

# FIFTY-SIXTH REPORT OF THE STATE MINERALOGIST

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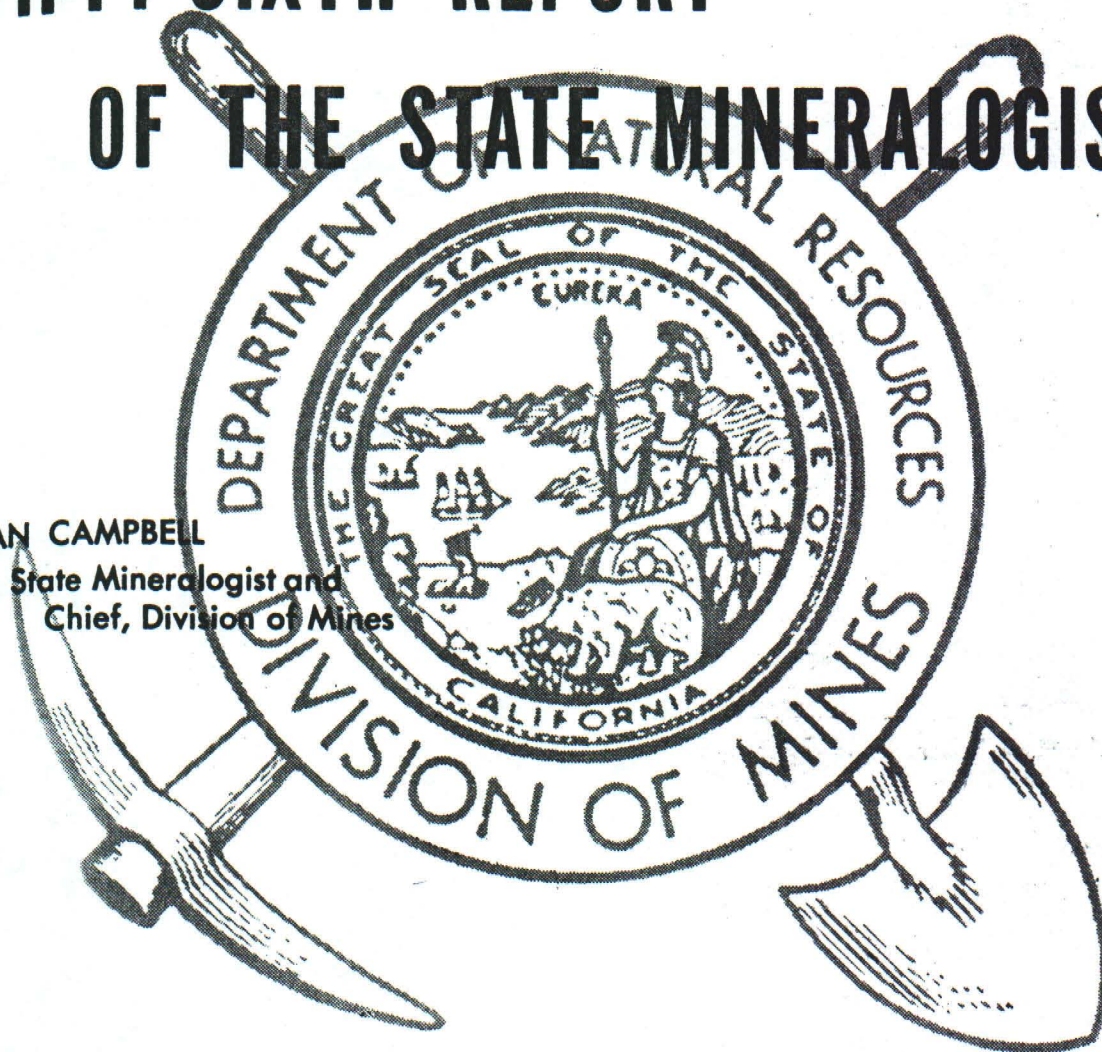




Table 23. Value of granite (dimension stone) produced in California, 1887-1958, inclusive.

Year	Value	Year	Value	Year	Value	Year	Value
1887-----	\$150,000	1906-----	\$344,083	1925-----	\$1,853,859	1944-----	\$222,843
1888-----	57,000	1907-----	373,376	1926-----	655,332	1945-----	220,411
1889-----	1,329,018	1908-----	512,923	1927-----	1,398,443	1946-----	275,367
1890-----	1,200,000	1909-----	376,834	1928-----	763,996	1947-----	*
1891-----	1,300,000	1910-----	417,898	1929-----	1,169,271	1948-----	*
1892-----	1,000,000	1911-----	355,742	1930-----	855,477	1949-----	*
1893-----	531,322	1912-----	362,975	1931-----	636,741	1950-----	259,447
1894-----	228,816	1913-----	981,277	1932-----	398,676	1951-----	340,231
1895-----	224,329	1914-----	628,786	1933-----	183,706	1952-----	365,437
1896-----	201,004	1915-----	227,928	1934-----	249,083	1953-----	235,025
1897-----	188,024	1916-----	535,339	1935-----	339,917	1954-----	218,628
1898-----	147,732	1917-----	221,997	1936-----	244,243	1955-----	209,802
1899-----	141,070	1918-----	139,861	1937-----	207,738	1956-----	897,922
1900-----	295,772	1919-----	220,743	1938-----	131,386	1957-----	1,146,603
1901-----	519,285	1920-----	495,732	1939-----	145,194	1958-----	455,029
1902-----	255,239	1921-----	725,901	1940-----	198,896	Total-----	\$33,713,151
1903-----	678,670	1922-----	676,643	1941-----	261,661		
1904-----	467,472	1923-----	760,081	1942-----	186,872		
1905-----	353,837	1924-----	1,211,046	1943-----	148,160		

\* Not available.

The 1958 figures showed a decrease in both quantity and value from those of 1957 when 29,490,427 short tons of miscellaneous stone worth \$37,101,832 was produced; not including 11,860,832 short tons of limestone worth \$16,489,192 used in the manufacture of cement and lime.

During 1958 in California 71,228 cubic feet of dimension granite building and monumental stone was produced worth \$455,029. This was a marked decrease from 1957 when 117,303 cubic feet worth \$1,146,603 was produced.

Industrial limestone produced in California during 1958 totaled 1,913,562 short tons worth \$5,954,321 (not including limestone used in the manufacture of cement and lime), compared with 2,240,580 tons worth \$5,862,125 in 1957.

#### Sulfur

Nearly all the sulfur ore mined in California during 1958 came from the open pit Leviathan mine in Alpine County. The sulfur content (30 percent) was converted into sulfuric acid at Weed Heights, Nevada, and used to leach a low-grade copper carbonate ore from a deposit near Yerington, Nevada.

A small production of sulfur ore was made in 1958 from the Crater claims near Big Pine, Inyo County, and from the Sulfur Bank mercury mine in Lake County. The material was used as a soil additive.

By-product sulfur was produced from petroleum refineries in Contra Costa, Los Angeles, and San Luis Obispo Counties; by-product hydrogen sulfide from petroleum refineries in Contra Costa and Los Angeles Counties; and liquid sulfur dioxide and sulfuric acid from a lead smelter in Contra Costa County.