



million that rose 1.5% and metal mines at \$894 million that fell 3.5%. Similarly, in mineral manufacturing, investment in non-metallics at \$389 million was 29% higher than 1972, compared with petroleum and coal products at \$388.5 million that rose 21.5% and primary metals at \$16.4 million that rose 3.3%.

Over-all capital expenditures increased in the minerals sector and the mineral fuels sector (excluding coal). Investment in iron mines increased slightly to \$273.0 million. Capital expenditures in the mineral fuels sector (excluding coal) increased to \$961.9 million, an increase of 17.2% over the previous year, with more emphasis being placed on exploration in areas where new finds of gas and oil have been reported.

The volume index of mineral production, which measures the mining industry's absolute growth (1961=100), increased to 210.5 from 192.2 in 1972. In comparison the volume index of total industrial production increased to 214.8 from 198.3 in 1972.

Alberta and Ontario accounted for 33.0% and 22.2%, respectively, of the Canadian output value of minerals in 1973. Alberta produced 30.9% and Ontario produced 24.0% of the output value of minerals in 1972. In 1973 British Columbia accounted for 11.7%, Quebec 11.1%, Saskatchewan 6.1%, Manitoba 5.0%, Newfoundland and Labrador 4.5%, Yukon Territory 1.8%, Northwest Territories 2.0%, New Brunswick 1.9%, Nova Scotia 0.7% and Prince Edward Island for a minimal amount of the output value of mineral production. Alberta produced 83.2% of the mineral fuels, Ontario produced 39.5% of the metals and 39.7% of the structural materials, and Quebec produced 39.1% of the non-metals. Tables 12.6 - 12.8 show the mineral production and value of production by province.

Newfoundland and Labrador. Mineral production in Newfoundland and Labrador was valued at \$374.5 million compared to \$290.6 million in 1972, an increase of 28.9%. Iron ore production increased 34.8% to 24.4 million tons in Labrador. Production of lead dropped 30.7% in 1973, and zinc production dropped 67.3%. Asbestos production increased 54.5%. Fluorspar production, valued at \$4.6 million, decreased \$0.8 million in value from 1972.