

January gives the most accurate estimate then possible for the mineral production of the year just closed. In addition to the above, annual bulletins giving the detailed production of each mineral are issued as soon as the final figures become available in each case.

Monthly statistics of the physical production of 16 of the leading minerals of Canada have been compiled for the past two years and are published in a monthly bulletin. These figures indicate the current trend of activity in mining operations.

**Coal Statistics.**—In a country like Canada, coal is perhaps the most important of all minerals, from the point of view of the general public. This special position is recognized in the statistics by the publication of an Annual Report on Coal Statistics for Canada, giving complete details of coal-mining operations in the various coal-producing provinces and showing the imports and exports of coal by kinds and by ports of entry and exit, together with industrial statistics in relation to coal mining. Monthly bulletins and Quarterly Reports on Coal and Coke Statistics are also issued, giving coal and coke production and imports and exports, the quarterly printed reports showing in detailed form production of coal by areas, and imports and exports by ports of entry and exit.

## **Section I.—Mineral Lands Administration and Mining Laws.**

The mineral lands of Canada, like other Crown lands, are administered by either the Dominion or the Provincial Governments. The Dominion Government administers the mineral lands of the Yukon and Northwest Territories as well as those lying within Indian Reserves and National Parks in the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia. Since the transfer of the natural resources to the Prairie Provinces all other mineral lands lying within the boundaries of the several provinces are administered by the respective Provincial Governments.

### **Subsection I.—Dominion Mining Laws and Regulations.**

Dominion lands to which these regulations apply are those administered by the Department of the Interior, within the Yukon Territory and the Northwest Territories.

Titles issued for Dominion lands, the property of the Dominion Government in the territories of Canada, reserve to the Crown the mines and minerals which may be found on or under such lands, together with the right of operation.

**Coal.**—The maximum area which may be granted under lease to one applicant is 2,560 acres, and the length of the location must not exceed four times its breadth. Rental is \$1 an acre per annum, and royalty on coal disposed of is 5 cents per ton. In unsurveyed territory, the location must be staked by the applicant personally, and personal application must be made to the mining recorder for a lease. Such location must be marked on the ground by two legal posts, one at each end of the longest dimension, and a line must be marked out joining the posts. In surveyed territory, personal application only is necessary. The lease conveys the coal-mining rights only, but surface rights necessary for purposes of operation may be obtained by arbitration in the case of lands already disposed of, or under lease from the Crown if vacant. There is no limit to the area which may be acquired by assignment.