

mines. Output in the Northwest Territories reached a new high because of increased production by Echo Bay Mines Ltd. at its silver-copper property near Port Radium. Although Ontario was again the leading silver-producing province, its output dropped almost 5 p.c. from 1965 mainly because of lower output in the Cobalt-Gowganda area. Base metal ores were again the principal source of Canadian output, accounting for almost 83 p.c. of production. Approximately 16 p.c. came from silver-cobalt ores mined in northern Ontario and the remainder was by-product recovery from lode and placer gold ores. Reported consumption of silver in Canada in 1966 at 21,300,000 oz.t. was almost 9,000,000 oz.t. less than in 1965. Substantially reduced requirements for coinage accounted for most of the decrease. There was no change in the composition of the coins minted in 1966 but changes were contemplated for coins to be minted in 1967.

Canadian Copper Refiners Limited at Montreal East, Que., remained Canada's largest producer of refined silver. It recovered nearly 10,100,000 oz.t. from the treatment of anode and blister copper. The silver refinery of Cominco Ltd. at Trail, B.C., was the second largest producer, recovering 6,600,000 oz.t. in the processing of lead and zinc ores and concentrates. Other producers of refined silver, all in Ontario, were Kam-Kotia Porcupine Mines Limited (Refinery Division) at Cobalt (from silver-cobalt ores and concentrates); International Nickel at Copper Cliff (from nickel-copper concentrates); Royal Canadian Mint at Ottawa (from gold bullion); and Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Limited at Timmins (from gold precipitates).

The two largest company sources of silver in Canada in 1966 were the Hector-Calumet, Elsa and Keno mines in the Yukon Territory, about 200 miles north of Whitehorse, operated by United Keno Hill Mines Limited, and the Sullivan lead-zinc-silver mine at Kimberley, B.C., operated by Cominco Ltd. United Keno produced concentrates and precipitates containing 4,235,678 oz.t. of silver and Cominco Ltd. produced concentrates containing 3,190,431 oz.t. Other important producers of silver included Echo Bay Mines Ltd. near Port Radium, N.W.T.; Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co., Limited at Flin Flon, Man.; Noranda Mines Limited (Geco Division) at Manitowadge, Ont.; International Nickel at Copper Cliff, Ont.; Lake Dufault Mines, Limited near Noranda, Que.; Brunswick Mining and Smelting Corporation Limited near Bathurst, N.B.; and American Smelting and Refining Company (Buchans unit) in Newfoundland. Some 5,300,000 oz.t. of silver were derived from silver-cobalt ores mined in the Cobalt-Gowganda area of northern Ontario, the largest producer being Silverfields Mining Corporation, Limited with an output of 1,521,000 oz.t.

16.—Producers' Shipments of Silver, by Province, and Total Value, 1957-66

NOTE.—Figures from 1887 are given in the corresponding table of previous Year Books beginning with the 1916-17 edition.

Year	Average Price per oz.t. (Canadian funds)	Newfoundland	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba
	cts.	oz.t.	oz.t.	oz.t.	oz.t.	oz.t.	oz.t.
1957	87.37	1,196,414	1	379,173	3,645,856	6,910,130	407,834
1958	86.81	1,267,078	4	51,139	3,908,361	9,815,257	320,759
1959	87.78	1,125,110	—	—	4,108,241	10,540,856	373,827
1960	88.91	1,271,126	—	—	4,115,105	11,220,823	501,637
1961	94.26	1,145,105	—	—	4,315,844	8,870,402	767,543
1962	116.50	1,181,648	724,245	178,521	4,603,019	9,383,445	847,879
1963	138.40	981,005	423,189	332,472	4,441,644	9,601,621	766,976
1964	140.00	1,089,748	544,224	1,469,192	4,564,559	9,929,858	727,642
1965	139.90	1,086,978	443,630	2,745,274	5,154,403	10,822,213	707,024
1966	139.90	1,097,425	540,663	3,108,669	5,214,146	10,900,204	547,797