

3.—Percentage of the Total Value Contributed by Principal Minerals, 1949-58—concluded

Mineral	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958 <sup>p</sup>
	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.
<b>Non-metallics<sup>1</sup></b> .....	<b>7.1</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>7.5</b>
Asbestos.....	4.4	6.3	6.5	6.9	6.4	5.8	5.4	5.3	4.8	4.5
Gypsum.....	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Quartz.....	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Salt.....	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7
Sulphur.....	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.1
<b>Fuels</b> .....	<b>20.4</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>20.4</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>23.7</b>	<b>23.1</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>25.8</b>	<b>23.9</b>
Coal.....	12.3	10.5	8.7	8.6	7.7	6.5	5.2	4.6	4.1	3.7
Natural gas.....	1.3	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.3
Petroleum.....	6.8	8.1	9.4	11.1	15.0	16.4	17.0	19.4	20.7	18.9
<b>Structural Materials</b> .....	<b>12.7</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>13.1</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>13.8</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>14.8</b>
Clay products.....	2.0	2.1	1.9	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.6	2.0
Cement.....	3.6	3.4	3.2	3.7	4.4	4.0	3.6	3.8	4.3	4.5
Lime.....	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.8	1.0
Sand and gravel.....	3.5	3.5	3.6	4.0	4.0	4.0	3.8	3.5	4.2	4.6
Stone.....	2.3	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.3	2.6	2.4	2.1	2.7	2.7
<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> Includes minor items not specified.

The total volume of mineral output attained a wartime peak in 1941 when the production index\* stood at 132. Principally because of the steady recession in the mining of gold and other major metals during the next five years, the index gradually declined and reached a ten-year low point of 97 in 1946. Since then, sharp gains in the production of petroleum and other non-metallics together with substantial increases in metals output resulted in a sustained advance to a record high level of 290.1 in 1957.

\* The construction of this index, which is a component of the revised index of industrial production, is described in DBS Reference Paper, *Revised Index of Industrial Production, 1935-61*.

4.—Indexes of the Volume of Production of the Principal Mining Industries, 1948-57

(1935-39=100)

NOTE.—Comparable figures from 1935 are given in the 1954 Year Book, p. 523.

Mineral	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
<b>Metallics</b> .....	<b>99.4</b>	<b>107.7</b>	<b>111.0</b>	<b>113.5</b>	<b>116.5</b>	<b>114.1</b>	<b>124.8</b>	<b>135.0</b>	<b>142.3</b>	<b>160.0</b>
Copper.....	94.5	99.0	93.4	95.1	91.2	89.6	106.9	115.3	125.8	125.0
Gold.....	84.3	98.3	105.8	104.0	106.5	97.0	103.9	108.2	104.7	105.3
Lead.....	86.1	67.7	64.6	61.6	65.1	76.3	85.6	78.6	73.5	71.0
Nickel.....	135.9	132.8	127.7	141.2	144.2	147.4	163.4	180.6	184.4	194.6
Silver.....	77.9	81.2	104.8	102.7	113.3	126.7	138.8	124.3	125.1	127.5
Zinc.....	130.1	141.5	145.9	153.0	170.6	186.4	173.8	199.5	195.4	195.7
<b>Non-metallics</b> .....	<b>204.3</b>	<b>175.4</b>	<b>247.2</b>	<b>271.9</b>	<b>267.3</b>	<b>258.1</b>	<b>264.3</b>	<b>304.4</b>	<b>316.3</b>	<b>308.7</b>
Asbestos.....	176.9	141.8	218.5	245.3	245.2	232.3	235.9	268.0	271.4	265.4
Gypsum.....	349.3	346.4	403.6	371.4	370.3	393.8	405.5	476.4	506.0	471.8
Salt.....	177.7	181.2	207.2	233.1	234.6	231.2	232.2	310.0	385.9	427.8
<b>Fuels</b> .....	<b>142.7</b>	<b>173.7</b>	<b>198.0</b>	<b>258.8</b>	<b>301.5</b>	<b>351.5</b>	<b>397.0</b>	<b>506.2</b>	<b>646.1</b>	<b>676.2</b>
Coal.....	120.6	124.4	122.9	119.4	112.9	101.8	94.2	93.3	93.3	82.4
Natural gas.....	112.7	110.6	116.9	150.8	188.3	157.5	180.4	220.4	249.0	314.7
Petroleum.....	297.0	515.0	703.4	1,161.0	1,490.6	1,966.5	2,337.5	3,143.7	4,189.1	4,422.0
<b>Total Mining</b> .....	<b>122.2</b>	<b>131.7</b>	<b>145.4</b>	<b>161.8</b>	<b>174.7</b>	<b>185.8</b>	<b>209.7</b>	<b>242.0</b>	<b>272.5</b>	<b>290.1</b>