

world. Since the suspension of specie payments by Great Britain in September, 1931, there has been a heavy discount on the Canadian dollar in New York. This continues to react to the benefit of the Canadian gold producer. In order to facilitate the meeting of maturing obligations abroad the Canadian Government, in October, 1931, arranged for the purchase of Canadian gold produced after that date.

Field activity during 1932 was chiefly concentrated in the search for new gold deposits. In Ontario the recent gold discoveries of the Swayze area were extensively explored, while in Quebec various new gold properties were developed in the Rouyn area, including the new Cadillac-O'Brien and Bussières mines, which have commenced production. One gold mine in Ontario and one in Manitoba were also brought into production—the Ashley mine located in the Matachewan area of Ontario and the San Antonio situated in the Rice Lake area of Manitoba. British Columbia experienced a wide-spread search for gold properties and alluvial gold production was increased. In the Northwest Territories commercial shipments of silver-radium ores were made for the first time from the deposits of these metals discovered at Great Bear Lake in 1930.

Subsection 1.—General Statistics of Mineral Production.

In Table 1 will be found the total values of the minerals produced in Canada in each year since 1886, while Table 2 gives the details of the mineral production of 1930 and 1931, with the percentage of increase or decrease in the latter year.

1.—Value of Mineral Production in Canada, calendar years 1886-1932.

Calendar Year.	Total Value.	Value per capita.	Calendar Year.	Total Value.	Value per capita.	Calendar Year.	Total Value.	Value per capita.
	\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$
1886.....	10,221,253	2.23	1902.....	63,231,836	11.51	1918.....	211,301,897	25.93
1887.....	10,321,331	2.23	1903.....	61,740,513	10.90	1919.....	176,686,390	21.26
1888.....	12,518,894	2.67	1904.....	60,082,771	10.31	1920.....	227,859,665	26.63
1889.....	14,013,113	2.96	1905.....	69,078,999	11.51	1921.....	171,923,342	19.56
1890.....	16,763,353	3.51	1906.....	79,286,697	12.86	1922.....	184,297,242	20.66
1891.....	18,976,616	3.93	1907.....	86,865,202	13.55	1923.....	214,079,331	23.76
1892.....	16,623,415	3.40	1908.....	85,557,101	12.92	1924.....	209,583,406	22.92
1893.....	20,035,082	4.06	1909.....	91,831,441	13.50	1925.....	226,583,333	24.38
1894.....	19,931,158	4.00	1910.....	106,823,623	15.29	1926.....	240,437,123	25.44
1895.....	20,505,917	4.08	1911.....	103,220,994	14.32	1927.....	247,356,695	25.67
1896.....	22,474,256	4.42	1912.....	135,048,296	18.28	1928.....	274,989,467	27.97
1897.....	28,485,023	5.56	1913.....	145,634,812	19.08	1929.....	310,850,246	31.00
1898.....	38,412,431	7.42	1914.....	128,868,075	16.36	1930.....	279,873,578	27.42
1899.....	49,234,005	9.41	1915.....	137,109,171	17.18	1931.....	228,029,018	21.97
1900.....	64,420,877	12.15	1916.....	177,201,534	22.15	1932 ¹	182,320,150	17.35
1901.....	85,797,911	12.25	1917.....	189,646,821	23.53			

¹Subject to revision.