

## CANADA'S MINERAL OUTPUT

Valued at Over \$210,000,000 in 1918—Classification by Provinces and by Products

A preliminary statement in regard to the mineral production of Canada in the calendar year 1918, issued by the Department of Mines, gives the value as \$210,204,970, an increase of \$20,558,000 over the figures of 1917. The production by provinces in 1918 was as follows:—

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Nova Scotia .....      | \$ 22,754,780 |
| New Brunswick .....    | 2,111,816     |
| Quebec .....           | 19,534,409    |
| Ontario .....          | 94,084,420    |
| Manitoba .....         | 3,197,697     |
| Saskatchewan .....     | 894,591       |
| Alberta .....          | 23,298,118    |
| British Columbia ..... | 42,080,741    |
| Yukon .....            | 2,248,398     |
| Dominion .....         | \$210,204,970 |

The substances included in the tables are divided into three classifications, metallic, non-metallic and structural materials and clay products.

## Metallic.

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Antimony ore (exports) .....                 | \$ 1,430      |
| Cobalt metallic and contained in oxide ..... | 3,368,860     |
| Copper, value at 24.628 cents per lb. ..     | 29,163,450    |
| Gold .....                                   | 14,687,875    |
| Iron, pig, from Canadian ore .....           | 1,204,703     |
| Iron ore, sold for export .....              | 469,352       |
| Lead, value at 9.25 cents per lb. ....       | 4,055,779     |
| Molybdenite .....                            | 434,528       |
| Nickel, value at 40 cents per lb. ....       | 36,830,414    |
| Platinum .....                               | 2,560         |
| Silver, value at 96.772 cents per oz. ...    | 20,597,540    |
| Zinc, value at 8.159 cents per lb. ....      | 2,746,620     |
| Total .....                                  | \$113,563,111 |

## Non-Metallic.

|                                 |               |
|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Actinolite .....                | \$ 2,508      |
| Arsenic, white and in ore ..... | 561,128       |
| Asbestos .....                  | 8,936,805     |
| Asbestic .....                  | 33,974        |
| Chromite .....                  | 867,122       |
| Coal .....                      | 55,752,671    |
| Corundum .....                  | 26,112        |
| Feldspar .....                  | 117,379       |
| Fluorspar .....                 | 135,712       |
| Graphite .....                  | 270,054       |
| Grindstones .....               | 83,005        |
| Gypsum .....                    | 823,006       |
| Magnesite .....                 | 1,016,765     |
| Magnesium sulphate .....        | 11,460        |
| Mica .....                      | 268,375       |
| Mineral pigments—               |               |
| Barytes .....                   | 10,165        |
| Oxides .....                    | 112,440       |
| Mineral water .....             | 155,855       |
| Natural gas .....               | 4,370,622     |
| Petroleum .....                 | 866,554       |
| Phosphate .....                 | 1,200         |
| Pyrites .....                   | 1,688,991     |
| Quartz .....                    | 708,026       |
| Salt .....                      | 1,285,039     |
| Talc .....                      | 112,727       |
| Tripolite .....                 | 12,500        |
| Total .....                     | \$ 78,230,195 |

## Structural Materials.

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Cement, Portland .....                             | \$ 7,076,503  |
| Clay products (\$4,599,835)—                       |               |
| Brick, common .....                                | 1,915,490     |
| Brick, pressed .....                               | 626,311       |
| Brick, moulded and ornamental; terra cotta .....   | 43,442        |
| Fireproofing .....                                 | 224,587       |
| Hollow building blocks .....                       | 43,087        |
| Kaolin .....                                       | 19,299        |
| Pottery .....                                      | 131,242       |
| Refractories; fire clay, etc. ....(b)              | 397,458       |
| Sewer pipe .....                                   | 699,784       |
| Tile, drain .....                                  | 499,135       |
| Lime .....   | 1,856,819     |
| Sand-lime brick .....                              | 213,680       |
| Sand and gravel (not complete) .....               | 1,786,528     |
| Slate .....  | 5,124         |
| Stone (\$2,873,175)—                               |               |
| Granite .....                                      | 645,850       |
| Limestone .....                                    | 2,134,283     |
| Sandstone .....                                    | 93,042        |
| Total structural materials and clay products ..... | \$ 18,411,664 |
| All other non-metallic .....                       | 78,230,195    |
| Total value metallic .....                         | 113,563,111   |
| Grand total, 1918 .....                            | \$210,204,970 |

## DOMINION FARM LAND VALUES

Average For 1918 is \$46 An Acre—Wages Increased

THE Dominion Bureau of Statistics has published its annual report on average farm values for the year 1918, consisting of estimates of (1) the values of farm land; (2) of the wages paid for farm help; and (3) the value of farm live-stock and of wool. These estimates have been compiled from the returns of a numerous corps of crop correspondents throughout Canada. The report reads as follows:—

According to the returns received, the average value of farm land for the Dominion, including both improved and unimproved land, together with dwelling houses, barns, stables and other farm buildings, is \$46 per acre, as compared with \$44 in 1917, \$41 in 1916, \$40 in 1915 and \$38 in 1914. By provinces, the value is highest in British Columbia, viz., \$149, this being exactly the same figure as in 1917. The higher value per acre in this province is due to orcharding and fruit-growing. Quebec and Ontario have the same average value per acre, viz., \$57, the average for 1917 in Quebec, being, however, \$53, whilst in Ontario it was \$55. In Prince Edward Island the value is \$44 as in 1917; in Nova Scotia it is \$36 against \$34; in New Brunswick \$35 against \$29; in Manitoba \$32 against \$31; in Saskatchewan \$29 against \$26; and in Alberta \$28 against \$27.

The average wages paid for farm help in 1918 show a substantial increase as compared with the previous year, and are again the highest on record. For the whole of Canada, the average wages per month of farm help during the summer, inclusive of board, are for males \$70, as compared with \$64 in 1917, and for females \$38, as compared with \$34. For the complete year, including board, the wages averaged for males \$617 and for females \$416, as compared with \$611 and \$364 respectively in 1917. The average value of board per month is \$21 for males and \$17 for females, as against \$19 and \$15 in 1917. Compared by provinces, the average wages per month for male and female help, respectively, in the summer season, including board, were in 1918 in order of value as follows: British Columbia \$89 and \$57; Alberta \$86 and \$50; Saskatchewan \$86 and \$49; Manitoba \$78 and \$45; New Brunswick \$69 and \$31; Quebec \$65 and \$33; Ontario \$62 and \$35; Nova Scotia \$60 and \$30; Prince Edward Island \$46 and \$25.