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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 June records increases in the production of gold, zinc, feldspar, natural gas and petroleum over the totals for June, 1930.

Copper production from Canadian sources in June reached a total of 23,729,829 pounds, a decline of 13.3 per cent from the total for the previous month and 9.08 per cent from the June 1930, production. During the month under review Ontario produced 8.9 million pounds; Quebec, 6.2 million pounds; British Columbia, 5.5 million pounds; and Manitoba, 3.1 million pounds. The New York price for electrolytic copper was 8.025 cents per pound as compared with 8.665 cents per pound in May and 12.049 cents per pound in June, 1930.

Canadian gold production rose 8.42 per cent to a total of 233,310 ounces as against 215,190 ounces in May. Ontario produced 179,825 ounces; British Columbia, 15,402 ounces; Quebec, 25,687 ounces; Manitoba, 8,404 ounces; the Yukon and Nova Scotia the remainder.

Lead production from British Columbia and the Yukon amounted to 24,674,145 pounds, an increase of 26.05 per cent over the May total but a decline of 14.6 per cent from the June, 1930, output. London quotations for lead rose to 2.516 cents per pound; in May the average price was 2.50 cents per pound. According to the Engineering and Mining World two factors brought about a change in sentiment and higher prices for lead, one being the movement to restrict output and the other the proposal from Washington to suspend intergovernmental debt payments for a year that resulted in the widespread covering movement in commodity markets.

Nickel production during June totalled 4,349,879 pounds as compared with 10,653,724 pounds in May and 8,584,699 pounds in June last year.

Silver output increased 18.4 per cent to a total of 2,113,849 ounces; in May 1,785,940 ounces were produced. New York quotations for silver averaged 27.250 cents per ounce or slightly below the May figure.

Canadian zinc producers reported a production of 22,594,104 pounds as compared with an output of 24,213,078 pounds in May and 22,506,558 pounds in June, 1930. Zinc quotations on the London market advanced to 2.449 cents per pound; the average price for the preceding month was 2.278 cents per pound.

Asbestos production declined in June to 11,047 tons: in May shipments totalled 12,106 tons.

Production of coal from Canadian mines during June amounted to 889,991 tons, a falling off of 33.59 per cent from the 1926-1930 average for the month of 1,340,223 tons. The current month's output consisted of 804,309 tons of bituminous coal, 67,060 tons of lignite coal and 18,622 tons of sub-bituminous coal. Nova Scotia's output was 431,062 tons or 48.4 per cent of the total Canadian production. Alberta produced 235,856 tons; British Columbia, 194,251 tons; Saskatchewan, 17,892 tons; New Brunswick, 10,679 tons, and the Yukon 251 tons.

Shipments of feldspar reached a total of 1,643 tons as against 2,100 tons in May and 1,355 tons in June, 1930.

Gypsum production of 125,325 tons in June reflected the usual seasonal advance in shipments from Canadian deposits although on a more moderate scale than in the previous years.

Natural gas consumed during June was 19.19 per cent in excess of the total recorded in the corresponding month of 1930.

Canadian wells produced 148,284 barrels of petroleum in June. Of this production Alberta contributed 92.3 per cent, made up of 127,702 barrels from the Turner Valley field, 5,945 barrels from the Red Coulee field, 2,212 barrels from the Ribstone field, and 1,071 barrels from the Wainwright field.

Commercial salt production in Canada during June totalled 14,345 tons; in May 16,974 tons were produced.

Cement shipments of 1,234,359 barrels were at a slightly lower level than in June, 1930.

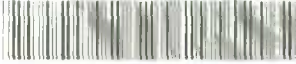
Sales of clay products by Canadian producers were valued at \$929,249 or 23.01 per cent below the total for the corresponding month of 1930.

Quicklime and hydrated lime production in Canada amounted to 33,045 tons as compared with 43,587 tons produced in June last year. During the month under review Ontario produced 37.6 per cent of the total shipments.

PRODUCTION OF LEADING MINERALS IN CANADA.

		May 1931	June 1931	June 1930	Six Months ending June 1931	
					1930	1931
Asbestos	tons	12,106	11,047	24,035	123,693	76,145
Cement	brls.	1,081,944	1,234,359	1,313,683	4,315,862	4,487,413
Clay Products	\$	1,050,689	929,249	1,207,041	4,739,470	4,150,943
Coal	tons	901,514	889,991	1,151,963	7,164,808	5,891,588
Copper	lb.	27,362,106	23,729,829	26,098,196	157,536,826	149,277,041
Feldspar	tons	2,100	1,643	1,355	13,880	6,227
Gold	fine oz	215,190	233,310	175,481	976,235	1,273,303
Gypsum	tons	95,240	125,325	237,511	440,065	293,131
Lead	lb.	19,574,813	24,674,145	28,891,665	172,204,062	146,419,830
Lime	tons	31,825	33,045	43,587	252,326	187,730
Natural gas M cu. ft.		2,036,490	1,554,928	1,304,570	15,928,745	14,972,342
Nickel	lb.	10,653,724	4,349,879	8,584,699	55,113,525	40,690,562
Petroleum	brl.	156,392	148,284	121,403	639,884	954,101
Salt	tons	16,974	14,345	25,510	146,484	81,199
Silver	fine oz.	1,785,940	2,113,849	3,104,405	13,223,559	11,701,718
Zinc	lb.	24,213,078	22,594,104	22,506,558	123,371,385	133,679,776

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