

of the important metals as well as substantial quantities of coal. However, since 1930, Quebec has been challenging British Columbia's position, having taken over second place on two occasions. Mineral production in Quebec has increased greatly since the opening up of the base and precious metal mines. Whereas formerly non-metallics (especially asbestos) and structural materials made up nearly all of its mineral production, more than half the value is now made up of metals, particularly gold and copper. Quebec's production in 1938 and 1939 was, respectively, 15.6 p.c. and 16.3 p.c. of the total, while British Columbia accounted for 14.6 p.c. in 1938 and 13.8 p.c. in 1939. Nova Scotia and Alberta are the most important coal-producing provinces. The discovery and development of the Flin Flon and Sherritt-Gordon orebodies resulted in the Provinces of Manitoba and Saskatchewan becoming important producers of base metals and gold and silver. Alberta, besides being a big producer of coal, produces considerable quantities of petroleum and natural gas, and, with the increased activity in this field, Alberta's share of total mineral production will probably increase.

### 5.—Mineral Production of Canada, by Provinces, 1920-39.

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1899-1910, inclusive, will be found at p. 345 of the 1933 Year Book, and for 1911-19, inclusive, at p. 323 of the 1939 edition.

| Year.                | Nova Scotia. | New Brunswick. | Quebec.    | Ontario.    | Manitoba.  | Saskatchewan. | Alberta.   | British Columbia. | Yukon.                 |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------------|-------------------|------------------------|
|                      | \$           | \$             | \$         | \$          | \$         | \$            | \$         | \$                | \$                     |
| 1920..               | 34,130,017   | 2,491,787      | 28,886,214 | 81,715,808  | 4,223,461  | 1,837,468     | 33,586,456 | 39,411,728        | 1,576,726              |
| 1921..               | 28,912,111   | 1,901,505      | 15,157,094 | 57,356,651  | 1,934,117  | 1,114,220     | 30,562,229 | 33,230,460        | 1,754,955              |
| 1922..               | 25,923,499   | 2,263,692      | 17,646,529 | 65,866,029  | 2,253,942  | 1,255,470     | 27,872,136 | 39,423,962        | 1,785,573              |
| 1923..               | 29,648,893   | 2,462,457      | 20,308,763 | 80,825,851  | 1,768,037  | 1,047,583     | 31,287,536 | 43,757,388        | 2,972,823              |
| 1924..               | 23,820,352   | 1,969,260      | 19,136,504 | 86,398,656  | 1,534,249  | 1,128,100     | 22,344,940 | 52,298,533        | 952,812                |
| 1925..               | 17,625,612   | 1,743,858      | 24,284,527 | 87,980,436  | 2,276,759  | 1,076,392     | 25,318,866 | 64,485,242        | 1,791,641              |
| 1926..               | 28,873,792   | 1,811,104      | 25,956,193 | 84,702,296  | 3,073,528  | 1,193,394     | 26,977,027 | 65,622,976        | 2,226,813              |
| 1927..               | 30,111,221   | 2,148,535      | 28,870,403 | 89,982,962  | 2,888,912  | 1,455,225     | 29,309,223 | 60,801,170        | 1,789,044              |
| 1928..               | 30,524,392   | 2,198,919      | 37,037,420 | 99,584,718  | 4,186,853  | 1,719,461     | 32,531,416 | 64,496,351        | 2,709,957              |
| 1929..               | 30,904,453   | 2,439,072      | 46,358,285 | 117,662,505 | 5,423,825  | 2,253,506     | 34,739,986 | 68,162,878        | 2,905,736              |
| 1930..               | 27,019,367   | 2,383,571      | 41,215,220 | 113,530,976 | 5,453,182  | 2,368,612     | 30,427,742 | 54,953,320        | 2,521,588              |
| 1931..               | 21,081,157   | 2,176,910      | 35,964,537 | 97,975,915  | 10,057,808 | 1,931,880     | 23,580,901 | 35,480,701        | 2,184,917              |
| 1932..               | 16,201,279   | 2,223,505      | 25,638,466 | 85,910,030  | 9,058,365  | 1,681,728     | 21,174,061 | 27,326,173        | 2,014,618 <sup>1</sup> |
| 1933..               | 16,966,183   | 2,107,682      | 28,141,482 | 110,205,021 | 9,026,951  | 2,477,425     | 19,702,953 | 30,794,504        | 2,073,052 <sup>1</sup> |
| 1934..               | 23,310,729   | 2,156,151      | 31,269,945 | 145,565,871 | 9,776,934  | 2,977,061     | 20,228,851 | 41,206,965        | 1,669,083 <sup>1</sup> |
| 1935..               | 23,183,128   | 2,821,027      | 39,124,696 | 158,934,269 | 12,052,417 | 3,816,943     | 22,289,681 | 48,692,050        | 1,430,246 <sup>1</sup> |
| 1936..               | 26,672,278   | 2,587,891      | 49,736,919 | 184,532,892 | 11,315,527 | 6,970,397     | 23,305,726 | 54,407,036        | 2,390,706 <sup>1</sup> |
| 1937..               | 30,314,188   | 2,763,643      | 65,160,215 | 230,042,517 | 15,751,645 | 10,271,463    | 25,597,117 | 73,555,798        | 3,902,506 <sup>1</sup> |
| 1938..               | 26,253,645   | 3,802,565      | 68,965,594 | 219,810,994 | 17,173,002 | 7,782,847     | 28,966,272 | 64,549,130        | 4,528,188 <sup>1</sup> |
| 1939 <sup>2</sup> .. | 30,712,802   | 3,680,947      | 77,112,479 | 231,696,959 | 17,430,083 | 9,106,826     | 31,275,947 | 65,056,737        | 7,034,241 <sup>1</sup> |

<sup>1</sup>Includes production from the Northwest Territories.

<sup>2</sup>Figures for 1939 are subject to revision.

Table 6 shows the different minerals that make up the mineral production of each province and also the particular province or provinces that contribute to the production of each mineral in Canada.