

II. PERSONS EMPLOYED.

The following statement shows the number of persons ordinarily employed in or about the metalliferous mines* of the Dominion during the year:—

Classification.	Inspection District.			Total, 1931.
	Northern.	West Coast.	Southern.	
Gold, silver, and tungsten	716	507	647	1,870
Ironstone .. .. .	..	25	..	25
Cinnabar	58	..	..	58
Silica-sand .. .. .	..	..	1	1
Totals for 1931	774	532	648	1,954
Totals for 1930	783	590	367	1,740

* In addition, 56 persons were employed in oil-boring operations.

III. ACCIDENTS.

During 1931 one fatal and four serious but non-fatal accidents occurred in or about metalliferous mines, at which 1,954 persons were ordinarily employed.

Cause.	Fatal Accidents.		Serious Non-fatal Accidents.	
	Number of Separate Accidents.	Number of Deaths.	Number of Separate Accidents.	Number of Persons Injured.
Falls of ground.. .. .	..	..	..	..
Explosives	1	1	..	..
Miscellaneous, on surface .. .. .	..	..	4	4
Miscellaneous, underground .. .. .	..	..	..	..
Totals	1	1	4	4

An account of these accidents is contained in the District Inspectors' reports attached hereto.

IV. GOLD-MINING.

The following statement shows the value of the bullion-production, also the dividends declared, number of persons employed, and the number of gold-mines and dredges:—

	Production of Bullion, 1931.* (All Mines.)		Dividends paid, 1931 (By Registered Companies only.)†	Number of Persons ordinarily employed at Productive and Unproductive Mines.	Number of Productive Quartz-mines, Alluvial Mines, and Dredges, 1931.
	Quantity.	Value.			
Quartz-mining ..	Oz. 538,070	£ 532,152	£ 106,087	968	32
Alluvial mining‡ ..	15,306	70,110	470	805	726
Dredge mining ..	11,495	54,927	..	97	5
Totals, 1931 ..	564,871	657,189	106,557	1,870	763
Totals, 1930 ..	639,795	550,978	101,713	1,539	335

* In addition to the gold produced from the gold-mines, silver was obtained from them, hence the word "bullion" is used in preference to "gold."
† The profits of privately-owned dredges and mines are unobtainable, which renders this statement incomplete.
‡ The bullion-production is from 726 alluvial claims, but the dividends are only obtainable from those few that are the property of registered companies.