

CANADA'S MINERAL EXPORTS

United States is the Chief Destination—Room for Development of Resources

A large portion of the mineral production of Canada is exported for consumption or refining outside of Canada. On the other hand, considerable quantities of mine products, chiefly those which have been refined or subjected to partial treatment or in the form of manufactured goods ready for consumption, are imported.

The total value of the exports of products of the mine, including direct mine products and manufactures thereof in 1911, was \$52,546,593, as compared with \$51,856,862 in 1910. This value includes for 1911 mine products to the value of \$41,121,688 and manufactures valued at \$11,424,905. Practically the whole of the Canadian production of copper, nickel, and silver is exported, also a very large proportion of the production of gold, asbestos, and mica. There are also considerable exports of coal. These items alone contribute about 74.4 per cent. of the value of the mine products exported. Manufactures of mine products exported consist chiefly of iron and steel goods, aluminium, calcium carbide, lime, acetate of lime, and coke.

Much to the United States.

The United States is the chief destination of Canada's mine exports, about 77.4 per cent. having been exported to that country during the fiscal year 1910-1911, and about 15.7 per cent. to Great Britain.

A great variety of mineral products, chiefly in a manufactured or semi-manufactured condition, are annually imported into Canada. The total value of these imports during the calendar year 1911 was \$181,839,077, as compared with imports valued at \$147,305,012 in 1910. Of the total imports in 1911, nearly \$48,000,000 in value consisted of the cruder forms of mineral products, such as coal, ores of metals, diamonds unset and bort, asphaltum, alumina, clays, etc., whilst iron and steel and manufactures thereof were imported to the value of over \$93,000,000. Imports of the metals copper, gold, silver, lead, platinum, tin, and zinc, and manufactures thereof, reached a total value of over \$18,750,000, and imports of petroleum and clay products exceeded \$11,000,000 in value.

Room for Development.

The great excess of imports over exports would seem to indicate the existence of large opportunities for the development not only of Canada's mineral production but also of many manufacturing industries which utilize mine products as raw materials. The fact, however, must not be overlooked that the geographical situation of Canada and the United States, separated by an imaginary barrier 3,000 miles in length, evidently results, notwithstanding the tariffs on both sides, in a mutually advantageous interchange of trade. Then we find large exports as well as imports of coal and of agricultural implements. The continued large export of crude unrefined ores and metal products and the corresponding imports of refined and manufactured metal products still point to opportunities for the development of metallurgical industries as well as industries for the treatment, refinement, and manufacture of non-metallic products.

The following table indicates the destination of Canada's mine products in recent years:—

Destination.	1909-10 Value.	1910-11 Value.
United States	\$33,488,464	\$33,129,505
United Kingdom	3,820,574	6,726,015
Newfoundland and Labrador	528,031	580,632
Alaska		392,715
Hong Kong	216,514	376,553
Mexico	325,153	302,055
Chinese Empire	777,147	301,870
Germany in Europe	43,975	239,596
Belgium	177,675	220,244
Australia and Tasmania	212,950	161,017
France	110,222	116,326
Japan	202,071	85,247
Bermuda	53,071	66,525
St. Pierre and Miquelon Islands	28,450	24,941
Holland and Netherlands	17,218	21,609
British West Indies	13,552	11,904
Cuba	14,946	10,161
Italy	10,956	8,000
British Possessions (All other)	10,903	2,768
Central American States and Costa Rica	66	2,376
Uruguay		1,742
New Zealand	8,518	2,300
Argentina	4,516	1,383
San Domingo		1,000

Destination.	1909-10 Value.	1910-11 Value.
Austria-Hungary	1,030	720
Switzerland	73	300
Dutch Guiana		48
Other countries	20,942	
	40,087,017	42,787,561

RECENT FIRES

Monetary Times' Weekly Register of Fire Losses and Insurance

Rosebank, Sask.—June 23.—Northern elevator. Loss and cause unknown.

Ford City, Ont.—June 21.—Mr. C. Lassaline's barn. Loss, \$2,000. Cause, lightning.

