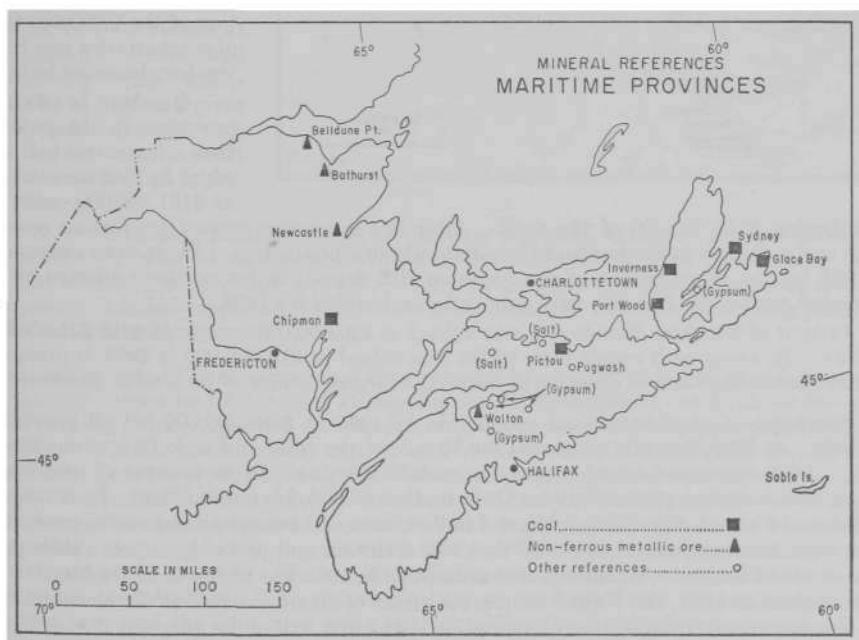


despite the rising financial assistance under the long-standing federal coal subvention policy. Some encouragement has been recently obtained in the search for base metal deposits and a study has been undertaken to evaluate the possibility of finding potash in commercial quantities.

New Brunswick.—Only in recent years has mineral production in New Brunswick begun to grow and to become of significance in the province's economic picture. The discovery of large zinc-lead-copper-silver deposits near Bathurst and the beginning of production from them in 1963 has raised New Brunswick's base metal output to \$65,000,000 in 1965. Brunswick Mining and Smelting Company Limited is enlarging its base metal operations to the west of Bathurst, raising mill capacity to 6,000 tons a day from 4,500 tons a day, and is developing its No. 6 mine for production in 1966; an associated company is building a zinc-lead blast furnace at Belledune Point, about 25 miles north of Bathurst. Heath Steele Mines Limited and Cominco Limited produce base metal concentrates. Several companies are exploring and developing base metal properties and studying production plans. Zinc production was valued at \$39,000,000 in 1965 compared with \$15,400,000 the previous year and lead, copper and silver outputs were valued at \$14,400,000, \$7,300,000 and \$1,100,000, respectively. The \$125,000,000 base metal-chemical-steel-fertilizer facilities being developed by Brunswick Mining and Smelting will provide a strong base for further industrial development that will contribute greatly to the province's economic growth.



Quebec.—The Province of Quebec is second to Ontario in value of metallic output, which totalled \$432,300,000 in 1965 compared with \$407,200,000 in 1964. Quebec led all provinces in iron ore production at 14,800,000 tons but was second to Newfoundland in value of iron ore output at \$141,600,000. Copper production at 352,000,000 lb. worth \$132,000,000 was higher than in 1964 as was zinc output at 552,000,000 lb. valued at