

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, 1930.
	Northern.	West Coast.	Southern.	
Gold, silver, and tungsten	729	470	365	1,564
Ironstone	..	120	..	120
Cinnabar	54	..	..	54
Silica-sand	..	..	2	2
Totals for 1930	783	590	367	1,740
Totals for 1929	858	402	306	1,566

* In addition, 25 persons were employed in sulphur-mining and 51 persons in oil-boring operations.

III. ACCIDENTS.

During 1930 one fatal and three serious but non-fatal accidents occurred in or about metalliferous mines, at which 1,740 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	1	1
Miscellaneous, on surface	..	..	1	1
Miscellaneous, underground	..	..	1	1
Totals	1	1	3	3

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, 1930.* (All Mines.)		Dividends paid, 1930 (By Registered Companies only.)†	Number of Persons ordinarily employed at Productive and Unproductive Mines.	Number of Productive Quartz- mines, Alluvial Mines, and Dredges, 1930.
	Quantity.	Value.			
Quartz-mining ..	Oz. 620,303	£ 472,841	£ 100,908	969	26
Alluvial mining‡ ..	8,954	35,067	805	495	306
Dredge mining ..	10,538	43,070	..	75	3
Totals, 1930 ..	639,795	550,978	101,713	1,539	335
Totals, 1929 ..	571,320	527,340	103,037	1,475	283

* 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 306 alluvial claims, but the dividends are only obtainable from those few that are the property of registered companies.