

Practically all the commercial non-metallic minerals with the exception of coal are produced in the province. The list includes such minerals as corundum, graphite, mica and talc, and the feldspar deposits are of exceptionally high grade.

The production of building materials is influenced by the extent of construction operations from time to time, but resources in this division are ample to meet the demand for products such as ornamental marble, limestone, granite, sand and gravel, lime, cement, brick and tile.

8.—Mineral Production of Ontario, 1921-1923.

Products.	1921.		1922.		1923.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		\$		\$		\$
METALLIC—						
Arsenic..... lb.	—	—	—	—	5,158,617	582,785
Arsenious oxide.... ton	1,491	233,763	2,058	299,940	—	—
Cobalt..... lb.	251,986	755,958	569,960	1,852,370	888,061	2,530,974
Copper..... "	12,821,385	1,602,930	10,943,636	1,464,477	31,656,800	4,565,227
Gold..... oz.	708,213	14,640,062	1,000,340	20,678,862	971,704	20,086,904
Iron ore, sold for export..... ton	48	242	—	—	5,358	18,878
Iron, pig, from Canadian ore ¹ "	56,564	1,873,682	8,095	178,980	20,739	432,298
Lead..... lb.	3,312,493	190,203	2,890,397	180,216	4,401,494	315,983
Nickel..... "	19,293,060	6,752,571	17,597,123	6,158,993	62,453,843	18,332,077
Platinum..... oz.	269	20,184	458	44,709	1,210	141,010
Palladium..... "	591	38,267	724	47,060	1,732	138,560
Rhodium, ruthenium, osmium, iridium..... "	57	9,690	391	31,280	304	45,000
Silver..... "	9,761,607	6,116,037	10,811,903	7,300,305	10,540,943	6,838,226
Zinc..... lb.	—	—	—	—	—	—
NON-METALLIC—						
Actinolite..... ton	78	975	50	575	53	583
Asbestos..... "	—	—	—	—	6	2,600
Barytes..... "	—	—	—	—	200	4,180
Corundum..... "	403	55,965	—	—	—	—
Feldspar..... "	20,115	150,457	15,255	120,576	17,199	134,822
Fluorspar..... "	116	1,744	284	3,905	64	597
Garnets..... "	—	—	—	—	1,250	100,000
Graphite..... "	899	63,439	573	29,853	1,068	65,557
Gypsum..... "	84,790	433,053	110,227	621,668	99,958	542,317
Mica..... "	218	28,891	1,989	54,515	1,979	110,290
Mineral water..... gal.	308,647	14,438	209,072	10,528	227,030	14,047
Natural gas.... M. cu. ft.	8,422,774	3,080,130	8,060,114	4,076,296	8,128,413	4,066,244
Peat..... ton	1,666	6,664	3,000	14,500	—	—
Petroleum..... brl.	172,859	559,198	164,732	526,316	159,400	478,149
Phosphate..... ton	—	—	59	476	—	—
Pyrites..... "	27,785	101,306	11,233	39,763	25,134	99,716
Quartz..... "	72,068	220,806	81,528	118,054	225,110	483,285
Salt..... "	161,987	1,649,626	176,741	1,573,657	197,917	1,674,365
Talc..... "	9,967	140,390	12,854	178,728	9,531	125,124
STRUCTURAL MATERIALS AND CLAY PRODUCTS—						
Cement..... brl.	2,723,071	6,424,356	3,104,386	6,393,566	3,296,428	5,855,589
Clay products..... "	—	5,183,125	—	6,944,218	—	6,270,615
Lime—						
Quicklime..... bush.	2,763,062	962,439	3,939,954	1,311,563	6,002,621	1,893,663
Hydrated..... ton	26,862	331,749	36,408	455,980		
Stone..... "	2,716,080	4,167,582	2,317,265	2,969,926	2,638,984	2,869,228
Sand and gravel..... "	6,273,173	1,496,729	6,285,123	2,184,174	8,146,433	2,006,958
Total.....	—	57,356,651	—	65,866,029	—	89,825,951

¹ The total production of blast-furnace pig-iron in Ontario in 1921 was 494,901 tons valued at \$11,856,352; in 1922, 293,662 tons valued at \$6,493,513; in 1923, 602,168 tons valued at \$15,995,496.