

4.—Indexes of Volume of Mineral Production, by Principal Minerals, 1927-38.

(1926=100.)

Mineral.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.	1932.	1933.	1934.	1935.	1936.	1937.	1938.
METALLICS.												
Cobalt.....	132.5	143.9	139.8	104.4	78.4	73.8	70.2	89.5	102.5	133.5	76.3	69.1
Copper.....	105.3	152.3	186.4	228.0	219.6	186.1	225.4	274.1	314.8	316.3	398.2	429.2
Gold.....	105.6	107.8	109.9	119.8	153.6	173.5	168.1	169.4	187.3	213.7	233.5	269.4
Lead.....	109.7	119.1	115.1	117.3	94.2	90.2	93.9	122.0	119.5	135.0	145.2	147.6
Nickel.....	101.7	147.2	167.8	157.9	99.9	46.2	126.7	195.8	210.8	258.3	342.2	320.4
Platinum metals.....	117.9	110.8	131.5	357.4	470.3	287.2	260.3	1220.8	1106.8	1381.9	1463.9	1694.4
Silver.....	101.6	98.1	103.4	118.2	91.9	82.0	67.9	73.4	74.3	82.0	102.7	99.3
Zinc.....	110.4	123.1	131.6	178.5	158.2	114.9	132.8	199.1	213.9	222.2	247.0	254.4
NON-METALLICS.												
Asbestos.....	98.3	97.7	109.5	86.7	58.8	44.0	56.7	55.8	99.8	107.8	146.8	103.7
Gypsum.....	120.3	141.0	137.1	121.2	97.7	49.6	43.4	52.2	61.3	94.4	118.5	114.2
Salt.....	102.3	114.1	125.8	103.5	98.7	100.4	106.7	122.6	137.2	149.0	174.8	167.6
Sulphur.....		153.0	169.6	149.6	198.6	210.8	227.4	204.3	267.3	484.1	518.9	445.6
FUELS.												
Coal.....	105.8	106.6	106.2	90.3	74.3	71.2	72.2	83.8	84.3	92.4	96.1	86.7
Natural gas.....	111.3	117.6	147.8	152.9	134.7	121.9	120.5	120.6	129.7	146.4	168.6	174.1
Petroleum.....	130.8	171.3	306.6	417.7	423.3	286.6	314.3	387.1	396.9	411.7	807.7	1911.4
STRUCTURAL MATERIALS.¹												
Cement.....	115.6	126.6	141.1	126.7	116.7	51.7	34.5	43.5	41.9	51.8	70.9	63.4
Lime.....	107.5	122.9	162.9	118.6	83.3	77.5	78.2	88.9	98.0	113.2	132.7	117.6
Sand and gravel.....	122.4	164.2	162.7	166.8	127.1	84.6	68.6	86.8	124.0	129.3	157.8	188.3
Stone.....	114.2	129.0	150.4	156.2	131.3	73.3	45.9	63.7	67.5	77.9	108.4	80.0

¹Excluding clay products.**Subsection 2.—Provincial Distribution of Mineral Production.**

Since 1907, Ontario has been the principal mineral-producing province of Canada, and, in recent years, has contributed about 50 p.c. of the total mineral production of the Dominion. The rise in the price of gold has been especially favourable to Ontario's mineral production, while the Sudbury nickel-copper deposits are another outstanding feature in the mineral resources of the Province. In 1938 Ontario's production was 49.7 p.c. of the total and in 1939, 49.0 p.c. For many years, British Columbia was firmly entrenched in second place in production, having most