

5.—MANITOBA.

About three-fifths of the total area is underlain with pre-Cambrian rocks. Copper has been mined in the Pas mineral belt, but the low prices and lack of adequate smelting and transportation facilities have militated against operation in the last four years. Some gold has also been found in contiguous districts.

The south and southwestern sections of the province constitute the main source of the non-metallic mineral production. A mottled limestone of a handsome variety quarried at Tyndall is in wide demand as a building stone; gypsum is mined at Gypsumville, and Portland cement is manufactured at Winnipeg and Babcock.

9.—Mineral Production of Manitoba, 1921-1923.

Products.	1921.		1922.		1923.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		\$		\$		\$
METALLIC—						
Gold..... oz.	207	4,279	156	3,225	31	641
Silver..... "	33	20	20	14	5	3
NON-METALLIC—						
Gypsum..... ton	40,859	480,282	34,072	440,914	31,574	386,554
Natural gas..... M cu. ft.	200	60	200	60	200	60
STRUCTURAL MATERIALS AND CLAY PRODUCTS—						
Clay products.....	—	208,982	—	210,740	—	160,134
Lime..... bush.	413,283	136,375	382,184	163,799	524,128	161,226
Stone..... ton	16,868	56,666	34,359	106,638	51,304	118,277
Other products ¹	—	1,047,453	—	1,333,552	—	941,142
Total.....	—	1,934,117	—	2,258,942	—	1,768,037

¹Includes cement and sand and gravel.

6.—SASKATCHEWAN.

The province of Saskatchewan is mostly agricultural in character, but the conditions in the southern part are favourable to the production of non-metallic minerals in considerable volume. Lignites are mined in the southern part of the province; brick clays are widely utilized, and to the south of Moose Jaw, there are extensive beds of refractory clays that are used in the manufacture of fire brick, stoneware, pottery and sewer pipe. Large areas of unprospected territory in the north are underlain by the same pre-Cambrian rocks that have proved mineral-bearing in other parts of Canada. In this territory lode-gold has been reported near Beaver lake, and iron and other metallic minerals near lake Athabaska.

10.—Mineral Production of Saskatchewan, 1921-1923.

Products.	1921.		1922.		1923.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		\$		\$		\$
NON-METALLIC—						
Coal..... ton	335,632	823,180	382,437	802,053	438,100	858,441
Magnesium sulphate ..	2	120	—	—	—	—
Salt..... "	33	790	—	—	—	—
Sodium sulphate..... "	624	18,850	504	11,980	733	10,18.
STRUCTURAL MATERIALS AND CLAY PRODUCTS—						
Clay products.....	—	166,244	—	134,704	—	119,405
Sand and gravel..... ton	—	105,036	924,944	306,733	438,319	59,541
Total.....	—	1,114,220	—	1,255,470	—	1,047,583