

portation and construction industries will provide new outlets for the metal, both in the developing economies and in the industrialized ones.

The future

The Canadian mining industry faces a considerable challenge in the future. If mineral resources are to continue to be vital in the growth of the economy and to contribute to the country's prosperity, it is essential that the long-term exploration program be intensified. Thus the development of new prospecting techniques will lead to the discovery of new deposits in particular areas which were once considered to be sterile, and in the near future, some areas undiscovered altogether. In addition, more thorough exploration is required in the marine regions of Canada to discover new resources in the seabed.

Efforts will be made to develop new techniques to work deposits that were formerly considered too small to mine, and to recover metals from fragments. Technological developments might well lead to the discovery of new uses for minerals. Since the 1950s, the use of minerals has increased in many forms, and this trend is likely to continue.

As a main export, minerals have a significant role to play in the change resulting from international trade. The minerals industry should be in a position to meet the needs of the country should

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