

18.—Producers' Shipments of Silver, by Province, and Total Value, 1955-64—concluded

Year	Saskatchewan	British Columbia	Yukon Territory	Northwest Territories	Canada	
					Quantity	Value
					oz.t.	\$
1955.....	1,230,179	8,702,122	5,712,219	58,477	27,984,204	24,676,472
1956.....	1,179,110	8,801,398	6,192,706	69,916	28,431,847	25,497,681
1957.....	1,145,571	8,584,991	6,484,185	69,104	28,823,298	25,182,915
1958.....	1,299,077	8,013,428	6,415,560	72,779	31,163,470	27,053,007
1959.....	1,187,439	7,463,285	7,054,632	70,580	31,923,969	28,022,860
1960.....	1,163,845	8,447,440	7,217,361	79,473	34,016,829	30,244,363
1961.....	876,450	8,391,640	6,937,086	77,890	31,381,977	29,580,651
1962.....	762,215	6,186,937	6,482,244	72,802	30,422,972	35,442,761
1963.....	746,683	6,451,158	6,106,037	81,206	29,932,003	41,425,891
1964.....	611,475	5,309,486	5,684,497	66,462	31,111,943	43,556,719

¹ Includes relatively small quantities produced in Alberta.

Subsection 4.—Production of Non-metallic Minerals (excluding Fuels)

Asbestos is by far the most important item in this group in point of value, followed by potash, salt, sulphur and gypsum. Four of these items are discussed separately below; potash, a recently developed product produced only in Saskatchewan is covered on p. 561. Next in importance is peat moss which, although included as a non-metallic mineral, consists of the dead fibrous moss produced from peat bogs; its growing use as a soil conditioner, as poultry and stable litter and as packaging material resulted in shipments valued at over \$7,000,000 in 1964. Quantities and values of other non-metallic minerals produced are shown in Table 6, pp. 586-587, and a review of recent developments in the industrial mineral field is given at pp. 560-563.

Asbestos.—In 1964, Canadian asbestos mines shipped a record 1,377,000 tons valued at \$148,370,000, representing an increase of 8 p.c. in quantity and 11 p.c. in value over 1963. Quebec, with ten producing firms, accounted for over 90 p.c. of the total tonnage; British Columbia, Newfoundland and Ontario, each with one mine, contributed 66,000 tons, 50,000 tons and 15,500 tons, respectively.

19.—Quantity and Value of Producers' Shipments of Asbestos, 1955-64

NOTE.—Figures from 1966 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1911 edition.

Year	Quantity	Value	Year	Quantity	Value
	tons	\$		tons	\$
1955.....	1,063,802	96,191,317	1960.....	1,118,456	121,400,015
1956.....	1,014,249	99,859,969	1961.....	1,173,695	128,955,900
1957.....	1,046,086	104,489,431	1962.....	1,215,814	130,281,966
1958.....	925,331	92,276,748	1963.....	1,275,530	136,956,180
1959.....	1,050,429	107,433,344	1964.....	1,377,079	148,370,312

Salt.—The output of salt continued its upward trend and reached a high point in both quantity and value in 1964 with Ontario and Nova Scotia contributing most of the increase over 1963. Ontario produced over 84 p.c. of the total tonnage. Rock salt is mined in Nova Scotia and Ontario; brine wells are operated in Nova Scotia, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Salt is also a by-product of the potash operations in Saskatchewan.