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## FINAL STATISTICS ON THE CANADIAN MINERAL PRODUCING INDUSTRIES, 1932.

Industrial data, relating to the mining industry in Canada and just released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa, reveal that operating mines, smelters, refineries, oil and gas fields, clay products plants, cement mills, sand and gravel properties, and stone quarries represented a total capital investment of \$685,211,573 in 1932. Information pertaining to 1932 mining activities was collected for 8,380 mines, quarries, smelters, gas wells, etc., returns showed that the entire mining industry afforded employment to 61,470 persons who received in salaries and wages a total of \$71,772,049. Net sales of mineral products amounted to \$196,578,211; this value represents the proceeds from sales and includes the value added by smelting operations. This figure should not be confused with the value of Canadian mineral production for 1932 as given in the half-yearly report, which figure, amounting to \$182,681,915 includes the value of the metals computed at average prices in a recognized world market together with the reported value of sales of non-metals and structural materials.

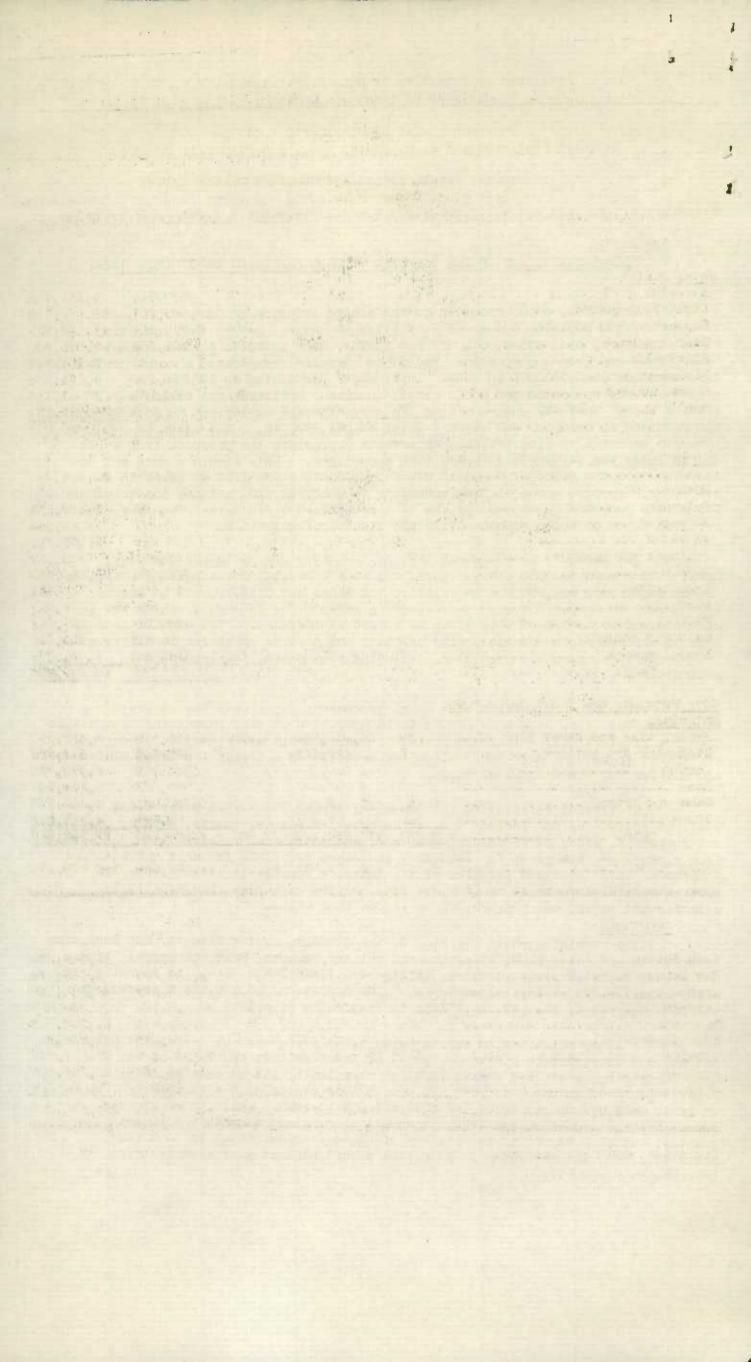
The Bureau's survey shows that of the major groups in the industry, metal mining reported 330 active operations with a capital investment of \$269,180,464, 21,931 employees, \$34,983,704 in salaries and wages and \$119,790,072 in income from sales; in comparison with corresponding returns for 1931 gold mining was the only individual member of this group to record an increase. The significance of this is emphasized in the increasing activity and general expansion in all branches of this particular sphere of mining, including production, development and exploration.

Some of the Canadian base metal producers, especially the minors of copper-bearing ores, have been fortunate in operating on ores containing appreciable precious metal values. This has proven of considerable assistance in preserving continuous operations with their attending benefits to not only the local mining communities but the country at large.

