

**World's Production.**—The total known production of the world in 1923 amounted to about 1,320,000,000 long tons, toward which Canada contributed 15,170,000 long tons or about 1.15 p.c. Table 34 shows the production of the British Empire and the chief foreign countries in units of 1,000 long tons during each of the years from 1913 to 1923.

**34.—Coal Production in the Principal Countries of the World, 1913-1923.**

(In thousands of long tons of 2,240 pounds.)

**BRITISH EMPIRE.**

Years.	United Kingdom.	British India.	Canada.	Australia.	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa.
1913.....	287,431	16,208	13,404	12,418	1,888	9,583
1914.....	265,665	16,464	12,176	12,445	2,276	9,125
1915.....	253,208	17,104	11,846	11,415	2,209	8,977
1916.....	256,376	17,254	12,932	9,812	2,257	10,966
1917.....	248,500	18,213	12,542	10,232	2,068	11,444
1918.....	227,749	20,722	13,373	10,949	2,034	10,692
1919.....	229,780	22,628	12,131	10,525	1,848	9,162
1920.....	231,000	17,640	14,800	13,000	1,800	10,200
1921.....	163,251	19,303	13,444	12,878	1,809	10,645
1922.....	249,607	19,011	13,533	12,299	1,858	9,126
1923.....	276,001	19,658	15,170	12,634	1,970	11,075

**FOREIGN COUNTRIES.**

Years.	Germany.	Belgium.	France.	Czecho-slovakia.	Poland.	Nether-lands.	Japan.	United States.
1913.....	274,264	22,474	40,188	-	-	1,843	20,973	508,893
1914.....	241,288	16,445	26,141	-	-	1,898	21,935	458,505
1915.....	230,889	13,950	19,219	-	-	2,226	20,161	474,660
1916.....	246,606	16,592	20,968	-	-	2,613	22,534	526,873
1917.....	258,639	14,691	28,427	-	-	3,001	25,938	581,609
1918.....	256,979	13,668	25,899	-	-	4,804	27,579	605,546
1919.....	199,160	18,190	19,645	27,000	-	5,271	30,000	487,638
1920.....	239,285	22,029	34,114	30,587	6,553	5,251	28,775	587,737
1921.....	255,148	21,401	37,916	32,174	7,717	3,978	25,944	452,139
1922.....	262,878	20,868	43,118	28,385	24,300	4,525	27,420	425,849
1923.....	177,573	22,554	46,121	27,380	35,701	5,249	28,633	572,014

**2.—Asbestos.**

Canada produces more asbestos than any other country. The value of the annual output of asbestos has increased from less than \$25,000 in 1880 to \$6,710,830 in 1924, so that, aside from coal, asbestos is now the most important non-metallic mineral product. In 1923, the world's production amounted to 250,000 long tons; of this tonnage Canada produced 206,680 tons or 82.6 p.c., Rhodesia, 18,182 tons or 7.3 p.c., South Africa, 7,312 tons or 2.9 p.c., Russia, 4,801 tons and the United States, 277 tons.

**Quebec.**—The Eastern Townships has for many years been the most productive asbestos-mining area in the world. The workable deposits of chief importance are confined to a serpentine belt near Black lake and Thetford. The serpentine of this belt generally occurs as disconnected masses, but occasionally it forms mountain ridges of considerable altitude, notably near Black lake. The veins of asbestos