

**Bounties.**—Government bounties or subsidies for protective duties on various minerals have been paid in the past years; for further details see Section 6, Part I of Chapter XXII on Domestic Trade.

## Section 2.—Summary of Mineral Production

The importance of mineral production as compared with other primary industries in Canada is indicated in Chapter XI while its part in the foreign trade of Canada is dealt with in Chapter XXIII, Part II, especially Section 3, Subsections 2 and 5.

### Subsection 1.—Value and Volume of Mineral Production

**Historical Statistics.**—Definite records of the annual value of mineral production go back only to 1886, although actual production began with the earliest settlements. The figures given in Table 1 are not strictly comparable throughout the whole period, minor changes having been adopted in methods of computing both the metallic content of ores sold and the valuations of the products. Earlier methods resulted in a somewhat higher value than those now in use would have shown. However, the changes do not interfere with the general usefulness of the figures in showing the broad trends in the mineral industry.

#### 1.—Value of Mineral Production, 1886-1946

Year	Total Value	Value per Capita	Year	Total Value	Value per Capita	Year	Total Value	Value per Capita
	\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$
1886.....	10,221,255	2.23	1930.....	279,873,578	27.42	1938.....	441,823,237	39.62
1890.....	16,763,353	3.51				1939.....	474,602,059	42.12
1895.....	20,505,917	4.08	1931 <sup>1</sup> .....	230,434,726	22.21	1940.....	529,825,035	46.55
1900.....	64,420,877	12.15	1932.....	191,228,225	18.19	1941.....	560,241,290	48.69
1905.....	69,078,999	11.51	1933.....	221,495,253	20.83	1942.....	566,768,672	48.63
1910.....	106,823,623	15.29	1934.....	194,110,968	18.07	1943.....	530,053,966	44.87
1915.....	137,109,171	17.18	1935.....	312,344,457	28.80	1944.....	485,819,114	40.57
1920.....	227,859,665	26.63	1936.....	361,919,372	33.05	1945.....	498,755,181	41.15
1925.....	226,583,333	24.38	1937.....	457,359,092	41.41	1946 <sup>2</sup> .....	493,840,428	40.13

<sup>1</sup> Beginning with 1931, exchange equalization on gold production is included.

<sup>2</sup> Subject to revision.

**Current Production.**—The depression beginning in 1930 had a profound effect upon the production of minerals in Canada. The decline in general commodity prices and the increased price of gold provided a two-fold stimulus to production and, as in the 1920's, output of gold was increased. This rise in the price of gold since 1931 (\$20.67 per fine ounce in 1931 to \$38.50, Canadian funds, in 1945) resulted in the mines being able to produce from ore that was hitherto unprofitable,