

during 1933, and the group of industries producing clay products and other structural materials was at a lower level of operation in that year than in any other year since 1921. From 1929 to 1933 there was a decline of 71 p.c. in net sales, 69 p.c. in employees, 74 p.c. in salaries and wages, and 76 p.c. in expenditures for fuel and electricity, a large item in the cost of production in these industries. However, construction has been more active in Canada since 1933 (see Chapter XV) and this increased activity has been accompanied by a welcome change to a rising trend in the production of clay products and other structural materials, although these industries are still at a low level compared with the period prior to 1929.

7.—Principal Statistics of the Mineral Industries in Canada, by Groups, 1929-38, and by Provinces, 1938.

Note.—For the years 1921-28, see the 1936 Year Book, pp. 355-356. In the past, the net value of production, called "net sales", in these industries has been gross sales less freight and treatment charges in the case of mines, and less the value of ores charged in the case of smelters. According to a recommendation adopted by the Conference of Commonwealth Statisticians in Ottawa, 1935, the net figure, called the "net income from sales", is now obtained from net sales as defined above by a further deduction of the costs of fuel, electricity, and consumable supplies used in the production process. In the table below, however, to facilitate comparison with previous years, figures for 1935 are given to show deductions and resultant net by both methods, and figures since then on the new basis only.

Group and Year.	Plants or Mines.	Capital Employed.	Em- ployees.	Salaries and Wages.	Fuel and Electricity for Heat and Power. ¹	Net Sales. ²
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
METALLICS.						
1929.....	528	427,498,173	31,125	50,279,511	11,221,987	163,050,366
1930.....	352	427,439,265	30,623	48,851,303	11,323,313	137,015,892
1931.....	327	390,908,034	25,434	41,829,288	10,340,523	132,382,514
1932.....	330	269,180,464	21,931	34,983,704	8,551,463	119,790,072
1933.....	402	406,998,952	25,443	37,937,871	7,084,253	150,145,926
1934.....	636	465,583,818	34,143	50,818,448	9,144,600	186,785,532
					10,199,214	217,353,515
1935.....	619	437,471,769	38,603	59,528,350		
					151,846,099 ¹	173,588,815 ²
1936.....	867	507,796,987	46,455	72,016,670	188,371,440 ¹	211,444,303 ²
1937.....	1,000	584,692,790	55,046	90,798,501	268,514,346 ^{1,4}	276,885,288
1938.....	883	583,631,536	56,491	94,466,952	260,417,691 ^{1,4}	278,367,293 ²
NON-METALLICS.						
1929.....	5,494	317,302,496	40,080	55,602,313	6,033,773	93,596,188
1930.....	5,191	328,776,596	38,355	47,852,675	5,785,483	80,063,355
1931.....	5,374	325,168,359	34,075	36,031,233	4,870,674	61,629,210
1932.....	5,246	302,294,837	31,654	29,918,319	4,497,602	54,389,856
1933.....	5,327	283,796,783	30,532	27,309,607	4,695,254	54,912,205
1934.....	5,605	263,120,280	32,195	31,763,492	5,219,565	60,580,554
					5,152,971	62,407,314
1935.....	6,161	244,237,709	32,755	33,150,704		
					16,705,125 ¹	45,739,144 ²
1936.....	6,224	257,057,806	34,768	37,280,814	12,270,765 ¹	59,475,472 ²
1937.....	6,271	273,578,624	37,144	43,199,558	15,319,093 ¹	67,042,550 ²
1938.....	6,390	280,894,100	36,867	40,184,346	13,516,104 ¹	67,602,082 ²
CLAY PRODUCTS AND OTHER STRUCTURAL MATERIALS.						
1929.....	3,126	122,220,364	23,897	18,608,687	9,495,825	58,534,834
1930.....	3,562	131,204,998	20,222	17,271,354	7,957,397	53,727,465
1931.....	3,877	135,983,627	13,300	14,108,778	6,298,151	44,158,295
1932.....	4,804	113,736,272	7,885	6,870,026	3,427,419	22,398,283
1933.....	5,144	109,496,612	7,359	4,784,827	2,245,397	16,696,687

For footnotes, see end of table, p. 328.