

immense mineral wealth not yet developed to full production, it seems certain that the mineral production of Canada will continue to increase rapidly. The proportions which this production has already attained make it a very important factor in the expansion of the wealth and prosperity of the whole Dominion. Figures of total production fail to convey a correct impression of the magnitude of the industry, on account of the diversity of the product and of the units involved, while the varying prices attendant upon fluctuating market conditions vitiate comparisons on the value basis: As commodity prices reached a peak in 1920 and have subsequently fallen greatly, production computed in terms of value is not a fair basis for comparison. In spite of this, the total value of mineral production in 1929 exceeded by \$79,000,000 the record of 1920.

Subsection 1.—General Statistics of Mineral Production.

In Table 1 will be found the total value of the minerals produced in Canada in each year since 1886, while Table 2 gives the details of the mineral production of 1927 and 1928, with the percentage of increase or decrease in the latter year. An interesting comparison of the mineral production of the two years, as to quantities and values, is furnished in Table 3, which shows that the increase of 11.2 p.c. in the value of product in the latter year, as compared with the former, was due to an increase of 10.6 p.c. in quantities mined and of 0.6 p.c. in average values.

1.—Value of Mineral Production in Canada, calendar years 1886-1929.

Calendar Years.	Total Value.	Value per capita.	Calendar Years.	Total Value.	Value per capita.	Calendar Years.	Total Value.	Value per capita.
	\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$
1886.....	10,221,255	2.23	1901.....	65,797,911	12.16	1916.....	177,201,534	22.05
1887.....	10,321,331	2.23	1902.....	63,231,836	11.36	1917.....	189,646,821	23.18
1888.....	12,518,894	2.67	1903.....	61,740,513	10.83	1918.....	211,301,897	25.36
1889.....	14,013,113	2.96	1904.....	60,082,771	10.27	1919.....	176,686,390	20.84
1890.....	16,763,353	3.50	1905.....	69,078,999	11.49	1920.....	227,859,665	26.40
1891.....	18,976,616	3.92	1906.....	79,286,697	12.81	1921.....	171,923,342	19.56
1892.....	16,623,415	3.39	1907.....	86,865,202	13.75	1922.....	184,297,242	20.61
1893.....	20,035,082	4.04	1908.....	85,557,101	13.16	1923.....	214,079,331	23.57
1894.....	19,931,158	3.98	1909.....	91,831,441	13.70	1924.....	209,583,406	22.72
1895.....	20,505,917	4.05	1910.....	106,823,623	15.44	1925.....	226,583,333	24.20
1896.....	22,474,256	4.38	1911.....	103,220,994	14.32	1926.....	240,437,123	25.61
1897.....	28,485,023	5.49	1912.....	135,048,296	18.32	1927.....	247,356,695	25.97
1898.....	38,412,431	7.32	1913.....	145,634,812	19.35	1928.....	274,989,487	28.07
1899.....	49,234,005	9.27	1914.....	128,863,075	16.75	1929.....	307,146,491 ¹	31.25 ¹
1900.....	64,420,877	12.04	1915.....	137,109,171	17.44			

¹Subject to revision.