



Asbestos.—The producers of asbestos shipped about 924,000 tons valued at \$86,400,000 in 1954 as compared with 911,000 tons worth \$86,000,000 in 1953. A modernization and expansion program was under way in Quebec and a new mine in British Columbia was progressing favourably at the end of the year.

15.—Quantity and Value of Asbestos Produced 1945-54

NOTE.—Figures for 1896-1910 are given in the 1911 Year Book, p. 424; for 1911-28 in the 1939 edition, p. 354; and for 1929-44 in the 1946 edition, p. 353.

Year	Quantity	Value	Year	Quantity	Value
	tons	\$		tons	\$
1945	466,897	22,805,157	1950	875,344	65,854,568
1946	558,181	25,240,562	1951	973,198	81,584,345
1947	661,821	33,005,748	1952	929,339	89,254,913
1948	716,769	42,231,475	1953	911,226	86,052,895
1949	574,906	39,746,072	1954	924,116	86,409,212

Gypsum.—The production of gypsum was higher in 1954 than in 1953 by 109,000 tons, a result of continued demand by the building trades. Nova Scotia mines accounted for 80 p.c. of the Canadian total.