This is the Stanley Cup. It is awarded to the winning team of the playoffs in hockey each year. Well what is it made of? It is made of Silver, and nickel. Silver is a white lustrous metal, meaning that it shines. It also conducts heat and electricity well. Silver is mined in many different countries, but mainly the USA, **Canada**, Mexico, Peru and Bolivia. Within Canada it is mined in BC, New Brunswick, **Ontario**, and Quebec. There are two ways silver is mined, they are open-pit mining and underground mining methods. It is normally not found in pure form, instead it is usually found combined with other elements, such as sulfur, antimony or chlorine. It is not usually used in pure form, but when it is, it is normally used in jewelry. Which brings us to our next mineral, Nickel. Nickel is silvery-white, ductile and malleable. It conducts heat and electricity well. The main countries that mine Nickel are Russia, **Canada**, and Australia. Inside of Canada it is mined in Newfoundland and Labrador, Quebec, **Ontario** and Manitoba. Sulfide ores are crushed in order to get Nickel out of them. Nickel is used in pots & pans and also used in stainless steel.

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