

total valuation of \$310,162,455 for the mineral output of the Dominion in 1935 compared with \$278,161,590 in 1934. This represents an increase of 11.5 p.c. and reflects the continuation of the improved conditions commencing in 1933.

Prospecting for gold ores and the exploration and development of known auriferous deposits were more extensively carried on throughout Canada during the recent period 1932-35 than ever before. These activities were common to both the older producing camps and new areas. The higher price for gold stimulated the study and examination of new deposits or ore zones heretofore considered of doubtful economic importance. In certain of the older camps properties closed prior to the revaluation of gold were reopened and placed in production or further explored as to their possibilities. In some of the producing mines the higher price for the metal permitted a very considerable extension or increase of pay ore with the resultant milling of rock of lower gold content and important increases in ore reserves. During 1934, notable gains in production, compared with 1933, were recorded in the base metal mining industry and these gains were extended during 1935. The more outstanding of these were in copper, lead, nickel and zinc and it is creditable to the organizations engaged in the production of these particular metals that they should be able to expand production at the prevailing low level of prices.

Production of various non-metallic minerals, especially asbestos and coal, have realized important gains since 1932. The gains in the structural materials industries were particularly encouraging during 1934 and 1935, as recessions had been severe during the period of business depression.

Subsection 1.—General Statistics of Mineral Production.

In Table 1 will be found the total values of the minerals produced in Canada in each year since 1886, while Table 2 gives the details of the mineral production of 1933 and 1934, with the percentage of increase or decrease in the latter year.

1.—Value¹ of Mineral Production in Canada, calendar years 1886-1935.

Calendar Year.	Total Value.	Value per Capita.	Calendar Year.	Total Value.	Value per Capita.	Calendar Year.	Total Value.	Value per Capita.
	\$	\$		\$	\$		\$	\$
1886.....	10,221,255	2.23	1903.....	61,740,513	10.90	1920.....	227,859,665	26.63
1887.....	10,321,331	2.23	1904.....	60,082,771	10.31	1921.....	171,923,342	19.56
1888.....	12,518,894	2.67	1905.....	69,078,999	11.51	1922.....	184,297,242	20.66
1889.....	14,013,113	2.96	1906.....	79,286,697	12.86	1923.....	214,079,331	23.76
1890.....	16,763,353	3.51	1907.....	86,865,202	13.55	1924.....	209,583,406	22.92
1891.....	18,976,616	3.93	1908.....	85,557,101	12.92	1925.....	226,583,333	24.38
1892.....	16,623,415	3.40	1909.....	91,831,441	13.50	1926.....	240,437,123	25.44
1893.....	20,035,082	4.06	1910.....	106,823,623	15.29	1927.....	247,356,695	25.67
1894.....	19,931,158	4.00	1911.....	103,220,994	14.32	1928.....	274,989,487	27.96
1895.....	20,505,917	4.08	1912.....	135,048,296	18.28	1929.....	310,850,246	31.00
1896.....	22,474,256	4.42	1913.....	145,634,812	19.08	1930.....	279,873,578	27.42
1897.....	28,485,023	5.56	1914.....	128,863,075	16.36	1931.....	230,434,726	22.21
1898.....	38,412,431	7.42	1915.....	137,109,171	17.18	1932.....	191,228,225	18.20
1899.....	49,234,005	9.41	1916.....	177,201,534	22.15	1933.....	221,495,253	20.74
1900.....	64,420,877	12.15	1917.....	189,646,821	23.53	1934.....	278,161,590	25.67
1901.....	65,797,911	12.25	1918.....	211,301,897	25.93	1935 ²	310,162,455	28.33
1902.....	63,231,836	11.51	1919.....	176,686,390	21.26			

¹ Beginning with 1931 exchange equalization on gold production is included in total value.

² Figures for 1935 are subject to revision.