

A summary of the principal statistics of the mining, metallurgical, clay products and other structural materials industries operating in Canada in 1930 and 1931 is presented in Table 7. Of these industries, coal mining provided the largest employment and paid the largest wage bill, with auriferous quartz second and non-ferrous metal smelting and refining third. In the amount of capital invested the smelting industry was highest, with coal mining second and auriferous quartz third. In net sales smelting led again, with auriferous quartz a very close second, coal mining third, copper-gold-silver fourth, cement fifth, and the stone industry sixth.

The only mineral industries to show increased returns in 1931 over 1930 were: alluvial gold, auriferous quartz, copper-gold-silver, salt, and miscellaneous non-metallics (due chiefly to an increase in sodium sulphate). Important industries which showed the most pronounced falling off were: silver-cobalt, silver-lead-zinc, and asbestos, all of which declined by from 43 p.c. to 51 p.c.

7.—Summary of the Principal Statistics of the Mineral Industries of Canada, by Industries, 1930 and 1931.

Industry and Year.	Firms.	Capital Employed.	Em- ployees.	Salaries and Wages.	Fuel and Electrici- ty.	Net Sales. <sup>1</sup>
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
<b>METALLIC MINERALS.</b>						
Alluvial gold.....1930	79	5,881,620	394	612,369	8,272	877,778
.....1931	109	6,908,001	337	682,935	41,745	1,226,541
Auriferous quartz.....1930	54	119,758,057	8,401	14,034,620	2,364,102	39,777,739
.....1931	68	109,933,164	9,636	16,467,185	2,700,326	49,144,578
Copper-gold-silver.....1930	61	45,844,385	5,694	9,156,759	1,272,262	15,629,564
.....1931	58	37,127,920	3,351	4,968,317	726,502	15,951,103
Silver-cobalt.....1930	23	12,268,322	1,048	1,468,591	352,844	3,637,181
.....1931	22	9,352,526	786	1,149,689	227,467	1,928,593
Silver-lead-zinc.....1930	86	42,053,674	2,866	4,263,961	654,685	13,000,815
.....1931	39	31,152,078	1,299	2,149,921	485,106	6,351,975
Nickel-copper.....1930	2	26,194,608	3,483	5,388,783	200,151	8,460,556
.....1931	3	21,320,977	2,133	3,150,240	165,403	7,558,836
Miscellaneous metals.....1930	10	427,906	116	110,096	5,100	2,595
.....1931	7	444,179	32	25,694	576	13,434
Smelting and refining.....1930	10	175,010,686	8,626	13,796,124	6,465,897	55,635,664 <sup>2</sup>
.....1931	11	175,669,195	7,860	13,245,327	6,053,398	50,229,454 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Totals, Metallic Minerals.....1930</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>427,439,265</b>	<b>30,623</b>	<b>48,851,303</b>	<b>11,323,113</b>	<b>136,594,693</b>
<b>.....1931</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>390,908,034</b>	<b>25,434</b>	<b>41,829,288</b>	<b>10,340,523</b>	<b>132,382,514</b>
<b>NON-METALLIC MINERALS.</b>						
<i>Fuels.</i>						
Coal.....1930	390	140,316,395	29,172	36,442,361	3,595,416	49,905,327
.....1931	412	135,712,866	27,800	28,902,428	3,090,487	37,762,927
Natural gas.....1930	124	70,548,363	1,941	2,349,703	33,811	8,447,383
.....1931	145	71,085,678	1,692	2,072,022	26,921	8,232,822
Petroleum.....1930	234	63,300,244	1,869	3,337,754	363,998	6,481,847
.....1931	160	57,620,950	1,209	1,634,517	303,511	4,733,287
<b>Totals, Fuels.....1930</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>274,184,992</b>	<b>32,982</b>	<b>42,129,818</b>	<b>3,993,225</b>	<b>64,834,559</b>
<b>.....1931</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>264,419,494</b>	<b>30,761</b>	<b>32,508,967</b>	<b>3,390,919</b>	<b>60,729,036</b>
<i>Other Non-Metallic Minerals.</i>						
Abrasives (natural).....1930	10	345,102	45	42,867	4,305	80,108
.....1931	8	569,772	31	25,837	3,906	73,432
Asbestos.....1930	7	35,097,872	2,770	3,474,215	1,133,737	9,390,163
.....1931	7	40,164,005	1,675	1,836,115	849,047	4,812,886
Feldspar and quartz.....1930	51	870,488	429	257,388	35,645	686,596
.....1931	33	1,342,668	166	135,809	20,996	490,119
Gypsum.....1930	16	8,796,865	822	781,639	201,409	2,818,788
.....1931	17	7,941,082	676	656,596	188,524	2,111,517
Iron oxides.....1930	4	150,704	43	41,238	13,929	83,873
.....1931	4	181,535	30	29,194	8,560	40,205
Mica.....1930	13	441,744	244	63,316	1,102	96,004
.....1931	11	276,356	28	22,556	444	34,066

<sup>1</sup>For footnotes see end of table, p. 353