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

Production of steel ingots in Canada during March, 1955, amounted to 377,237 net tons compared with 240,515 net tons in March, 1954.

Pig iron production was 275,721 net tons in March, 1955, compared with 200,763 net tons in the corresponding month of last year.

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

Year	Steel ingots	Pig iron	Year	Steel ingots	Pig iron
(Net tons)			(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		Pig iron	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
(Net tons)				
January	290,487	310,853	214,999	199,464
February	258,765	314,706	182,050	215,075
March	240,515	377,237	200,763	275,721
Total three months	789,767	1,002,796	597,812	690,260
April	247,872		194,307	
May	252,968		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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