

47. The expanding area of country geologically surveyed during the past few years, and the integration of this with the earlier work of the Department, is steadily increasing the knowledge of Uganda rocks. This in turn is indicating areas of possible economic interest which merit detailed examination. During the year the number of new mineral localities reported was maintained but it is premature to say whether any of these are likely to cause substantial increase in mineral production.

48. The export figures of minerals for 1954 are given below in comparison with those for 1953.

Mineral	1953		1954	
	Quantity	Value £	Quantity	Value £
Amblygonite	20.00 long tons	900	5.50 long tons	250
Beryl	32.56 long tons	6,047	30.00 long tons	4,200
Bismuth ore	3.01 long tons	3,116	2.04 long tons	2,145
Columbite- Tantalite	10.51 long tons	15,057	13.56 long tons	20,123
Galena	—	—	63.65 long tons	3,570
Gold	510.79 troy ozs.	5,837	568.04 troy ozs.	6,600
Mica	—	—	0.67 long tons	not known
Tin ore	128.68 long tons	70,845	118.80 long tons	57,061
Wolfram	158.11 long tons	66,692	167.80 long tons	140,741

A new diamond drill delivered towards the end of the year was put to work on the Rukungiri area.