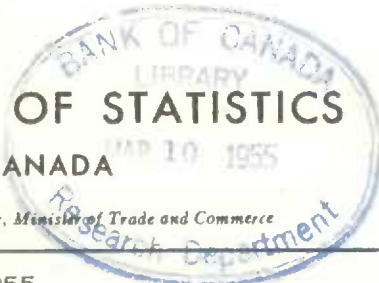


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## STEEL INGOTS AND PIG IRON (Formerly Entitled "Steel Ingots")

Production of steel ingots in Canada during February, 1955, amounted to 314,814 net tons compared with 258,765 net tons in February, 1954.

Pig iron production was 215,082 net tons in February, 1955, compared with 182,050 net tons in the corresponding month of last year.

Table 1 - Production of Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, 1945-1954

Year	Steel ingots (Net tons)	Pig iron (Net tons)	Year	Steel ingots (Net tons)	Pig iron (Net tons)
1945 .....	2,575,149	1,777,949	1950 .....	3,298,071	2,317,121
1946 .....	2,251,741	1,406,252	1951 .....	3,447,152	2,552,893
1947 .....	2,854,779	1,962,848	1952 .....	3,577,758	2,681,585
1948 .....	3,087,063	2,125,739	1953 .....	4,009,813	3,012,266
1949 .....	3,095,626	2,154,485	1954 .....	3,113,822	2,213,433

Table 2 - Production of Steel Ingots and Pig Iron, By Months, 1954 and 1955

	Steel ingots (Net tons)		Pig iron (Net tons)	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
January .....	290,487	310,853	214,999	199,464
February .....	258,765	314,814	182,050	215,082
Total two months .....	549,252	625,667	397,049	414,546
March .....	240,515		200,763	
April .....	247,872		194,307	
May .....	252,988		178,742	
June .....	264,470		167,211	
July .....	255,328		174,403	
August .....	235,984		166,580	
September .....	241,553		156,373	
October .....	274,421		181,895	
November .....	282,110		210,476	
December .....	269,329		185,634	
Total .....	3,113,822		2,213,433	

NOTE: (1) The January 1, 1954, rated ingot capacity of Canada's steel furnaces was 4,657,500 net tons per annum.

(2) Figures for the current month are preliminary and subject to review.

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