

Silver.—Silver production in 1952 at 24,376,000 oz. t. was the highest since 1930 and, except for that one year, it was greater than at any time since the period from 1909 to 1916 when operations in the Cobalt district were at their height. Renewed activity in that area brought about a notable increase in Ontario's output in recent years; that output amounted to 6,274,000 oz. t. in 1952 as compared with 2,563,000 oz. t. in 1949.

Silver mining is not a distinct industry in Canada as the silver-bearing minerals occur in association with other metals of economic value. Most of the metal is obtained from the treatment of base-metal ores although substantial amounts are recovered from gold-quartz ores and from alluvial gold deposits. In 1952, approximately 31 p.c. of Canada's silver came from British Columbia, 26 p.c. from Ontario, 17 p.c. from Quebec and 16 p.c. from Yukon Territory.

13.—Quantity of Silver Produced, by Province, with Total Value, 1943-52

NOTE.—Figures for 1887-1910, inclusive, will be found in the 1916-17 Year Book, p. 271; for 1911-28 in the 1939 edition, p. 345; and for 1929-42 in the 1946 edition, p. 334.

Year	Average Price per oz. t. (Canadian funds)	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba
	cts.	oz. t.	oz. t.	oz. t.	oz. t.	oz. t.
1943.....	45-84	...	144	2,212,115	2,671,320	587,279
1944.....	43-00	...	188	2,500,681	3,143,275	569,873
1945.....	47-00	...	112	2,149,570	3,185,369	533,883
1946.....	83-65	...	146	1,916,453	2,485,215	528,017
1947.....	72-00	...	97	2,134,189	2,342,032	424,365
1948.....	75-00	...	8	2,376,754	3,210,107	737,298
1949.....	74-25	585,966	3	3,250,578	2,562,859	554,266
1950.....	80-82	575,524	2	4,343,379	4,408,620	893,099
1951.....	94-55	534,519	1	4,154,290	4,520,094	613,141
1952 ^p	83-52	584,505	100,668	4,265,858	6,274,359	397,923
		Saskatchewan	British Columbia	Yukon Territory	Northwest Territories	Canada ¹
		oz. t.	oz. t.	oz. t.	oz. t.	\$
1943.....	2,812,624	8,995,488	52,348	13,250	17,344,569	7,849,111
1944.....	1,735,773	5,631,572	32,066	13,677	13,627,109	5,859,656
1945.....	1,426,457	5,620,323	25,158	2,033	12,942,906	6,083,166
1946.....	1,498,496	6,078,419	31,230	6,112	12,544,100	10,493,139
1947.....	1,282,546	5,903,367	372,051	45,355	12,504,018	9,002,893
1948.....	1,323,900	6,717,908	1,718,618	25,382	16,109,982	12,082,487
1949.....	1,482,009	7,573,506	1,562,730	70,505	17,641,493	13,098,808
1950.....	1,207,796	8,528,107	3,202,779	62,111	23,221,431	18,767,561
1951.....	1,454,341	8,342,414	3,442,788	64,228	23,125,825	21,865,467
1952 ^p	1,138,908	7,587,560	3,967,506	58,558	24,375,853	20,366,026

¹ Includes relatively small quantities produced in Alberta.

Zinc.—A record for zinc production was established in 1952 when 382,000 tons were produced, an amount 12 p.c. above the 1951 total. Output was higher in all producing provinces, the percentage gains being as follows: Newfoundland, 12; Quebec, 11; Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 12; British Columbia, 9; and Yukon Territory, 91. There was a substantial production in Nova Scotia for the first time since 1940. Owing to a reduction in the price of zinc, which averaged 17-46 cents per lb. for the year, the total value of production at \$133,500,000 was about 2 p.c. below the 1951 value.