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## CANADA'S LEADING MINERAL PRODUCTS

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The Dominion Bureau of Statistics report for November on Canada's leading mineral products shows increased outputs of gold, silver, zinc, natural gas and petroleum in comparison with November, 1929.

The announcement from New York by the Copper Institute on November 13, that an agreement had been entered into by copper producers to curtail production was followed by a strengthening in prices for this commodity. Quotations ranged from 9.275 cents during the first eleven days of the month to a high of 11.775 cents from the 17th to the 19th; the average for the month was 10.113 cents. Production in Canada during November totalled 21,736,050 pounds, a decline of 8.21 per cent from the October total and 9.89 per cent from the November, 1929, cutput. The current month's total included the first production of blister copper from the Flin Flon smelter of the Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Company.

Gold output in Canada continues to advance and during November 197,186 ounces were produced as compared with 186,570 ounces in October; the previous recerd month, and 150,418 ounces in November, 1929. Cutario operators produced 149,893 ounces of which 73,126 ounces were obtained from the Forcupine area, 71,506 ounces from Kirkland lake, and 5,261 ounces from other sources. The new mill of the Dome Mines Ltd., came into production during the month. British Columbia produced 16,572 ounces; Quebec, 17,086 cunces; the Yukon, Manitoba, and Nova Scotia, 13,635 ounces.

Lead production from Canadian cources amounted to 23,414,573 pounds as against 26,092,115 pounds in the previous month and 24,145,931 pounds in November, 1920. Lead quotations on the London market averaged 3.4618 cents per pound; in October the average price was 3.421 cents per pound.

The production of nickel declined to 7,090,217 pounds; in the previous month 7,460,314 pounds were produced and in November last year the output was 14,913,619 pounds.

Silver producers in Ganada reported an output of 2,061,773 ounces in Nevember, an advance of 19.96 per cent over the October total and 55.39 per cent above the November, 1929, production. Silver quotations were slightly above the October level and averaged 55.908 cents per ounce.

Canadian zine production in November was 23,833,659 pounds; in October 25,092,277 pounds were produced while in November a year ago an output of 14,451,532 pounds was recorded. Quotations for zinc on the London market were approximately at the same level as in October and the average for the month was 3.195 cents per pound.

Asbestes shipments amounted to 18,448 tons in November. The cumulative total for the first eleven months of 1930 is 21.55 per cent below the shipments during the corresponding period of last year.

Coal output from Canadian mines recorded a marked decline in Movember. Fro-duction during the month was 1,315,420 tons, a decrease of 10.3 per cent from the October total of 1,630,013 tons and 22.7 per cent below the average output for No-vember during the past five years of 1,702,437 tons. Mines in Nova Scotia produced 491,491 tons; in New Brunswick, 16,371 tons; in Saskatchewan, 80,082 tons; in Alberta, 555,491 tons; and in British Columbia, 171,985 tons.

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During November feldepar shipments by Canadian producers totalled 2,200 tens as compared with 2,380 tons last month and 4,133 tons in November, 1929.

Gypsum production amounted to 80,712 tons in November. Nova Scotia quarries accounted for 82 per cent of the total shipments during the month.

Natural gas production in Canada totalled 2,841,803 thousand cubic feet in November, an increase of 4.38 per cent over the output in the corresponding month of 1929. Alberta wells produced 69 per cent of the total output during the month under review.

The output of crude petroleum in Canada during November of 160,726 barrels was slightly below last month's record production of 171,352 barrels. Output from Alberts wells accounted for 93 per cent of the total production and consisted of 140,128 barrels of crude naphtha, 9,630 barrels of light crude and 594 barrels of heavy crude.

Canadian salt producers reported an output of 22,785 tons of salt in November as compared with 23,582 tons in October and 29,826 tons in November, 1929. These totals include commercial salt shipped and the salt content of brine produced for use in chemical works.

Cement shirments in November amounted to 709,671 barrels a declino of 6.63 per cent from the November, 1929, total of 760,083 barrels.

Sales of clay products by Canadian producers during November were valued at \$312,813. The cumulative total for the first eleven months of 1930 is 18.84 per cent below the value recorded for the corresponding period of last year.

Lime production reached a total of 40,000 tons in November as compared with 51,985 tons produced in November, 1929.

## PRODUCTION OF LEADING MINERALS IN CANADA.

		October 1930	November 1930	November 1929	Eleven Months ending November	
**						1930
Asbestos	tons	26,322	18,448	27,911	285,324	224,632
Cement	brls.	1,180,205	709,671	760,083	12,005,450	10,579,968
Clay Products	8	1,075,405	912,813	1,032,302	12,570,276	10,201,903
Coal	tons	1,630,013	1,315,420	1,534,190	16,011,519	13,496,982
Copper	lb.	23,680,686	21,736,050	24,120,566	222,700,514	281,207,996
Foldspar	tons	2,380	2,200	4,133	35,120	24,085
Gold fine oz.		186,370	197,186	150,418	1,758,657	1,877,510
Gypsum	tons	104,846	80,712	89,949	1,173,175	1,017,389
Lead	lb.	26,092,115	23,414,573	24,145,931	294,207,900	300,473,371
Lime	tons	39,460	40,000	51,985	547,424	455,540
Hatural gas M cu. ft.		2,257,457	2,841,803	2,722,461	24,638,430	25,483,80
Mickel	16.	7,460,314	7,090,217	14,913,819	99,441,433	98,375,201
Petroleum	brls.	171,352	160,726	114,337	1,019,328	
	tons	23,582	22,785	29,826	304,388	265,548
	fine cz.	1,968,736	2,361,778	1,519,883	20,988,082	
Zinc	lb.	25,092,277	23,833,659	14,451,532	173,573,440	

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