

Silver.—The silver production of Canada in 1942 was 20,695,101 fine oz., which placed Canada next to Mexico and the United States in the production of this metal.

In Table 28 the world production, value and average price of silver are given for each year from 1900 to 1939. In spite of the decreasing importance of silver, except in China and India, production has increased due to the fact that silver is a by-product in the mining of other metals.

28.—Quantities and Values of World Production of Silver, with Annual Average Prices, 1900-42

(From the Annual Report of the Director of the United States Mint)

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1860 to 1899, inclusive, will be found at p. 346 of the 1939 Year Book.

Year	Quantity	Value	Average Price per fine oz. ¹	Year	Quantity	Value	Average Price per fine oz. ¹	Year	Quantity	Value	Average Price per fine oz. ¹
	'000 oz. fine	\$'000	\$		'000 oz. fine	\$'000	\$		'000 oz. fine	\$'000	\$
1900.....	173,591	107,626	0.620	1915...	173,001	88,338	0.519	1930...	248,708	96,310	0.387
1901.....	173,011	103,807	0.600	1916...	180,802	121,410	0.686	1931...	195,920	56,842	0.290 ²
1902.....	162,763	86,265	0.530	1917...	186,125	156,345	0.895	1932...	164,893	46,506	0.282
1903.....	167,689	90,552	0.543	1918...	203,159	200,000	0.985	1933...	169,159	59,201	0.350
1904.....	164,195	95,233	0.579	1919...	179,850	201,588	1.121	1934...	190,398	91,930	0.483
1905.....	172,318	105,114	0.619	1920...	173,296	176,658	1.019	1935...	220,704	142,535	0.646
1906.....	165,054	111,724	0.677	1921...	171,286	108,074	0.631	1936...	253,696	115,175	0.454
1907.....	184,207	121,857	0.662	1922...	209,815	158,207	0.679	1937...	274,574	124,077	0.452
1908.....	203,131	108,655	0.535	1923...	246,010	172,276	0.700	1938...	267,765	116,577	0.435
1909.....	212,149	110,351	0.520	1924...	239,485	178,311	0.745	1939...	265,927	104,762	0.394
1910.....	221,716	119,897	0.541	1925...	245,214	172,498	0.703	1940....	2	2	2
1911.....	226,193	121,981	0.539	1926...	253,795	159,569	0.629	1941....	2	2	2
1912.....	230,904	141,937	0.615	1927...	253,981	144,947	0.570	1942....	2	2	2
1913.....	210,013	126,970	0.605	1928...	257,925	151,214	0.583				
1914.....	172,264	95,282	0.553	1929...	260,970	139,961	0.536				

¹ At the average par price of a fine ounce of silver in London, excepting the years 1918-22, inclusive, and 1931-42, for which the means of the New York bid and asked prices were used. ² Since figures for many countries are not available, world totals have not been published by the Director of the United States Mint.

Coal.—The total estimated coal production of the world in 1938, the latest year for which complete figures are available, amounted to about 1,420,000,000 long tons, a decrease of 6 p.c. from the estimate for the previous year. Germany, which has run second to the United States for each year since 1925, accounted for 26.4 p.c. of world production in 1938; the United States, 24.6 p.c.; and the United Kingdom, 16 p.c. Canada contributed 12,763,000 long tons or about 0.9 p.c. Figures of coal produced in the principal countries of the world in 1913 and 1926-39 are given at p. 310 of the 1942 Year Book.

Section 7.—Production of Non-Metallic Minerals (Excluding Fuels)

The most important Canadian minerals included in this group are asbestos, gypsum, quartz, salt and sulphur, and for each of these a brief description of occurrence and production follows. A reference to Table 2 at p. 292 and Table 6 at p. 297 shows numerous other minerals, used chiefly for chemical and industrial