

2.—Provincial Distribution of Mineral Production.

The principal mineral-producing province of Canada in 1924 was Ontario, with an output valued at \$86,398,656. British Columbia came second with a mineral production valued at \$52,298,533. Nova Scotia was third with \$23,820,352, and Alberta ranked fourth with \$22,344,940. Quebec was fifth with \$19,136,504 and New Brunswick, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Yukon Territory followed in the order named, with productions of between \$950,000 and \$2,000,000 each.

4.—Mineral Production of Canada, by Provinces, calendar years 1899-1924.

Calendar Years.	Nova Scotia. ¹	New Brunswick.	Quebec.	Ontario.	Manitoba.	Saskatchewan.	Alberta.	Yukon.	British Columbia.
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1899...	6,817,274	420,227	2,585,635	9,819,557		17,108,707			12,482,605
1900...	9,298,479	439,060	3,292,383	11,258,099		23,452,330			16,680,526
1901...	7,770,159	467,985	3,759,984	13,970,010		19,297,940			20,531,833
1902...	10,686,549	607,129	3,743,636	14,619,091		16,127,400			17,448,031
1903...	11,431,914	580,495	3,585,938	14,160,033		14,082,986			17,899,147
1904...	11,212,746	559,913	3,688,482	12,582,843		12,713,613			19,325,174
1905...	11,507,047	559,035	4,405,975	18,833,292		11,387,642			22,386,008
1906...	12,894,303	646,328	5,242,058	25,111,682		10,092,726			25,299,600
1907...	14,532,040	664,467	6,205,553	30,381,638	898,775	533,251	4,657,524	3,335,898	25,656,056
1908...	14,487,108	579,816	6,372,949	30,623,812	584,374	413,212	5,122,505	3,669,290	23,704,035
1909...	12,504,810	657,035	7,086,265	37,374,577	1,193,377	456,246	6,047,447	4,032,678	22,479,006
1910...	14,195,730	581,942	8,270,136	43,538,078	1,500,359	498,122	8,996,210	4,764,474	24,478,572
1911...	15,409,397	612,830	9,304,717	42,796,162	1,791,772	636,706	6,662,673	4,707,432	21,299,305
1912...	18,922,236	771,004	11,656,998	51,985,876	2,463,074	1,165,642	12,073,589	5,933,242	30,076,635
1913...	19,376,183	1,102,613	13,475,534	59,167,749	2,214,496	881,142	15,054,046	6,276,737	28,086,312
1914...	17,584,639	1,014,570	11,836,929	53,034,677	2,413,489	712,313	12,684,234	5,418,185	24,164,039
1915...	18,088,342	903,467	11,619,275	61,071,287	1,318,387	451,933	9,909,347	5,057,708	28,689,425
1916...	20,042,262	1,118,187	14,406,598	80,461,323	1,823,576	590,473	13,297,543	5,491,610	39,969,962
1917...	21,104,542	1,435,624	17,400,077	89,066,600	2,628,264	860,651	16,527,535	4,482,202	36,141,926
1918...	22,317,108	2,144,017	19,605,347	94,694,093	3,120,600	1,019,781	23,109,987	2,355,631	42,935,333
1919...	23,445,215	1,770,945	21,267,947	67,917,998	2,868,378	1,521,964	21,087,582	1,940,934	34,865,427
1920...	34,130,017	2,491,787	28,886,214	81,715,808	4,223,461	1,837,468	33,586,456	1,576,726	39,411,728
1921...	28,912,111	1,901,505	15,157,094	57,356,651	1,934,117	1,114,220	30,562,229	1,754,955	33,230,460
1922...	25,923,499	2,263,692	17,646,529	65,866,029	2,258,942	1,255,470	27,872,136	1,785,573	39,423,962
1923...	29,648,893	2,462,457	20,308,763	80,825,851	1,768,037	1,047,583	31,287,536	2,972,823	43,757,388
1924...	23,820,352	1,969,260	19,136,504	86,398,656	1,534,249	1,128,100	22,344,940	952,812	52,298,533

¹Includes a small production from Prince Edward Island.

1.—NOVA SCOTIA.

Nova Scotia has from early times been an important mining area, as the natural facilities for exportation of mineral products to foreign markets favoured the mining of coal, iron ore and gypsum. The coal fields, though not so extensive as those of some of the western provinces, are more highly developed, the annual production being a little more than one-third of the total Canadian output. The product is an excellent grade of bituminous steam and coking coal. A large industrial development has taken place in the iron and steel industry of Sydney and New Glasgow, based on these locally available fuels and on the fluxes and iron ores from Newfoundland.

While gypsum is second in importance among the non-metallics, the development of valuable beds of rock salt represents a recent addition, and there is also a fairly steady production of grindstone abrasives. Varied resources in structural materials are indicated by the abundant occurrence of marbles, granites and sandstones of excellent quality, as well as limestone for building or lime-making. The value of production in 1924, dominated as usual by the activity in coal-mining with a contribution of 93 p.c., attained a total of \$23,820,352, being less than the aggregates in any of the four preceding years.