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CANADIAN OFFICIAL ESTIMATE OF MINING PRODUCTION IN 1926.

Shows New Record Value at \$242,886,000;  
Output of Copper, Lead and Zinc reach  
new high marks.

Canada's mineral industries yielded a new record output in 1926 when the value of production reached \$242,886,000, an advance of 7.1 per cent above the total of \$226,583,333 reported for 1925, according to the official estimate compiled by Mr. S. J. Cook, chief of the mining, metallurgical and chemical branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa, and published in a preliminary report issued by the bureau today. The previous high record of \$227,859,665 was established in 1920.

Metal mining showed great strength and steadiness throughout the year. Production of copper, lead and zinc reached new records; the output of silver was higher than in 1925; gold was steady, nickel production was only slightly less than in the previous year.

Non-metallic minerals, other than coal, at a value of \$24,241,000, were up 10 per cent from the total in 1925. Asbestos mines had a very profitable year due largely to the formation of the merger company, and possibly due to the better feeling now existing among the many asbestos firms. While the output tonnage was slightly below the total for 1925, the value of sales showed a very considerable advance. Gypsum production was up, a large part of the output still going to the export trade. The output of natural gas was greater than in 1925 and the aggregate value was higher. Crude petroleum showed some improvement as did also the output of salt, talc

and soapstone, feldspar, graphite, magnesite, pyrites and sodium sulphate. Production of sodium carbonate, mineral waters, iron oxides, grindstones, barytes and bituminous sands, was well maintained.

Coal production showed a gain of 3 million tons and conditions in the industry throughout the year seemed much improved. There was little loss of time due to strikes, the total under this item standing at about 40,000 man-days as compared with a time loss of 1.57 million man-days in 1925. Employment showed a gradual upward trend in the coal mines of the maritime provinces and only a slight seasonal loss due to lessened production during the summer months from the mines of the prairie provinces.

Metals and metallic minerals valued at \$119,881,000 made up 49.5 per cent of the total mineral production in 1926 and marked a gain of 2 per cent over the total for this group in 1925.

Coal at \$58,164,000 represented 23.9 per cent of the total value of the output from Canadian mines and registered a gain of 18 per cent over the figures for the preceding year.

Non-metallic minerals, other than coal, at \$24,841,000 contributed 10.3 per cent and showed a growth of 10 per cent above the group total for 1925.

Structural materials and clay products at 40 million dollars made up 16.3 per cent of the total production and showed a gain of 6.2 per cent over the corresponding figures for 1925.

Highly gratifying in every respect to those interested in the development of Canada's mineral industries, the reports on the production of the metal mining, non-metallic minerals industries, and from producers of structural materials during 1926, showed a continued upward trend in comparison with the data for 1925 and gave promise at the close of the year of further improvement. Canada's mineral industry is becoming year by year a greater contributor to the industrial and commercial life of the Dominion and an increasingly important factor in the mineral trade of the world.

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METALS

			Value
			\$
Gold....fine oz.		7	35,749,000
Silver...fine oz.		6	13,618,000
Nickel.....lb.		500	14,401,000
Copper.....lb.	111	866	19,270,000
Lead.....lb.	253.59	548	22,911,000
Zinc.....lb.	109,268.51	14,074	10,845,000
Other metals....	--	4,177,802 147	3,087,000
Total.....	--	117,082,298	119,881,000

LAND AND OTHER  
NON-METALS -

Coal.....tons	13,134,968	49,261,951	16,105,000	58,164,000
Asbestos.....tons	290,389	8,988,360	272,000	9,777,000
Natural gas.....M.cu.Ft.	16,902,897	6,833,005	18,576,000	7,841,000
Gypsum.....tons	740,323	2,389,891	790,000	2,530,000
Petroleum, crude.....Brl.	332,001	1,250,705	339,000	1,335,000
Salt.....tons	233,746	1,410,697	245,000	1,450,000
Other non-metals.....	--	1,717,192	--	1,908,000
Total.....	--	71,851,801	--	83,005,000

STRUCTURAL MATERIALS  
AND CLAY PRODUCTS

Cement.....Brl	8,116,597	14,046,704	8,615,749	13,200,000
Bricks and other Clay products.....	--	9,529,691	--	11,000,000
Lime.....Bush	10,256,542	3,387,652	--	4,000,000
Stone, Sand and Gravel, etc.	--	10,685,187	--	11,800,000
Total	--	37,649,234	--	40,000,000

GRAND TOTAL

226,583,333

242,886,000



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