

Iron Ore.—Production of iron ore in 1952 at 5,200,000 tons was the largest on record, being about 11 p.c. over the 1951 figure. This gain was almost all accounted for by an increase in shipments from British Columbia mines. The tonnage mined in Newfoundland and Ontario decreased about 5 p.c. to 1,600,000 tons and 2,700,000 tons, respectively.

Developments under way in the iron-ore industry give promise of greatly increased production within the next few years. The Wabana mine in Newfoundland was closed down on Apr. 1, 1953, in order that radical improvements might be made in production methods. Operations on an increased scale will be commenced later in the year. In Ontario, heavy development programs were prosecuted in the Steep Rock and Michipicoten fields during 1952 and production gains will be registered in the near future. There is definite evidence that Ontario is becoming a major source of iron ore and that other fields will be added to those now in production, including the low-grade deposit near Marmora in eastern Ontario which will be producing in 1954. Most encouraging progress is being made in the enormous task of developing the Quebec-Labrador iron deposits for production, a project involving the expenditure of \$200,000,000. Its initial objective of 10,000,000 tons annually is expected to begin in 1954. New deposits of medium-grade iron ore have been discovered near Ungava Bay, nearly 1,000 miles north of Quebec city. The area is stated to possess almost unlimited tonnage, mainly on the surface and easily mined.

Exports from Canadian iron mines totalled 3,800,000 tons in 1952, including 700,000 tons to the United Kingdom, 337,000 tons to Germany, 794,000 tons to Japan and 2,000,000 tons to the United States. Imports were in excess of 4,000,000 tons, mostly from the United States.

9.—Iron-Ore Shipments and Production of Pig-Iron, Ferro-Alloys and Steel Ingots and Castings, 1913-52

NOTE.—Figures for 1886-1910, inclusive, will be found in the 1936 Year Book, p. 373; for 1911-28 in the 1939 edition, p. 340; and for 1929-42 in the 1946 edition, p. 333.

Year	Iron-Ore Shipments from Canadian Mines	Production of Pig-Iron			Production of Ferro-Alloys	Production of Steel Ingots and Castings
		Nova Scotia	Ontario	Canada		
	short tons	short tons	short tons	short tons	short tons	short tons
1943.....	641,294	345,722	1,412,547	1,758,269	197,094	3,004,124
1944.....	553,252	395,802	1,456,826	1,852,628	182,428	3,024,410
1945.....	1,135,444	374,302	1,403,647	1,777,949	178,214	2,877,927
1946.....	1,549,523	317,180	1,089,072	1,406,252	137,822	2,327,283
1947.....	1,919,366	354,789	1,606,787	1,962,848 ¹	227,123	2,945,952
1948.....	1,337,244	438,430	1,687,309	2,125,739	232,734	3,200,480
1949.....	3,675,096	472,885	1,681,600	2,154,485	202,092	3,190,377
1950.....	3,605,261	513,029	1,804,092	2,317,121	180,499	3,383,575
1951.....	4,680,510	485,900	2,066,993	2,552,893	266,252	3,568,720
1952 ^a	5,205,058	395,262	2,286,803	2,682,065	232,036	3,721,692

¹ Includes production of 1,272 tons in British Columbia.