

The current silver production of Canada is derived chiefly from the silver-lead-zinc ores of British Columbia, the silver-lead ores exported from Yukon, and the nickel-copper ores of Ontario. For many years the famous cobalt-silver camp of Ontario supplied the bulk of Canada's silver but this district has been gradually worked out and with the drop in price, which occurred about midsummer 1939, several properties in this once-famous camp were forced to cease operations. An appreciable amount of silver also occurs in the gold ores of northern Ontario; the copper-gold ores of Quebec, Manitoba, and British Columbia; and the pitchblende ores of the Great Bear Lake district in the Northwest Territories. Thus in Canada silver is produced chiefly in combination with other metals.

Silver production in Canada attained its maximum of 32,869,264 fine ounces in 1910 when the famous Cobalt silver camp was at its peak but production from that source has declined since then and now the Sullivan mine in British Columbia, primarily noted for its lead and zinc, is the largest producer of silver in Canada.

21.—Quantities and Values of Silver Produced in Canada, 1920-39.

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1887 to 1910, inclusive, will be found at p. 361 of the 1933 Year Book and for the years 1911 to 1919 at p. 344 of the 1939 edition.

Year.	Quantity.	Value.	Year.	Quantity.	Value.	Year.	Quantity.	Value.
	oz. fine.	\$		oz. fine.	\$		oz. fine.	\$
1920...	13,330,357	13,450,330	1927...	22,736,698	12,816,677	1934....	16,415,282	7,790,840
1921....	13,543,198	8,485,355	1928....	21,936,407	12,761,725	1935....	16,618,558	10,767,148
1922....	13,626,439	12,576,758	1929....	23,143,261	12,264,308	1936....	18,334,487	8,273,804
1923....	18,601,744	12,067,509	1930....	26,443,823	10,089,376	1937....	22,977,751	10,312,644
1924....	19,736,323	13,180,113	1931....	20,562,247	6,141,943	1938....	22,219,195	9,660,239
1925....	20,228,988	13,971,150	1932....	18,347,907	5,811,081	1939 ¹ ..	23,116,861	9,359,553
1926....	22,371,924	13,894,531	1933....	15,187,950	5,746,027			

¹ Preliminary figures.

22.—Quantities and Values of Silver Produced in Canada, by Provinces, 1920-39.

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1887 to 1910, inclusive, will be found at p. 271 of the 1916-17 Year Book and for the years 1911 to 1919 at p. 345 of the 1939 edition. Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, and Alberta have also shown a small production in recent years, production during 1938 being shown in Table 6 of this chapter, p. 321.

Year.	Quebec.		Ontario.		Manitoba.		British Columbia.		Yukon and Northwest Territories.	
	oz. fine.	\$	oz. fine.	\$	oz. fine.	\$	oz. fine.	\$	oz. fine.	\$
1920...	61,003	61,552	9,907,626	9,996,795	15,510	15,649	3,327,028	3,356,971	19,190	19,363
1921...	38,034	23,861	9,761,607	6,116,037	33	20	3,350,357	2,099,133	393,092	246,288
1922....	Nil	-	10,811,903	7,300,305	20	14	7,150,937	4,828,384	663,493	447,997
1923....	33,006	21,412	10,540,943	6,838,226	5	3	6,113,327	3,965,899	1,914,438	1,241,953
1924....	83,814	55,972	11,272,567	7,527,933	140	98	8,153,003	5,444,657	226,755	151,429
1925....	214,943	148,451	10,529,131	7,271,944	477	329	8,579,458	5,925,403	904,893	624,946
1926....	375,986	233,513	9,274,965	5,760,402	18	11	10,625,816	6,599,376	2,095,027	1,301,159
1927....	740,864	417,625	9,307,953	5,246,893	12	7	11,040,445	6,223,499	1,647,295	928,580
1928....	908,959	528,796	7,242,601	4,213,456	1,763	1,026	10,943,367	6,366,413	2,839,633	1,651,985
1929....	813,821	431,268	8,890,726	4,711,462	2,644	1,401	10,156,408	5,382,185	3,279,530	1,737,922
1930....	571,164	217,922	10,205,683	3,893,876	94,653	36,114	11,825,930	4,512,065	3,746,326	1,429,373
1931....	530,345	158,414	7,438,551	2,222,014	836,547	249,877	8,061,599	2,408,000	3,694,728	1,103,615
1932....	628,902	199,134	6,335,788	2,006,948	1,036,497	328,275	7,293,462	2,309,958	3,053,188	966,994
1933....	471,419	178,351	4,535,680	1,718,975	1,101,578	416,758	6,737,057	2,548,817	2,227,476	842,717
1934....	470,254	223,187	5,321,160	2,525,470	1,252,920	594,647	8,729,721	4,143,204	553,320	262,611
1935....	668,836	433,338	5,161,651	3,344,229	1,256,454	781,660	9,178,400	5,946,677	201,221	130,371
1936....	724,339	326,872	5,219,366	2,355,343	791,489	357,175	9,748,715	4,399,303	1,100,430	496,591
1937....	908,590	407,784	4,693,047	2,106,286	905,179	406,253	11,530,177	5,174,859	4,091,946	1,836,507
1938....	1,189,495	517,157	4,318,837	1,877,701	1,198,315	520,991	11,186,563	4,863,582	3,426,561	1,489,765
1939 ¹ ..	1,167,522	472,706	4,668,099	1,890,020	1,028,485	416,413	10,622,867	4,300,966	4,314,379	1,746,805

¹ Preliminary figures.