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SIR,—I have the honour to submit herewith the annual preliminary statistical statement of the mineral production of Canada for 1902.

Although the figures given herewith are, as stated, 'subject to revision' they may still be taken as a very close approximation to those which will be given in the final report.

The completed annual report will follow later, and besides containing a revise of the general table of production, will include other details relating to explorations, development, exports, imports, &c. As much of this information is not available till several months after the close of the year, and the compilation and printing necessarily occupy some time, it cannot be completed till well on in the year following the one covered.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ELFIC DREW INGALL.

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