

# CHAPTER XII.—MINES AND MINERALS\*

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**Historical Sketch.**—A short historical outline of the development of the mineral industry in Canada is given at pp. 309-310 of the 1939 Year Book.

**Statistics of Mines and Minerals.**—The compilation and publication of statistics concerning mines and minerals in the Dominion is carried out by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, which works in close co-operation with the Mines Departments of the various Provincial Governments, collecting the data in collaboration with these Departments. Questionnaires sent to those engaged in mineral industries are designed to meet the requirements of both the Dominion and the provincial authorities, thus eliminating duplication of labour.

More detailed information on the mineral production of Canada is given in the various reports issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.\* The more important of these are: the "Annual Preliminary Report on the Mineral Production of Canada"; a complete, detailed, annual report on the mineral industries; monthly bulletins on the production of the leading minerals exclusive of those of strategic value; and monthly, quarterly, and annual reports on coal statistics.

### Section 1.—Mineral Lands Administration and Mining Laws

The mineral lands of Canada, like other Crown lands, are administered by either the Dominion or the Provincial Governments. The Dominion Government administers the mineral lands of Yukon and the Northwest Territories as well as

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