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COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION

DECEMBER, 1952

Copper - Production of new primary copper in all forms (recoverable copper content of Canadian ores) during December, 1952, amounted to 22,357 tons, compared with 21,409 tons in the previous month and with 22,123 tons in December, 1951.

Table 1 - Production of Primary (*) Copper, 1950-1952

Month	1950	1951	1952
		(tons)	
January	22,044	22,850	22,504
February	22,643	20,352	20,488
March	22,348	24,347	22,493
April	22,284	23,913	22,124
May	22,378	23,549	22,770
June	20,421	22,653	20,790
July	21,344	22,537	19,965
August	21,359	22,701	21,084
September	20,955	21,825	21,675
October	22,240	20,972	21,176
November	23,434	22,149	21,409
December	22,759	22,123	22,357
Total	264,209	269,971	258,835

(*) Blister copper plus recoverable copper in concentrates, matte, etc., exported.

Table 2 - Production of Refined Copper, 1950-1952

Month	1950	1951	1952
		(tons)	
January	19,434	20,870	20,364
February	18,599	18,342	18,901
March	21,902	20,564	20,480
April	19,487	20,347	20,363
May	21,145	22,731	20,548
June	21,424	21,315	20,274
July	17,661	20,142	14,196
August	19,922	21,740	9,396
September	18,782	18,624	10,323
October	20,832	21,260	12,761
November	19,191	19,195	11,282
December	19,825	20,336	18,051
Total	238,204	245,466	196,939

Table 3 - Exports of Copper in Ore, Matte, Ingots, etc., 1952

Month	In ore, concentrates and matte (copper content)		In ingots, bars and billets	
	tons	$	tons	$
January	1,659	663,640	9,237	6,234,641
February	3,461	1,384,380	4,847	2,771,892
March	2,920	1,168,180	11,104	6,689,520
April	2,467	986,980	10,948	6,203,774
May	3,069	1,227,680	11,355	6,538,986
June	3,777	1,510,800	8,178	4,992,409
July	3,064(+)	1,224,860	7,815	4,856,068
August	2,626	1,050,400	13,739	8,977,773
September	3,483	1,881,036	10,908	7,175,992
October	3,317	1,791,369	11,040	7,210,510
November	2,756	1,505,844	10,004	6,646,886
December	1,838	992,655	4,500	3,107,866
Total	34,437	15,387,824	113,675	71,406,317

(+) Revised.

Table 4 - Consumption of Refined Copper, 1951 and 1952

Month	1951	1952
	(tons)	
January	9,995	12,058
February	10,581	12,570
March	11,581	13,266
April	12,297	11,636
May	13,363	12,489
June	11,613	10,045
July	8,242	8,447
August	10,846	9,342
September	11,000	10,271
October	12,831	10,938
November	12,209	10,116
December	9,619	10,482
Total	134,177	131,660

Nickel - Production of nickel in all forms in December, 1952 amounted to 11,746 tons, compared with 11,321 tons in the previous month, and with 11,370 tons in December, 1951.

Table 5 - Production of Nickel (*), 1950-1952

Month	1950	1951	1952
		(tons)	
January	10,244	10,993	11,750
February	9,610	9,702	10,662
March	9,325	11,676	12,316
April	11,234	10,603	12,253
May	11,021	12,528	12,348
June	10,818	11,889	12,497
July	9,379	11,828	10,371
August	7,721	12,304	11,912
September	11,722	11,682	10,925
October	10,354	11,758	11,711
November	11,912	11,570	(+)11,321
December	10,319	11,370	11,746
Total	123,659	137,903	139,812

(*) Refined nickel and nickel in oxide produced, plus recoverable nickel in matte exported.
(+) Revised.

Table 6 - Exports of Nickel (*), 1952

Month	Tons	$
January	10,052	10,839,487
February	12,720	13,564,653
March	12,097	13,011,518
April	12,923	13,937,126
May	13,979	15,165,630
June	11,149	11,916,817
July	12,785	13,765,164
August	11,943	12,800,275
September	12,168	12,499,011
October	10,640	10,896,663
November	12,317	13,112,360
December	9,249	9,473,058
Total	142,022	50,981,762

(*) Refined metal and metal in oxides, matte, etc.

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