

10.—Mineral Production of Saskatchewan, 1924-1926.

Products.	1924.		1925.		1926.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		\$		\$		\$
NON-METALLIC—						
Coal..... tons	479,118	886,668	471,965	870,875	439,803	819,805
Sodium sulphate.... "	1,083	6,004	3,876	19,380	6,775	13,550
Volcanic ash..... "	245	1,103	180	1,380	90	630
CLAY PRODUCTS AND OTHER STRUCTURAL MATERIALS—						
Clay products.....	-	137,280	-	95,952	-	214,113
Sand and gravel..... tons	702,718	97,045	579,901	88,805	863,001	145,296
Total.....	-	1,128,190	-	1,076,392	-	1,193,394

7.—ALBERTA.

The coal deposits are of paramount importance among the mineral resources of this province. The coal fields are the most extensive and valuable in Canada. In 1926, the production of the Crownsnest Pass area amounted to 1,452,023 tons and the Drumheller field produced 1,383,959 tons of lignite. The production of coal during 1926 showed an increase of 634,000 tons over 1925. Natural gas is found over wide areas and is being put to extensive industrial use. During the past two years there has been a recurrence of activity in drilling for petroleum, attended by such success that in 1925 and 1926 Alberta's production of petroleum exceeded that of all the rest of Canada. The Turner Valley field, southwest of Calgary, accounted for most of this production, but promising showings have also been obtained near Wainwright and in the southern boundary district, as well as near Fort Norman in the Northwest Territories.

There are large deposits of bituminous sands in the northern part of the province along the Athabaska river. Their economic utilization has been investigated during recent years both by the University of Alberta and by the Mines Branch of the Dominion Government.

11.—Mineral Production of Alberta, 1924-1926.

Products.	1924.		1925.		1926.	
	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.	Quantity.	Value.
		\$		\$		\$
NON-METALLIC—						
Bituminous sands... tons	531	2,127	1,148	4,594	528	2,112
Coal..... "	5,189,729	18,884,318	5,869,031	20,021,484	6,503,705	20,886,103
Natural gas..... M cu ft.	7,131,086	1,796,618	9,119,600	2,752,545	10,794,697	3,019,221
Petroleum..... brl.	844	4,135	183,491	845,394	216,050	992,504
Salt..... tons	-	-	833	5,304	2,037	22,696
CLAY PRODUCTS AND OTHER STRUCTURAL MATERIALS—						
Cement..... brl.	416,534	945,700	395,857	913,529	423,766	873,621
Clay products.....	-	540,477	-	618,860	-	804,933
Lime..... bush.	90,124	36,279	98,938	39,852	108,309	39,517
Sand and gravel..... tons	-	115,969	534,892	107,436	1,754,965	412,430
Stone..... tons	16,698	19,317	3,979	6,868	3,759	13,890
Total.....	-	22,344,940	-	25,318,866	-	26,977,027