Statistics relating to the non-metal mining industries cover 5,246 distinct operations and include data on asbestos, feldspar, quartz, gypsum, talc and soapstone, mice, salt, natural gas, coal and petroleum. Information collected from members of this group for 1932 show increases over 1931 for salt and talc and soapstone; this important division of the industry reveals in its entirety, in 1932, a capital investment of \$302,294,837, 31,654 employees, \$29,918,319 in salaries and wages, and \$54,389,856 as income from sales.

The remaining chief division of the Canadian mining industry and including brick, tile and sewer pipe, stoneware and pottery, cement, sand and gravel, lime and stone, reported 2,804 quarries, brickyards, lime plants, etc., in operation in 1932, \$113,736,272 as capital employed, 7,885 employees, \$6,870,026 disbursed in salaries and wages, and \$22,398,283 as the net value of sales.

A close relationship exists between the production of structural materials and general construction and it may prove of interest that the value of all Canadian contracts awarded during 1932, as compiled by the MacLean Building Reports Limited, amounted to \$132,872,000 in 1932 as compared with \$315,482,000 in 1931, \$456,999,600 in 1930, and \$576,651,800 in 1929. While these figures reveal a large decrease from 1929, it should be realized that 1929 witnessed the greatest building "boom" in the history of Canada, construction in that year being 22.1 per cent in excess of 1928, the second highest year ever recorded for this Canadian industry.



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GENERAL STATISTICS ON THE MINERAL PRODUCING INDUSTRIES IN CANADA, 1932.

	No. of				
•	mines,	Capital	No.of	Salaries	
	quarries,	employed	employ-		Income from
	smelters, gas wells	Letc.	003	Wages	sales
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INDUSTRIES					
Metal Mining -					
Alluvial gold	. 120	7,306,130	373	665,711	1,211,018
Auriferous quartz		58,167,335	10,442	17,686,584	58,645,772
Copper-gold-silver		14,793,372	3,076	3,770,627	11,143,759
Silver-cobalt		3,005,872	369	551,255	1,735,708
Silver-lead-zinc		11,921,067	1,084	1,719,186	5,156,365
Nickel-copper		23,137,628	1,210	1,776,190	3,174,208
Miscellaneous		1,140,200	34	35,181	1,113
Smelting and refining		149,708,860	5,343	8,778,970	(x)38,722,129
Total	. 330	269,180,464	21,931	34,983,704	119,790,072
Non-Metal Mining including Fuels	3 -				
Coal		131,879,671	26,960	25,042,769	34,984,922
Natural gas		75,187,066	1,351	1,738,949	8,188,966
Petroleum		48,568,562	655	776,163	3,467,538
Abrasives		679,865	36	26,471	48,844
Asbestos	. 8	30,081,362	1,409	1,156,315	3,039,721
Feldspar and quartz	. 33	936,177	120	91,603	358,129
Gypsum	. 17	8,054,148	478	368,484	1,080,379
Iron oxides	. 4	206,863	26	22,909	46,161
Mica		119,670	9	7,864	6,828
Salt		3,805,008	345	455,049	1,947,551
Talc and soapstone		703,532	83	76,577 155,166	159,038
Miscellaneous Total	Station of the local division of the local d	2,072,913 302,294,837	182	29,918,319	1,061,779 54,389,856
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Clay Products and Other Structur	ral				
Materials -					
Brick, tile and sewer pipe	159	24,910,020	1,622	1,469,270	
Stoneware and pottery	. 5	437,562	118	107,316	244,923
Cement		55,294,814	1,216	1,344,772	6,930,721
Lime		6,823,949	677	575,072	2,394,537
Sand and gravel		9,542,446	1,743	1,322,201	4,480,596
Stone		16,727,481	2,509	2,051,395 6,870,026	4,942,211 22,398,283
Total	2,804	113,736,272	1,000	0,010,020	22,000,000
GRAND TOTAL	8,380	685,211,573	61,470	71,772,049	196,578,211
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PROVINCES					
Nova Scotia	495	63,415,735	13,706	11,302,801	15,049,226
New Brunswick		4,998,656	1,480	1,123,080	2,185,174
Quebec		121,200,895	7,694	8,198,379	32,834,588
Ontario		244,250,088	16,376	24,412,126	85,868,259
Manitoba	133	21,349,000	1,730	2,106,017	11,396,818
Saskatchewan	. 115	6,013,271	924	748,782	1,626,307
Alberta		124,484,909	9,692	10,476,449	20,701,075
Britich Columbia		91,469,101	9,582	12,642,830	25,081,413
Yukon		8,029,918	286	761,585	1,835,351
CANADA	8,380	685,211,573	61,470	71,772,049	196,578,211

(x) Value added by smelting.

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