

World Production.—World production of copper was estimated at 2,020,000 long tons for 1938, as compared with 1,920,000 long tons for 1929. Figures of world production for 1939 and later years are incomplete. According to the 1938 estimates, Canada produced about 12.6 p.c. of the world total and stood third among the nations.

11.—Copper Production of the Leading Countries and of the World, 1926-40

(In long tons of 2,240 lb.)

NOTE.—Figures in this table, except as indicated, are from the Imperial Institute's Statistical Summary. War-time restrictions preclude the publication of later data. Figures for the years 1913 to 1925, inclusive, will be found at p. 335 of the 1939 Year Book.

Year	Canada ¹	North- ern Rhodesia	Belgian Congo	Chile	Japan	Mexico	Peru	Spain and Portugal	United States	World Production ²
1926...	59,417	708	79,365	199,121	64,533	55,628	41,699	57,083	783,929	1,462,044
1927...	62,566	3,290	87,748	235,930	65,519	56,929	46,820	53,885	756,624	1,502,108
1928...	90,489	5,930	110,680	282,269	67,155	64,536	55,556	55,000	807,945	1,690,000
1929...	110,768	5,466	134,828	315,566	74,277	85,187	55,228	67,000	890,674	1,920,000
1930...	135,481	6,269	136,754	216,844	77,785	72,252	46,800	66,000	629,529	1,580,000
1931...	130,493	22,800	118,000	221,000	74,650	53,354	43,600	56,000	472,210	1,360,000
1932...	110,571	87,238	53,000	101,600	70,741	34,698	24,691	34,000	212,599	890,000
1933...	133,921	129,423	65,544	160,814	67,942	39,196	30,773	31,000	211,969	1,260,000
1934...	162,840	157,599	108,346	252,646	65,944	43,569	27,283	32,000	211,969	1,260,000
1935...	187,053	168,659	105,981	262,864	68,215	38,751	30,237	32,000	339,724	1,470,000
1936...	187,959	170,728	94,156	252,162	76,505	29,244	32,825	27,000	548,674	1,700,000
1937...	236,620	245,888	148,210	410,000	86,215	45,350	36,000	32,518	748,009	2,300,000
1938...	255,022	250,877	121,985	345,821	80,000	41,190	37,154	34,807	498,003	2,020,000
1939 ³ ...	271,797	393,442 ⁴		373,870	84,900 ⁵	53,790	39,260	28,439	734,990	2,385,365

¹ Dominion Bureau of Statistics figures.

² Totals include productions of other countries not specified.

³ Figures, except for Canada, are from the Year Book of the American Bureau of Metal Statistics.

⁴ Total African production.

⁵ Conjectural.

Subsection 3.—Gold

The primary importance of gold production in connection with Canada's war effort is its function in strengthening the foreign credit position, particularly in relation to the United States. A production of over 5 million ounces per annum at \$35 per oz. in United States funds provides for the purchase of over \$175,000,000 worth of essential war equipment in that country. Thus, while gold has limited specific military uses, its increased production is a very important factor in the effectiveness of Canada's contribution to the war effort.

A short review dealing with the development of gold mining in Canada and giving information concerning the principal gold-producing properties across Canada appears at p. 251 of the 1941 Year Book.