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SILVER, 1927.

Statistics on Canadian silver production in 1927, finally revised, as reported by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, show a production of 22,736,698 fine ounces, which, valued at the average price for the year, 56.37 cents per fine ounce, was worth \$12,816,677, as compared with the 1926 output of 22,371,924 fine ounces valued at \$13,894,531 when silver averaged 62.107 cents per fine ounce.

A small quantity of silver was produced in association with gold in the provinces of Nova Scotia, Manitoba and Alberta. The Quebec output of 740,864 fine ounces was contained in silver-lead-zinc concentrates and copper concentrates which were exported for treatment in foreign smelters, and in blister copper made by the Noranda smelter which went into operation on December 16, 1927.

Ontario produced 9,307,953 fine ounces, 83 per cent of which was in the form of bullion; the remainder was contained in concentrates exported, in gold bullion produced by the gold mines, and in the nickel-copper ores of the Sudbury district.

British Columbia's output of 11,040,445 fine ounces was greater than in any other year on record. Small amounts were recovered with alluvial gold and from gold bullion, but the Sullivan mine and the Premier mine were responsible for the greater part of the output from this province. The Sullivan, primarily noted for its lead and zinc production, is the largest producer of silver in Canada. Silver was recovered from the copper ores and concentrates which were exported for treatment in foreign smelters and from blister copper made at the Trail and Granby Smelters.

Yukon production at 1,647,295 fine ounces consisted of 6,925 fine ounces from the crude alluvial gold, and 1,640,370 fine ounces contained in ores and concentrates exported from the Mayo district.

PRODUCTION OF SILVER IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES AND BY SOURCES, 1926 and 1927.

	1926		1927	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	fine ounces	\$	fine ounces	\$
NOVA SCOTIA:				
In gold bullion.....	112	70	125	70
QUEBEC:				
In gold ores, in blister copper and in copper and silver-lead-zinc ores exported.....	375,986	233,513	740,864	417,625
ONTARIO:				
In silver bullion and nuggets.....	7,877,629	4,892,559	8,108,026	4,570,494
In gold bullion.....	248,887	154,576	266,946	150,477
In slags exported from gold mines.....	444	276	5,077	2,862
In matte, blister copper and in silver ores, concentrates and residues exported.....	1,148,005	712,991	927,904	523,060
Total.....	9,274,965	5,760,402	9,307,953	5,246,893
MANITOBA:				
In gold bullion.....	18	11	12	7
ALBERTA:				
In gold bullion.....	4	3
BRITISH COLUMBIA:				
In alluvial gold.....	3,764	2,338	1,654	932
In gold bullion.....	17,179	10,669	2,452	1,382
In blister copper.....	1,235,398	767,269	964,747	543,828
In base bullion and in ores exported..	9,369,475	5,819,100	10,071,592	5,677,357
Total.....	10,625,816	6,599,376	11,040,445	6,223,499
YUKON:				
In alluvial gold.....	5,702	3,541	6,925	3,904
In ores exported.....	2,089,325	1,297,618	1,640,370	924,676
Total.....	2,095,027	1,301,159	1,647,295	928,580
TOTAL CANADA.....	22,371,924	13,894,531	22,736,698	12,816,677

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