

In 1952 about 167,000 tons of zinc were exported, 14 p.c. more than in 1951. The United Kingdom took the greater share, exports to that country amounting to 87,000 tons as compared with 55,000 in 1951. Shipments to the United States were 71,000 tons compared with 84,000 tons in 1951. The zinc content of ores and concentrates exported in 1952 totalled 182,000 tons, mostly from Eastern Canada to the United States but with some shipments to France, Belgium and the United Kingdom.

Output of refined zinc totalled 222,000 tons, nearly 7 p.c. above the 1951 figure, but consumption in Canada dropped 16 p.c. to about 51,000 tons.

14.—Quantity and Value of Zinc Produced, 1943-52

NOTE.—Figures for 1911-28 are given in the 1939 Year Book, p. 347, and for 1929-42 in the 1946 edition, p. 335.

Year	Quantity ¹	Value	Average Price per lb.	Year	Quantity ¹	Value	Average Price per lb.
	tons	\$	cts.		tons	\$	cts.
1943.....	305,377	24,430,174	4-00	1948.....	234,164	65,237,956	13-93
1944.....	275,412	23,685,405	4-30	1949.....	288,262	76,372,147	13-25
1945.....	258,607	33,308,556	6-44	1950.....	313,227	98,040,145	15-65
1946.....	235,310	36,755,450	7-81	1951.....	341,112	135,762,643	19-90
1947.....	207,863	46,686,010	11-23	1952 ^p	382,056	133,459,938	17-46

¹ Estimated foreign smelter recoveries and refined zinc produced in Canada.

Subsection 4.—Production of Non-Metallic Minerals (Excluding Fuels)

The most important minerals in this group are asbestos, salt, gypsum and sulphur, but it also includes numerous other items such as peat moss, quartz, magnesitic dolomite, sodium sulphate, fluorspar, barite, nepheline syenite, feldspar, silica brick, mica, soapstone and talc, and graphite (*see* Tables 2 and 6).

Asbestos.—Production of asbestos was lower in tonnage but higher in value in 1952 than in 1951. Higher prices for the longer fibres accounted for the value gain. Quebec produced 943,000 tons in 1952 compared with 947,000 in 1951 and Ontario 23,000 tons compared with 27,000. Exports of asbestos were valued at \$86,000,000 in 1952 and included 340,000 tons of milled fibres, 561,000 tons of shorts and 692 tons of crude.

Three new mills were under construction at the year-end, one at McDame Mountain, B.C., one at St. Adrien, Que., and the third at Lewis Brook, N'f'ld.

15.—Quantity and Value of Asbestos Produced, 1943-52

NOTE.—Figures for 1896-1910, inclusive, will be found in the 1911 Year Book, p. 424; for 1911-28 in the 1939 edition, p. 354; and for 1929-42 in the 1946 edition, p. 353.

Year	Quantity	Value	Year	Quantity	Value
	tons	\$		tons	\$
1943.....	467,196	23,169,505	1948.....	716,769	42,231,475
1944.....	419,265	20,619,516	1949.....	574,906	39,746,072
1945.....	466,897	22,805,157	1950.....	875,344	65,854,568
1946.....	558,181	25,240,562	1951.....	973,198	81,584,345
1947.....	661,821	33,005,748	1952 ^p	966,382	88,823,271