

#### 4.—Percentages of the Total Value of Mineral Production, by Principal Minerals, 1938-47

Mineral	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
<b>METALLICS</b>										
Copper.....	12.8	12.8	12.4	11.5	10.7	12.7	13.4	11.9	9.3	14.2
Gold.....	37.6	38.8	38.6	36.7	32.9	26.5	23.2	20.8	20.7	16.7
Lead.....	3.1	2.6	3.0	2.8	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.5	4.8	6.9
Nickel.....	12.2	10.7	11.3	12.3	12.4	13.5	14.2	12.4	9.0	11.0
Pitchblende products.....	..	0.2	0.1	0.2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Platinum metals.....	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.5	3.4	2.6	1.7	5.4	2.6	1.5
Silver.....	2.2	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.2	2.1	1.4
Zinc.....	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.1	3.5	4.6	4.9	6.7	7.3	7.2
<b>TOTALS, METALLICS<sup>2</sup>.....</b>	<b>73.1</b>	<b>72.4</b>	<b>72.2</b>	<b>70.6</b>	<b>69.2</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>63.5</b>	<b>63.6</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>61.3</b>
<b>FUELS</b>										
Coal.....	10.0	10.2	10.3	10.4	11.1	11.9	14.5	13.5	15.0	12.0
Natural gas.....	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.3	2.5	2.4	2.1
Petroleum.....	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.6	2.8	3.1	3.2	2.7	3.0	3.0
<b>TOTALS, FUELS.....</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>17.1</b>
<b>NON-METALLICS (EXCLUDING FUELS)</b>										
Asbestos.....	2.9	3.3	2.9	3.8	4.0	4.4	4.2	4.6	5.0	5.1
Gypsum.....	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.7
Quartz.....	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Salt.....	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
Sulphur.....	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
<b>TOTALS, NON-METALLICS<sup>2</sup>.....</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>8.5</b>
<b>TOTALS, CLAY PRODUCTS.....</b>										
	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.8	2.4	2.2
<b>OTHER STRUCTURAL MATERIALS</b>										
Cement.....	1.9	1.8	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.9	4.0	3.4
Lime.....	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	1.3
Sand and gravel.....	2.7	2.4	2.2	1.9	1.6	1.7	2.1	2.1	3.1	3.6
Stone.....	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.6	2.2	2.6
<b>TOTALS, OTHER STRUCTURAL MATERIALS.....</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>10.9</b>
<b>Grand Totals.....</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<sup>1</sup> Not released for publication.<sup>2</sup> Includes minor items not specified.

Although the year 1926 was not a normal year in mineral production to the same extent as in some other productive fields, the rapid changes that have resulted from circumstances arising since then can be seen more clearly by using 1926 as a base year. Table 5 shows the indexes of volume of mineral production by principal minerals, for the years 1938-47.

#### 5.—Indexes of Volume of Mineral Production, by Principal Minerals, 1938-47

(1926=100)

NOTE.—Indexes for 1927-37 will be found at p. 319 of the 1940 Year Book.

Mineral	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
<b>METALLICS</b>										
Cobalt.....	69.1	110.2	119.5	39.6	12.6	26.5	5.5	16.4	11.1	86.1
Copper.....	429.2	457.4	492.6	483.4	453.6	432.2	411.0	356.8	276.4	339.4
Gold.....	269.4	290.4	302.8	304.7	276.0	208.1	166.6	153.7	161.5	175.0
Lead.....	147.6	136.9	166.3	162.1	180.5	156.5	107.3	122.3	124.7	113.9
Nickel.....	320.4	344.1	373.7	429.5	434.0	43.8	417.9	373.0	292.4	361.0
Platinum metals.....	1694.4	1454.6	1023.3	1134.6	2598.1	1768.8	1025.6	3412.2	1224.5	1048.4
Silver.....	99.3	103.5	106.5	97.2	92.5	77.5	60.9	57.9	56.1	55.9
Zinc.....	254.4	263.1	282.8	341.7	387.0	407.3	367.4	345.0	313.9	277.3