

ONTARIO'S MINERAL OUTPUT GROSS VALUE \$22,000,000

Last Year's Increase Over 1905
is About 25 Per Cent.—Crude
Petroleum Falls Off.

A return of the mineral production of Ontario for 1906 has been issued by the bureau of mines. While the figures are said to be subject to revision, they are final for all practical purposes. The increase in the total production as compared with 1905 is \$4,367,412, or about 25 per cent. The principal gains in the metallics being silver, \$2,122,000; nickel, \$1,857,000; copper, \$1,000,000; pig iron, \$444,700; and in the non-metallic products, Portland cement, \$377,600; and natural gas, \$216,700. The principal falling off is in crude petroleum, the value of which was \$136,999 less than in 1905.

If the basis of valuation employed by the official statisticians of British Columbia, and the geological survey of Canada, were adopted by the bureau of mines, namely, the selling prices of the refined metals in the market, the value of the production would be \$22,221,503. Ontario now ranks first among the provinces of the Dominion, not only in the variety, but also in the value of her mineral production.

Cobalt Production.
The production of cobalt during the year was as follows:
Silver, ounces, 5,507,320 \$3,543,089
Cobalt, tons, 312 30,819
Nickel, tons, 158 1,857,000
Arsenic, tons, 1,533

Total \$3,573,908
Up to the end of 1906 the Cobalt camp produced 8,016,000 ounces of silver, worth \$5,015,479 and 46 tons of cobalt, 245 tons of nickel and 191 tons of arsenic, valued at \$150,773, \$13,467 and \$239,859 respectively. The last three constituents bring at present little or no return to the mine owners.

Metals.
Quantity, Value.
Gold, oz., 3,519 57,274
Silver, oz., 5,507,320 3,543,089
Cobalt, tons, 312 30,819
Nickel, tons, 158 1,857,000
Copper, tons, 10,932 2,336,415
Lead, tons, 1,778 15,000
Iron ore, tons, 123,090 301,022
Pig iron, tons, 275,558 4,554,247
Zinc ore, tons, 400 5,000

Less value Ontario ore smelted into pig iron (101,560 tons) 243,666
Net metallic production \$13,719,162

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SAY MR. MOORE BUTTED IN TO STIR UP TWIN CITIES

Sidelight on the Incorporation of
Port Arthur Concerning
Sunday Cars.

"Shall Port Arthur become a city?" asked Mr. Lucas, chairman of the private bills committee yesterday.

"Carried," was the verdict, and Port Arthur and Port Arthur are twins and not homogeneous.

Town Solicitor Ketter of Port Arthur declared the population of his town to be greater than that of Port William.

"I'll bet you \$500 right now that your population isn't within 1500 of ours," offered Mayor Murphy of the rival town.

Chairman Lucas quelled the gambling spirit, and Sunday cars took its place. Port Arthur has had them for two years, but the Dominion Alliance intervened.

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THE REFINING OF NICKEL IS IT IMPOSSIBLE HERE?

Premier Has Been So Informed,
But Hon. Mr. Cochrane
Begs to Differ.

Hon. Frank Cochrane's mining bills passed the committee stage in the legislature yesterday, and with little adverse comment, the C. N. Smith found fault with some of the provisions. The bonus of 6 cents a pound to be paid on nickel and other ores smelted in the province, Mr. Cochrane thought, would not this year exhaust the sum it was proposed to devote to the purpose, but he anticipated a refunding of the nickel industry. It was stated during the discussion that the inspection system in the Lake Huron district at an early date. Hon. Dr. Reame introduced his bill dealing with the game and fisheries department.

Hon. the speaker announced that he had received their certificate and report from the judges on the controversy election in Port Arthur and Rainy River, confirming the seat to W. A. Preston.

J. W. Pearce called attention to the advertising periods of J. A. Culverwell in an evening paper, in which he stated that his company had the sole control of the nickel industry in the province. He said that one of the factors regarding the development of the mineral resources of Central Ontario was the lack of cheap power. He understood there would be an excess of power at Healey Falls, and this could be applied to the purposes of lead, iron, cobalt, and arsenic and other mining in the neighborhood of Healey Falls.

Healey Falls is the duty of a clergyman he had done his best to get the two rival cities by the ears.

Crown Attorney Langworthy, a member of the local Lord's Day Alliance executive, corroborated Dr. Smolke. "Even our own alliance," he said, "represented the manner in which Mr. Moore tried to force his opinions on us and railroad things through our meetings."

City Solicitor Ketter invited the legislature to visit Port Arthur and district next summer.

Port Arthur was represented by Mayor Clavel, Mr. Hodder, chairman of the street railway commission; Commissioner McKinnon, Superintendent McArthur, Councilman Ferguson, Crown Attorney W. F. Longworthy and City Solicitor Ketter.

J. A. McMillan's motion for an order for the Central Prison wood-working plant in 1905, prior to the letting of the present contract, was carried.

Allan Stuchinholme got a similar order for all correspondence in any way relating to the Tay-Inlet contract.

T. H. Preston (Brant) also got an order for a return of contract prices relating to the Tay-Inlet contract.

D. Sutherland moved the second reading of a bill to amend the Denial Association Act by giving further protection to quail. They had been protected in 1905, and were preserved till 1906, when they were again introduced. He thought they should be treated as insectivorous birds.

Methods in the new districts will be adapted to the conditions found. Statistical information in the minutes of the committee shows a total expenditure of \$7,165,734. Teachers numbered 10,338, and their average wages increased from \$1.00 to \$1.25. The total cost for 1905 for females in 1905 over 1904, they taught 475,165 pupils.

Hon. Dr. Reame thought the bill might go to committee, and it was read.

H. H. Carnegie's bill respecting the provisional County of Haliburton also got a second reading.

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MEETINGS.

THE CANADA NORTHWEST
LAND COMPANY, Limited

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of this Company will be held at the Head Office, Toronto, on Wednesday, 27th day of March next, at twelve o'clock noon, to receive a statement of the affairs of the Company for the year ending 31st day of December last, and to consider and vote on the accounts and to elect Directors and Officers for the ensuing year.

By Order of the Board,
S. B. SYKES, Secretary-Treasurer.
Dated at Toronto, this 15th day of February, 1907.

RECOMMENDS DEEP WATER
FOR CANAL TO TRENTON

Engineer Walsh Makes His Report, With Estimates, as to Cost of Route.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—The report containing the report of Engineer E. J. Walsh, in favor of the Trenton Canal, was tabled in the House to-day.

This report, the minister of railways and canals has recommended for adoption by the government.

The engineer estimates that the "all river" route to Trenton, with 8 feet 4 inches depth of water on the lock sills, would cost \$455,600 more than a six-foot depth, but would save \$1,000,000 in the cost of transportation.

The cost of the two routes on the basis of 8 feet 4 inches draft is estimated as follows: From Rice Lake to Port Hope, \$3,938,000; from Rice Lake to Trenton, \$3,997,482.

The engineer lays stress on the value of the water power that would be developed by constructing the canal to Trenton.

CLINE SEEKS BENCH AID.

Two Justices May Sit at Hearing of Mrs. Perkins.

Cayuga, Feb. 27.—Justice of the Peace Cline will probably invite Dr. Harrison of Cayuga to sit with him at the preliminary hearing of the case of Mrs. Perkins, charged with the murder of her husband, on the 11th day of January last.

Mrs. Perkins was brought before Mr. Cline this afternoon. Crown Attorney Murphy is absent