

Zinc.—The estimated production of zinc (including refined zinc, zinc ores and concentrates) in 1959 was the lowest since 1954. Compared with 1958, it dropped by 7.2 p.c. but a higher average price brought the value 4.4 p.c. above the 1958 level. British Columbia accounts for more than half the Canadian output—50.9 p.c. in 1959. Ontario was second in that year with 12.0 p.c., followed in order by Saskatchewan, Quebec, Newfoundland, Manitoba and the Yukon Territory. New Brunswick's one zinc producer ceased operations early in 1958.

12.—Quantity and Value of Zinc Produced, 1950-59

NOTE.—Figures from 1911 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1939 edition.

Year	Quantity ¹	Value	Average Price per lb.	Year	Quantity ¹	Value	Average Price per lb.
	tons	\$	cts.		tons	\$	cts.
1950.....	313,227	98,040,145	15.65	1955.....	433,357	118,306,466	13.65
1951.....	341,112	135,762,643	19.90	1956.....	422,642	125,437,344	14.84
1952.....	371,802	129,833,285	17.46	1957.....	413,740	100,042,533	12.09
1953.....	401,762	96,101,388	11.96	1958.....	425,099	92,501,496	10.88
1954.....	376,491	90,207,285	11.98	1959 ^P	394,458	96,563,324	12.24

¹ Estimated foreign smelter recoveries and refined zinc produced in Canada.

Lead.—Lead production in 1959 in the form of refined pig and recoverable lead in ore and concentrates was approximately the same as in 1958, although lower prices affected the value, bringing it down by 6.7 p.c. Of the total production, British Columbia accounted for 296,758,890 tons or 79.6 p.c. The only lead refinery in Canada is located in that province at Trail. Silver-lead ores are mined at Keno Hill in Yukon Territory and lead also occurs in the complex ores at Buchans in Newfoundland. Small amounts of lead concentrates are produced in Quebec and Ontario.

13.—Quantity and Value of Lead Produced from Canadian Ores, 1950-59

NOTE.—Figures from 1887 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1929 edition.

Year	Quantity	Value	Year	Quantity	Value
	tons	\$		tons	\$
1950.....	165,697	47,886,452	1955.....	202,762	58,314,500
1951.....	158,231	58,229,146	1956.....	188,854	58,582,651
1952.....	168,842	54,671,021	1957.....	181,484	50,670,407
1953.....	193,706	50,076,822	1958.....	186,680	42,413,805
1954.....	218,495	58,250,831	1959 ^P	186,495	39,574,191

Silver.—Silver production in 1959 reached the record amount of 32,239,137 oz.t. with a peak value of \$28,381,750. Most of the increase in 1959 over 1958 came from British Columbia and Yukon Territory. Production of this metal is fairly widespread across Canada, being mainly recovered as a by-product in the treatment of gold ores and ores of copper, lead, zinc, cobalt and nickel. A large part of Ontario's production of 9,956,316 oz. t. in 1959 originated in the silver-cobalt ores mined at Cobalt, and British Columbia produced 8,674,723 oz. t. from its silver-lead-zinc ores. Yukon Territory is the third largest producer, followed by Quebec. Canada's annual output of silver is exceeded only by that of Mexico and the United States.