

important of the mineral resources. The volume of production in 1925, 290,000 tons, reached the highest point on record, while the value was only exceeded in the years 1919 and 1920, when prices were on a much higher level.

Lead and zinc concentrates with values of gold and silver are shipped intermittently from Notre-Dame-des-Anges, and copper ores and concentrates have also been exported. Recent discoveries of gold and copper in the northwestern part of the province adjacent to the Kirkland Lake district show that the rich mineral deposits of Ontario extend across the interprovincial boundary into the Rouyn field of Northern Quebec and that the province will shortly become an important producer. A branch railway line from the Canadian National was completed during 1926 into this Rouyn camp. A smelter is now being built and on its completion a number of properties with large resources of copper-gold ores will be ready to commence production. Discoveries during the past year indicate a mineral-bearing area of approximately 10,000 square miles in this section of Quebec. Substantial quantities of bog iron ore were obtained in the vicinity of St. Maurice and Fermont, near Three Rivers, for the forges of French Canada, the first of which was established in 1670. Small quantities of titaniferous ore are now obtained from Baie St. Paul. Aluminium is manufactured from imported bauxite ores in electric furnaces at Shawinigan Falls and at Chute à Caron on the Saguenay river.

The limestones and igneous rocks of the province supply cement, building and ornamental stone and other materials of construction. Clays are extensively used for the manufacture of brick and sewer pipe.

7.—Mineral Production of Quebec, 1923-1925.¹

Products.	1923.		1924.		1925.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		\$		\$		\$
METALLIC—						
Chromite..... tons	3,558	52,650	—	—	—	—
Copper..... lb.	—	—	1,893,008	246,546	2,510,141	352,474
Gold..... fine oz.	667	13,788	883	18,253	1,602	33,116
Iron ore, sold for export..... tons	69	186	1,408	3,771	3,978	11,934
Lead..... lb.	520,041	37,334	1,058,983	85,820	2,051,100	187,060
Molybdenite..... "	—	—	18,739	9,370	22,350	11,176
Silver..... fine oz.	33,006	21,412	83,814	55,972	214,543	148,451
Zinc..... lb.	366,240	24,197	2,909,008	184,547	9,936,000	757,322
NON-METALLIC—						
Asbestos..... tons	231,476	7,519,906	225,572	6,618,930	290,387	8,987,459
Feldspar..... "	12,026	102,779	16,147	142,118	11,287	94,730
Graphite..... "	45	2,316	46	3,275	359	30,900
Magnesite..... "	4,801	124,382	3,873	101,356	5,576	122,325
Mica..... "	1,545	216,684	1,677	185,020	2,415	178,800
Mineral water..... gal.	5,421	2,408	7,683	2,288	7,122	2,961
Iron oxides..... tons	9,911	123,186	7,146	88,540	6,985	80,173
Phosphate..... "	30	600	—	—	16	189
Pyrites..... "	—	—	4,032	10,619	12,250	36,750
Quartz..... "	13,376	68,936	17,893	87,267	6,450	30,064
Talc and soapstone.. "	590	19,993	449	20,273	704	30,130
STRUCTURAL MATERIALS—						
Cement..... brl.	3,173,993	6,347,986	2,758,316	4,796,959	3,365,802	5,689,991
Clay products..... "	—	2,437,229	—	2,435,695	—	2,426,887
Kaolin..... tons	163	2,369	—	—	—	—
Lime—						
Quicklime..... bush.	2,198,071	576,731	2,219,359	640,990	2,272,751	601,081
Hydrated lime..... tons	5,596	57,482	5,848	58,947	9,432	72,249
Sand and gravel..... "	1,055,817	206,175	2,197,145	414,428	2,203,196	533,850
Slate..... "	1,836	17,289	—	—	—	—
Stone..... "	1,094,816	2,322,745	1,592,089	2,925,520	2,242,916	3,855,455
Total	—	29,396,763	—	19,136,564	—	24,264,527

¹There is also in this province an important production of aluminium from imported ores.