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FELDSPAR, 1930.

Shipments of feldspar by Canadian producers during 1930 decreased 28.5 per cent in quantity and 21.1 per cent in value from the totals for 1929, according to finally revised statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. The production in 1930 amounted to 26,796 tons valued at \$268,469 as against 37,527 tons worth \$340,471 in 1929.

Crude feldspar exported from Canada during 1930 totalled 21,183 tons valued at \$165,482, of this quantity 21,133 tons were consigned to the United States. Total imports of crude and ground feldspar in 1930 totalled 3,177 tons appraised at \$53,341 as compared with 3,955 tons at \$65,997 in 1929.

Feldspar is used in the manufacture of tableware, electric porcelain, floor and wall tile, enamels, bottle glass, and scouring compounds. In the fall of 1930 the Canadian Flint and Spar Co. Ltd., completed the erection of a modern mill at Buckingham, P.Q., for grinding both quartz and feldspar. The Frontenac Floor and Wall Tile Co. Ltd., at Kingston, Ontario, also operate a feldspar grinding mill.

PRODUCTION IN CANADA, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF FELDSPAR, 1930.

	Quantity tons	Value \$
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<u>PRODUCTION -</u>		
Quebec.....	17,074	163,802
Ontario.....	9,722	104,667
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TOTAL.....	26,796	268,469
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IMPORTS.....	3,177	53,341
EXPORTS.....	21,183	165,482

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE FELDSPAR INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1929 and 1930.

	1929	1930
Number of firms.....	19	24
Capital employed.....\$	223,443	106,361
Number of employees:-		
On salary.....	9	14
On wages.....	200	237
Total.....	209	251
Salaries and wages:-		
Salaries.....\$	19,936	23,550
Wages.....\$	144,504	90,233
Total.....\$	164,440	113,783
Cost of fuel and electricity.....\$	14,122	8,575
Selling value of products.....\$	340,471	268,469

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