

SOUTHERN AFRICA

Southern Africa shows a steady production from the decade 1871 to 1880 until the present. The 1926 production was greater than the average annual production for the preceding five-year period. Southern Africa contributed 1.17 per cent of the total world production from 1801 to 1927. The Cape Copper Co. was the main producer. Table 24 and Figure 17 show the production in South Africa from 1881 to 1925 by five-year periods and that of 1926. (See also Table 26.)

TABLE 24.—*Production of copper in Southern Africa, by five-year periods, 1881-1925, and that of 1926 (short tons)*

Period	Quantity	Average annual production	Period	Quantity	Average annual production
1881-1885	28,681	5,736	1906-1910	28,730	5,746
1886-1890	39,105	7,821	1911-1915	63,830	12,766
1891-1895	35,605	7,121	1916-1920	38,465	7,693
1896-1900	39,379	7,875	1921-1925	69,300	13,860
1901-1905	36,123	7,224	1926	19,626	19,626

GENERAL SUMMARY

As far as practicable, the data previously given have been consolidated into a single folded table (Table 26) in which the comprehensive relationship of all data may be studied, but a few of its salient features should be pointed out.

TABLE 25.—*Salient features of world production of copper*

Period	Years	Figures in last column are for—	Quantity, short tons
1801-1810	10	Average annual production	18,200
1901-1910	10	Average annual production 100 years later	763,000
1911-1920	10	Average annual production in the next decade	1,219,000
1927	1	Production	1,670,000
1801-1825	25	Total production	464,000
1826-1850	25	do	1,038,000
1851-1875	25	do	2,358,000
1876-1900	25	do	7,612,000
1901-1925	25	do	25,726,000
1801-1850	50	do	1,502,000
1851-1900	50	do	9,970,000
1801-1900	100	do	11,472,000
1901-1910	10	do	7,628,000
1911-1920	10	do	12,187,000
1801-1910	110	do	19,100,000
1911-1927	17	do	21,398,000
1801-1927	127	do	40,498,000