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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 shows increases in the production of gold, silver, zinc, feldspar and natural gas over the totals for the corresponding month of 1930.

The price of copper on the New York market recorded a further decline in July; the average for the month was 7.698 cents per pound as compared with 8.025 cents per pound in June and 8.665 cents per pound in May. Despite this decrease in price, copper production in Canada during July was at approximately the June level. During the month under review Canadian producers reported an output of 23,676,241 pounds, made up of 8.97 million pounds from Ontario, 5.49 million pounds from British Columbia, 5.10 million pounds from Quebec, and 4.11 million pounds from Manitoba.

Gold production from Canadian sources amounted to 223,734 ounces; in the corresponding month of 1930 the output was 170,264 ounces. The current month's production consisted of 175,742 ounces from Ontario, 23,475 ounces from Quebec, 13,018 ounces from British Columbia, 8,068 ounces from Manitoba, and the remainder from the Yukon and Nova Scotia.

Continuing the upward trend recorded in June, the price of lead rose to 2.766 cents per pound on the London market in July. The Canadian production during the month was 21,867,649 pounds as compared with 24,674,145 pounds in June and 29,037,271 pounds in May.

Nickel producers in Canada reported a production of 5,309,456 pounds during July; the June output was 4,349,879 pounds.

Canadian silver production totalled 2,069,171 ounces as compared with 2,113,849 ounces in June. According to the Engineering and Mining World covering operations in the Far East caused the price of silver to advance to 29.75 cents per ounce on July 3rd. The market eased off, however, and the average price for the month was 28.255 cents per ounce.

The price of zinc on the London market showed a further appreciation during July when quotations averaged 2.668 cents per pound. Coincident with this price increase, the Canadian production advanced 4.5 per cent to a total of 20,831,627 pounds as compared with 19,936,626 pounds in July, 1930.

Shipments of asbestos from Canadian mines during July amounted to 13,597 tons consisting of 79 tons of crude No. 1 and No. 2, 985 tons of spinning stocks, 4,100 tons of shingle stocks, 3,589 tons of paper stocks and 4,844 tons of waste, stucco, plaster, refuse or shorts.

Canadian mines produced 826,156 tons of coal in July; a decline of 34.4 per cent from the five year average for the month of 1,259,330 tons. July's output was made up of 717,196 tons of bituminous coal, 71,972 tons of lignite coal and 36,988 tons of sub-bituminous coal. Nova Scotia's production totalled 395,240 tons or 47.8 per cent of the total Canadian production. Alberta mined 260,339 tons, British Columbia, 141,239 tons, Saskatchewan 16,407 tons, and New Brunswick, 12,931 tons.

Feldspar production during July increased 6.7 per cent to a total of 2,105 tons as compared with 1,973 tons in the corresponding month of last year.

Shipments of gypsum reached a total of 130,482 tons, an increase of 4.1 per cent over the June total but a decline of 12.4 per cent from the July, 1930, output.

The production of natural gas in Canada during July amounted to 1,458,814 thousand cubic feet, an increase of 11.9 per cent over the July, 1930, total.

A sharp decline was recorded in the production of petroleum from Canadian wells during July when 119,327 barrels were produced as compared with 148,284 barrels in June and 122,862 barrels in July last year. During the month under review Alberta wells accounted for 91.2 per cent of the Canadian production, Ontario wells, 8.4 per cent, and New Brunswick wells, 0.4 per cent.

The production of commercial salt in Canada during July totalled 17,424 tons as against 14,345 tons in June.

Shipments of cement amounted to 1,102,747 barrels, a decline of 10.7 per cent from the June production and 26.7 per cent from the July 1930 total.

Canadian producers of clay products from domestic clays reported sales valued at \$919,005 for July; this total was 23.9 per cent below the July 1930 level.

Lime sales declined to 31,723 tons as compared with 33,045 tons in June. During the current month Ontario accounted for 39.9 per cent of the total shipments, and Quebec, 31.1 per cent; Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia produced the remainder.

#### PRODUCTION OF LEADING MINERALS IN CANADA.

		June	July	July	Seven Months ending	
		1931	1931	1930	July	1931
					1930	1931
Asbestos	tons	11,047	13,597	17,070	140,763	89,742
Cement	brls.	1,234,359	1,102,747	1,504,508	5,820,370	5,590,160
Clay Products	\$	929,249	919,005	1,208,069	5,947,539	5,069,948
Coal	tons	889,991	826,156	1,058,424	8,223,234	6,717,744
Copper	lb.	23,729,829	23,676,241	26,154,536	183,691,362	172,953,282
Feldspar	tons	1,643	2,105	1,973	15,853	8,332
Gold	fine oz.	233,310	223,734	170,264	1,146,499	1,497,037
Gypsum	tons	125,325	130,482	148,941	589,006	423,613
Lead	lb.	24,674,145	21,867,649	26,218,993	198,423,055	168,287,479
Lime	tons	33,045	31,723	44,694	297,020	219,453
Natural gas	M cu. ft.	1,554,928	1,458,814	1,304,168	17,232,913	16,431,156
Nickel	lb.	4,349,879	5,309,456	9,379,712	64,493,237	46,000,018
Petroleum	brls.	148,284	119,327	122,862	762,746	1,073,428
Salt	tons	14,345	17,424	25,677	172,161	98,623
Silver	fine oz.	2,113,849	2,069,171	1,999,136	15,222,695	13,770,889
Zinc	lb.	22,594,104	20,831,627	19,936,626	143,308,011	154,511,403

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