

British Columbia.—According to the Annual Report for 1918 of the Provincial Mineralogist, the total value of the mineral production of British Columbia from 1852 to 1918 was \$637,353,581, distributed among the different mineral products as follows: Placer gold, \$75,436,103; lode gold, \$97,121,786; silver, \$46,839,631; lead, \$42,294,251; copper, \$145,741,069; zinc, \$13,278,058; coal and coke, \$187,147,652; building stone, bricks, etc., \$28,843,272; miscellaneous minerals, etc., \$651,759. Table 73 shows the value of the total mineral production of the province from 1852 to 1918, inclusive. The value of the total mineral production for the calendar year 1918 was \$41,782,474, an increase from that of the previous year of 1917 of \$4,772,082, or 12.9 p.c. The principal mineral products of British Columbia are gold, silver, lead, copper, zinc and coal. Table 74 shows the quantity and value of the mineral production of British Columbia for the three calendar years 1916-1918. The gross value of the metallic minerals recovered in 1918 was \$27,910,278, as compared with \$27,284,474 in 1917.

The increased value of mineral products in 1918 as compared with 1917 was due in the main to a slight increase in the quantity of coal produced—from 2,149,975 long tons to 2,302,245 long tons—combined with a large increase in its value from \$7,524,913 to \$11,511,225. Thus coal alone accounts for more than four-fifths of the total increase in the value of products.

73.—Value of Total Mineral Production of British Columbia, 1852-1918.

Year.	Value.	Year.	Value.	Year.	Value.
	\$		\$		\$
1852-1892.....	81,090,069	1901.....	20,086,780	1910.....	26,377,066
1893.....	3,588,413	1902.....	17,486,550	1911.....	23,499,072
1894.....	4,225,717	1903.....	17,495,954	1912.....	32,440,800
1895.....	5,643,042	1904.....	18,977,359	1913.....	30,296,398
1896.....	7,507,956	1905.....	22,461,325	1914.....	26,388,825
1897.....	10,455,268	1906.....	24,980,546	1915.....	29,447,508
1898.....	10,906,861	1907.....	25,882,560	1916.....	42,290,462
1899.....	12,393,131	1908.....	23,851,277	1917.....	37,010,392
1900.....	16,344,751	1909.....	24,443,025	1918.....	41,782,474
				Total.....	637,353,581

74.—Quantity and Value of Mineral Products in British Columbia for the Calendar Years 1916-18.

Products.	1916.		1917.		1918.	
	Quantity.	Value. \$	Quantity.	Value. \$	Quantity.	Value. \$
Gold, placer oz.	29,025	580,500	24,800	496,000	16,000	320,000
“ lode.. “	221,932	4,587,334	114,523	2,367,190	164,674	3,403,812
Silver..... “	3,301,923	2,059,739	2,929,216	2,265,749	3,498,172	3,215,870
Lead..... lb.	48,727,516	3,007,462	37,307,465	2,951,020	43,899,661	2,928,107
Copper..... “	65,379,364	17,784,494	59,007,565	16,038,256	61,483,754	15,143,449
Zinc..... “	37,168,980	4,043,985	41,848,513	3,166,259	41,772,916	2,899,040
Coal ¹ ton.	2,084,093	7,294,325	2,149,975	7,524,913	2,302,245	11,511,225
Coke ¹ “	267,725	1,606,350	159,905	959,430	188,967	1,038,202
Miscellaneous products.....	—	1,326,273	—	1,241,575	—	1,322,769
Total.....	—	42,290,462	—	37,010,392	—	41,782,474

¹Long tons of 2,240 lb.