Readlyn, Sask.—June 24.—Mr. W. Derby's barn. Loss and cause unknown.

St. Vital, Man.—June 24.—Mr. J. C. Hack's residence. Loss, \$4,000, insured. Cause unknown.

Leamington, Ont.—June 23.—Mr. F. McIndoo's residence. Loss, \$1,000, insured. Cause unknown.

Ottawa, Ont.—June 21.—Mr. J. Woodlawn's residence. Loss, \$300. Cause, probably defective wiring.

Balcarres, Sask.—June 20.—Messrs. Forbes & Ely's implement warehouse. Loss, \$6,000. Cause unknown.

Lower Coverdale, N.B.—June 24.—New Brunswick Motor Car Company's auto. Loss, \$1,000. Cause, gasoline leak.

Toronto, Ont.—June 30.—Mr. D. Townend's home, Ennerdale Road, Earls Court. Loss, \$2,000. Cause, lamp exploded.

Winnipeg, Man.—June 23.—Canadian Pacific Railway west yards. Four hundred telegraph poles, etc. Loss and cause unknown.

Swift Current, Sask.—June 21.—Cockshutt Plow Company's warehouse. Loss, \$8,000, partially insured. Cause, spark from cigarette.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING FIRES

The following fires were adjusted by H. T. Hughes, Toronto:—

Chippewa, Ont.—June 11.—Mr. R. Beamish. Loss, building, \$174. Insured with Royal Company. Cause unknown.

Eldon Township, Ont.—June 12.—Mr. J. Gordon's barn. Loss, barn, \$500; produce, \$84. Insurance, \$400, Anglo-American.

Lethbridge.—May 26th.—Mr. Ernest Bates' farm house and contents. Loss total. Insurance, Liverpool and London and Globe \$900.

Castor, Alta.—Mr. J. N. Warnock's dwelling house. Loss building \$1,100. Insurance, New York Underwriters \$800. Contents totally destroyed. Insurance, New York Underwriters \$400.

Lindsay, Ont.—June 8.—Mr. H. Thurston, Bond Street. Loss, building, \$178. Insured with Waterloo Mutual. Cause, sparks from chimney. Mr. C. E. Weeks. Loss, furniture, \$55. Insured with London Assurance, of Montreal.

Bolton Village, Ont.—June 6th.—Mr. J. Clark's. Loss, building, \$71. Insured with London and Lancashire and Liverpool, London and Globe. Mr. E. Beamish. Loss, furniture, \$28. Insured with London, Liverpool and Globe, and Economical. L. Hutton. Loss, wiring, \$9. London, Liverpool and Globe. Cause, lightning.

Toronto, Ont.—June 8.—116 Dovercourt Road. Loss, building, \$55. Insured with London and Lancashire Company. Cause, lightning.

June 9.—Mrs. Vickers, 21 Dowling Avenue. Loss, furniture, \$33. Insured London and Lancashire Company. Cause, lightning.

June 16.—Mr. J. O'Connor, 194 Leslie Street. Loss, building, \$237; furniture, \$207. Insured with Anglo-American. Cause unknown.

June 11.—Mr. T. Barnes, Hamilton. Loss, launch "Duluth," \$498. Insured with Queen Company.

June 8.—Mr. J. Minto, store, 1008 Dundas Street. Loss, \$300. Insured with Royal Insurance Company. Cause unknown.

June 12.—Mr. H. Brown, residence, 6 Blake Street. Loss, building, \$750; furniture, \$533, and stable. Insurance, building, \$300; furniture, \$200; stable, \$1,200, Royal Insurance Company. 4 Blake Street. Loss, building, \$500. Insurance, \$400, Royal.

June 13.—Sons of England Hall, Richmond and Berti Streets. Loss, \$1,750 building. Insured Norwich Union and Royal Insurance Company. Loss, furniture, \$224; piano, \$15. Insurance, furniture, \$2,000; piano, \$800, Royal Insurance Company.