

CANADA AS A PRODUCER OF THE PRECIOUS METALS

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IN writing on the subject set forth in the above heading, it will be impossible in the time and with the space at the disposal of the writer, to deal with the question in great detail. It may be interesting however to bring out some points illustrative of the present position of our country in comparison with the other contributors to the gold and silver output of the world and to compare it with that held in the past as well as to attempt to form some opinion as to what rank we may possibly take in the future.

The figures used throughout this article are, for the Dominion, those issued by the Mines Section of the Geological Survey of Canada. For the rest of the world the annual volume issued by the Engineering and Mining Journal of New York, entitled the "Mineral Industry" has been adopted as authority. The data given in the latter represent probably as close an approximation as it is possible to attain in such figures, especially