the New York market but in April producers received an average of 28.279 cents per ounce.

Zinc output during May reached a total of 24,213,078 pounds, an increase of 6.6 per cent over the April production and 21.7 per cent over the May, 1930 total. Quotations on the London market declined to an average of 2.278 cents per pound as compared with 2.466 cents per pound in April.

Asbestos production amounted to 12,106 tons in May, a falling-off of 13.06 per cent from the April shipments and 47.47 per cent from the May, 1930 total.

Canadian coal mines produced 901,514 tons of coal during May; a decline of 27.7 per cent from the average for the month during the past five years of 1,247,276 tons. May's output was made up of 786,950 tons of bituminous coal, 25,682 tons of sub-bituminous coal, and 88,882 tons of lignite coal.

Shipments of feldspar in May totalled 2,100 tons; in the previous month, 707 tons were shipped and in May, 1930, the production was 810 tons.

Gypsum shipments were recorded at 95,240 tons, a considerable advance over the April total but a falling-off of 15.24 per cent from the May, 1930 production.

The output of natural gas from Canadian wells in May reached a total of 2,036,490 thousand cubic feet. A slight decline from the production in the corresponding month of 1930.

Crude petroleum output in Canada amounted to 156,392 barrels in May as compared with 106,339 barrels a year ago. During the month under review New Brunswick produced 715 barrels; Ontario, 10,044 barrels, and Alberta, 145,633 barrels. The Alberta output included 137,661 barrels from the Turner Valley field, 6,485 barrels from the Red Coulee field, 1,225 barrels from the Wainwright field, and 262 barrels from the Ribstone field.

Commercial salt production in Canada during May totalled 16,974 tons as against 14,665 tons in April.

Sales of cement amounted to 1,081,944 barrels; in May, 1930, the production was 1,206,554 barrels.

Canadian producers of clay products reported sales in May valued at \$1,050,689 as compared with a value of \$1,139,373 a year ago. During the month under review the Ontario production accounted for 47.79 per cent of the total and the Quebec production, 26.06 per cent.

Lime production amounted to 31,825 tons in May. The total sales during the first five months of 1931 were 25.9 per cent lower than the tonnage shipped in the corresponding period of 1930.

PRODUCTION OF LEADING MINERALS IN CANADA.

		April	May	May	Five Months ending	
		1931	1931	1930	1930	May 1931
Asbestos	tons	13,924	12,106	23,045	99,658	65,098
Cement	brls.	827,264	1,081,944	1,206,554	3,002,179	3,253,054
Clay Products	\$	745,192	1,050,689	1,139,373	3,532,429	3,221,698
Coal	tons	888,312	901,514	1,114,848	5,967,506	4,979,839
Copper	lb.	27,845,741	27,362,106	27,481,810	131,438,630	125,547,212
Feldspar	tons	707	2,100	810	12,525	4,584
Gold	fine oz.	223,082	215,190	168,267	800,754	1,039,993
Gypsum	tons	32,576	95,240	112,358	202,554	167,806
Lead	lb.	32,239,191	19,574,813	26,625,102	143,312,397	121,745,685
Lime	tons	36,350	31,825	47,664	208,739	154,680
Natural gas M cu. ft.		2,454,063	2,036,490	2,107,290	14,624,175	13,417,414
Nickel	lb.	4,134,541	10,653,724	9,538,891	46,528,826	36,340,685
Petroleum	brls.	153,705	156,392	106,339	518,481	805,817
Salt	tons	+14,665	16,974	26,534	120,974	66,854
Silver	fine oz.	1,685,842	1,785,940	2,185,482	10,119,154	9,587,869
Zinc	lb.	22,707,451	24,213,078	19,896,561	100,864,827	111,085,672

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