CHAPTER XI.—MINES AND MINERALS

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Section 1.—Canada's Mineral Industry 1959-60*

The value of production of the Canadian mineral industry reached a record high of \$2,476,240,506 in 1960, about 2.8 p.c. above the previous record of \$2,409,020,511 established in 1959. Each segment of the industry—metallics, industrial minerals and fuels registered a gain over the previous year. Among the individual mineral commodities, copper, nickel and zinc of the metallics; asbestos, sulphur and titanium dioxide of the industrial minerals; and natural gas of the fuels all registered significant advances in value of output. Appreciable decreases in value of production of iron ore and uranium of the metallics group and of some of the structural materials in the industrial minerals sector almost counterbalanced production gains of other mineral commodities.

The production value of metallic minerals in 1960 was \$1,403,987,738 (\$1,370,648,535 in 1959), accounting for nearly 57 p.c. of the total value of Canada's mineral output; that of industrial minerals (non-metallics and structural materials) was \$509,817,905 (\$502,794,153 in 1959); and that of the fuels sector was \$562,434,863 (\$535,577,823 in 1959). Non-metallic mineral production in 1960 was valued at \$194,860,357, up 9 p.c. from \$178,216,641 in 1959, and that of structural materials was \$314,957,548, down 3 p.c. from \$178,216,547,512 in the previous year. The relative production values of metallics, industrial minerals and fuels have not changed appreciably in the past decade, during which time the total has risen from \$1,045,450,073 in 1950 to \$1,795,310,796 in 1955 and to \$2,476,240,506 in 1960.

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