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

Production of steel ingots in Canada during May, 1955, amounted to 376,249 net tons compared with 252,988 net tons in May, 1954.

Pig iron production was 284,311 net tons in May, 1955, compared with 178,742 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	314,657	182,050	215,075
March	240,515	376,866	200,763	275,729
April	247,872	353,377	194,307	272,187
May	252,988	376,249	178,742	284,311
Total five months	1,290,627	1,732,002	970,861	1,246,766
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 revision.

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