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SILVER PRODUCTION IN CANADA, SEPTEMBER, 1931.

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Canada's silver production in September declined sharply, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Output during the month amounted to 1,238,741 ounces; in August, 1,553,287 ounces were produced and in September last year the total was 2,616,557 ounces. During the month under review, British Columbia was the leading producing province, accounting for 48.9 per cent of the total Canadian production, Ontario produced 23.7 per cent, the Yukon, 19.5 per cent, Manitoba, 4.1 per cent, and Quebec, 3.8 per cent.

The Engineering and Mining World reports that heavy speculative purchases of silver caused the price to advance to 31 cents on September 25th. Closing quotations declined, however, from this high mark. The average price for silver for September was 28.180 cents per ounce as compared with 27.524 cents in the previous month and 36.315 cents in September, 1930.

The Canadian silver output is derived from many sources. In Nova Scotia, silver is recovered from crude gold bullion produced. The Quebec output is obtained from auriferous quartz mines, from copper concentrates exported, and from blister copper made at Noranda. Approximately 80 per cent of Ontario's production is in the form of silver bullion; the remainder consists of silver in concentrates exported, in gold bullion, in the nickel-copper ores of the Sudbury area, and in the gold, silver and copper ores shipped to the Noranda smelter. Silver in gold bullion and in blister copper accounts for Manitoba's production. British Columbia's output includes production from silver-lead-zinc and gold-silver mines together with silver in copper ores and concentrates exported and in blister copper produced; smaller recoveries are made from alluvial and auriferous quartz mining. Silver in silver-lead concentrates exported accounts for most of the Yukon's production; a minor quantity is recovered in alluvial gold operations.

PRODUCTION OF SILVER IN CANADA

|                    |                 |       |                   |       |                   |
|--------------------|-----------------|-------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|
|                    | September, 1931 | ..... | 1,238,741 ounces  |       |                   |
|                    | August, 1931    | ..... | 1,553,287 ounces  |       |                   |
|                    | September, 1930 | ..... | 2,616,557 ounces  |       |                   |
| Nine months ending | September, 1931 | ..... | 16,562,919 ounces |       |                   |
| "                  | "               | "     | September, 1930   | ..... | 19,697,088 ounces |
| "                  | "               | "     | September, 1929   | ..... | 17,533,766 ounces |

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