The production of mineral fuels, embracing crude petroleum, natural gas, natural gas liquids and coal, again set a record in 1966 with crude petroleum and natural gas liquids being at new highs.

Provincial and Territorial Mineral Production in 1966

Ontario in 1966 continued as Canada's leading mineral-producing province, its contribution to the total value being 24.1 p.c. Following in order were Alberta with 21.3 p.c., Quebec with 19.2 p.c., Saskatchewan with 8.8 p.c. and British Columbia with 8.3 p.c. All provinces and territories increased their mineral output in 1966 with the exception of Ontario, Manitoba and the Yukon Territory. Although Ontario still leads in value of production, its share of the total has declined steadily from 37.6 p.c. in 1958 to the present 24.1 p.c. The steady rise in the percentages contributed by Alberta and Saskatchewan is attributable mainly to increased mineral fuels output and, more recently, to greater production of sulphur and potash. It is probable that the mineral production of Ontario and Quebec combined will continue to decline in percentage terms relative to the remainder of Canada because of greater geographical diversification of mineral production by source.

6.—Value of Mineral Production, by Province, 1957-66

Note.—Figures from 1899 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the

Year	Newfound- land (incl. Labrador)	Prince Edward Island	ard Scotia		New Brunswick		Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba
	\$	\$					\$	\$	\$
1957	82,682,263	-	68,058,743		23,120,683		406,055,75	748,824,322	63,464,285
1958	64,994,754	-	62,706,801		16,275,971		365,706,48	789,601,868	57,217,569
1959	72,156,996	4,559,171	62,879,647		18,133,290		440,897,186	970,762,201	55,512,410
1960	86,637,123	1,172,587	65,453,531		17,072,739		446,202,726	983,104,412	58,702,697
1961	91,618,709	606,644	61,693,156		18,804,385		455,522,933	943,669,456	101,489,787
1962	101,858,960	677,906	61,651,033		21,811,575		519,453,166	913,342,174	158,932,169
1963	137,796,707	798,345	66,317,617		28,343,419		540,615,068	873,828,297	169,638,539
1964	182,152,656	831,283	66,073,596		48,676,712		684,583,430	204,582,694	173,872,576
1965	207,557,627	599,387	70,771,827		82,158,352		715,900,973	992,788,746	182,865,972
1966	244,020,086	2,756,780	85,416,874		90,221,237		762,944,986	957,857,765	179,241,152
	Saskatchewan	Alberta		British Columbia		Yukon Territory		Northwest Territories	Canada
	\$	\$		\$		\$		\$	\$
1957	173,461,037	410,211,763		178,931,120		14,111,798		21,400,615	2,190,322,392
1958	209,940,966	345,939 248		151,149,136		12,310,756		24,895,390	2,100,739,038
1959	210,042,051	376,215,593		159,395,092		12,592,378		25,874,496	2,409,020,511
1960	212,093,225	395,344,010		186,261,646		13,330,198		27,135,087	2,492,509,981
1961	215,977,233	473,480,540		188,542,078		12,750,304		18,145,162	2,582,300,387
1962	240,653,502	566,502,703		235,428,135		13,137,730		17,537,066	2,850,986,179
1963	272,355,007	669,311,368		261,146,081		14,366,936		15,911,163	3,050,428,547
1964	292,373,974	735,836,463		268,659,305		15,204,103		18,064,742	3,390,971,534
1965	328,167,375	794,170	,720	279,632,889		13,400,535		77,456,418	3,745,470,821
1966	349,303,729	846,678	,642 330,		43,633	11	,975,757	111,220,178	3,972,480,919