

Resource industries

Minerals

Canadian mineral production in 1977 was worth about \$18.1 billion.

Canada produces some 60 minerals, the leaders in value being crude petroleum, natural gas, iron ore, nickel, zinc, asbestos, and potash.

According to 1976 production figures, Canada is the world's leading producer of nickel and zinc; second in molybdenum and silver; and among the leaders in copper, gold, lead and aluminum.

Oil

Net domestic production of crude oil in 1976 amounted to 525.8 million barrels.

Alberta is the leading oil and natural gas producer, followed by Saskatchewan, British Columbia, the Northwest Territories and Manitoba.

The bituminous "tar sands" along 160 km of northern Alberta's Athabasca River are thought to contain billions of barrels of synthetic crude oil recoverable by mining and thermal processes.

Hydro-electric power

Some 293 million megawatt hours of electricity were generated in 1976, more than 73 per cent from hydro sources, the remainder from thermal stations, some using nuclear energy.

Churchill Falls, Labrador, with a capacity of 5.2 million kilowatts is the largest single generating