

sales in 1934 increased by 11.4 p.c. from the low point of 1932, while there was a change to an upward trend in employment also in the latest year.

The production of clay products and other structural materials is directly dependent upon construction activities within Canada. During the early years of the depression, these activities were partly maintained by governmental relief projects and by the carrying to completion of some large operations which had commenced before 1930. As a result, construction reached its lowest level in Canada during 1933, and the group of industries producing clay products and other structural materials was at a lower level of operations in that year than in any other year recorded since 1921. From 1929 to 1933 there was a decline of 71 p.c. in net sales, 69 p.c. in employees, 74 p.c. in salaries and wages and 76 p.c. in expenditures for fuel and electricity, a large item in the cost of production in these industries. However, construction was more active in Canada in 1934 than in 1933 (see p. 476) and this increased activity was accompanied by a welcome change to a rising trend in the production of clay products and other structural materials.

6.—Summary of the Principal Statistics of the Mineral Industries in Canada, by Groups, 1921-34, and by Provinces, 1934.

Group and Year.	Plants or Mines. ⁴	Capital Employed.	Employees.	Salaries and Wages.	Fuel and Electricity for Heat and Power. ¹	Net Sales. ²
	No.	\$	No.	\$	\$	\$
METALLIC MINERALS.						
1921.....	411	200,007,449	12,133	16,232,998	3,914,615 ³	48,133,974
1922.....	436	165,975,343	13,138	18,361,667	1,649,856 ³	60,347,043
1923.....	1,683	240,889,284	16,472	25,794,032	7,904,820	68,612,936
1924.....	1,637	281,828,285	19,809	29,692,896	7,788,506	86,825,610
1925.....	1,659	290,534,965	20,664	32,732,732	8,721,063	105,700,838
1926.....	1,504	320,248,840	23,742	36,033,798	10,023,885	115,939,119
1927.....	517	335,708,206	26,343	40,284,837	10,411,397	121,062,811
1928.....	548	435,327,646	28,582	44,687,131	9,756,573	140,770,772
1929.....	528	427,498,173	31,125	50,279,511	11,221,987	163,050,366
1930.....	352	427,439,265	30,623	48,851,303	11,323,313	137,015,892 ⁴
1931.....	327	390,908,034	25,434	41,829,288	10,340,523	132,382,514
1932.....	330	269,180,464	21,931	34,983,704	8,551,463	119,790,072
1933.....	402	406,998,952	25,443	37,937,871	7,084,253	150,145,926
1934.....	636	465,583,818	34,143	50,818,448	9,144,600	186,785,532
NON-METALLIC MINERALS.						
1921.....	5,399	265,701,593	37,713	52,292,357	4,881,440 ³	87,842,682
1922.....	5,409	232,888,769	37,958	45,225,900	4,028,784 ³	82,976,794
1923.....	5,424	243,105,227	39,060	53,428,264	6,422,352	88,486,231 ⁴
1924.....	5,206	259,360,944	33,831	41,933,916	5,788,085	68,639,068 ⁴
1925.....	5,810	253,023,646	31,560	40,032,918	5,685,294	69,181,057 ⁴
1926.....	5,701	274,109,129	36,166	44,379,854	6,535,609	81,652,421 ⁴
1927.....	5,633	279,737,591	37,949	48,273,491	5,402,897	85,205,431
1928.....	5,416	295,725,531	39,086	54,089,011	5,824,098	89,312,961
1929.....	5,494	317,302,496	40,080	55,602,313	6,033,773	93,596,188
1930.....	5,191	328,776,596	38,355	47,852,675	5,785,483	80,063,355
1931.....	5,374	325,168,359	34,075	36,031,233	4,870,674	61,629,210
1932.....	5,246	302,294,837	31,654	29,918,319	4,497,602	54,389,856
1933.....	5,327	283,796,783 ⁴	30,532	27,309,607	4,695,254	54,912,205
1934.....	5,605	263,120,280	32,195	31,763,492	5,219,565	60,580,554

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