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Mineral Production in 1905.

A preliminary report issued by the Geological Survey of Canada, shows that the mineral production of the Dominion during the year 1905 was valued at \$63,574,707, as compared with \$60,073,987 in 1904. As an indication of the enormous increase in the mineral industry of Canada it may be stated that the production in 1896 was \$22,584,513, and in 1886; \$10,221,255. The largest items in the return for 1905 were the output of gold, totalling \$14,486,833, of coal, totalling \$17,658,615, of nickel, totalling \$7,550,526, and of copper, totalling \$7,420,451.

Following is the summary statement of the mineral production in its various classes:—

	Quantity.	Value.
Copper, lbs.....	47,696,502	\$ 7,420,451
Gold (Yukon).....		8,327,200
Gold (all other).....		6,159,633
Iron ore (export) tons.....	116,779	125,119
Pig iron from Canadian ore (tons).....	79,554	1,047,860
Lead, lbs.....	55,951,000	2,634,084
Nickel, lbs.....	18,876,315	7,550,526
Silver, lbs.....	5,974,875	3,605,957
Cobalt, lbs.....		100,000
Metallic products, including cobalt and zinc, lbs.....	240,000	180,000
Total metallic.....		37,150,836
Asbestos, short tons.....	50,670	1,486,359

At the regular weekly meeting of the New England Insurance Exchange, held on 11th, the following vote regarding *pro rata* cancellations was passed on the recommendation of the executive committee as reported in "The Standard," Boston:

"That companies are allowed to write the business of companies that have failed, and have not reinsured, in other companies at *pro rata* of the tariff rates for unexpired terms.

"On such daily reports, agents must state the name of the failed company and the policy number, otherwise stamp clerks are not authorized to certify them as correct."

The above action of the Exchange arose out of the recent difficulty that resulted over the cancella-

tion and rewriting of the policies of the Traders, which under Exchange rules had to be cancelled at short rates instead of *pro rata*.

The "Argus" gives the following as the causes of the 4,308 fires which occurred in Chicago in 1905, and up to March, 1906:

	Jan. 1 to March 15, 1906.
Careless use of matches.....	510
Carelessness with candle.....	22
Careless use of sulphur.....	2
Christmas tree.....	10
Cigar stub.....	40
Defective flues.....	258
Electric wires.....	83
Explosion of chemicals.....	19
Explosion of gas.....	97
Explosion of gasoline.....	285
Fireworks.....	27
Gas jet.....	73
Hot ashes.....	49
Hot box.....	14
Ignition of boiling oils.....	28
Incendiary.....	9
Lightning.....	4
Oil lamps.....	115
Oil stove.....	93
Overheated furnace.....	136
Overheated stove.....	167
Painter's torch.....	10
Plumber's firepot.....	18
Sparks from chimneys.....	317
Spontaneous combustion.....	171
Supposed incendiary.....	92
Steam pipes.....	35
Thawing water pipes.....	158
Unknown.....	1,463
Total.....	4,308

Boiling oil.....	3
Careless use of matches.....	100
Careless use of sulphur.....	1
Carelessness with candle.....	2
Christmas tree.....	2
Cigar stub.....	7
Defective flues.....	66
Electric wires.....	17
Explosion of chemicals.....	2
Explosion of gas.....	20
Explosion of gasoline.....	33
Gas jet.....	11
Hot ashes.....	5
Hot box.....	3
Incendiary.....	1
Oil lamps.....	17
Oil stove.....	16
Overheated furnace.....	35
Overheated stove.....	64
Plumber's torch.....	1
Sparks from chimneys.....	31
Spontaneous combustion.....	36
Steam pipes.....	19
Supposed incendiary.....	15
Thawing water pipes.....	15
Unknown.....	257
Total.....	783

Public Revenue.	REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF CONSOLIDATED FUND.	Total of 30th April, 1905.	Total of 30th April, 1906.
REVENUE:		\$	\$
Customs.....		33,747,857	37,507,464
Excise.....		10,291,884	11,537,021
Post Office.....		4,106,293	4,744,885
Public Works, including Railways.....		6,119,633	6,813,714
Miscellaneous.....		2,864,842	3,205,273
Total.....		57,130,511	63,808,359
EXPENDITURE.....		42,337,907	45,348,499