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PRODUCTION OF PIG IRON AND STEEL

April - 1953

Production of pig iron in Canada amounted to 241,583 net tons in April 1953, compared with 214,330 tons in the corresponding month of last year. Production of steel ingots and steel castings during April totalled 362,291 net tons, compared with 316,641 tons in April of last year.

Table 1 - Production of Pig Iron

	April 1952	April 1953
	(Net tons of 2,000 pounds)	
Pig Iron -		
Basic	172,341	214,041
Foundry	9,139	4,465
Malleable	32,850	23,077
Total pig iron	214,330	241,583

Table 2 - Production of Steel Ingots and Steel Castings

	April 1952	April 1953
Steel Ingots		
Open hearth - basic	252,648	309,199
Electric	52,308	42,708
Total steel ingots	304,956	351,907
Alloy steel ingots included in above	22,251	21,252
Steel Castings		
Open hearth - Basic	3,183	2,938
Converter	56	41
Electric	8,446	7,405
Total steel castings	11,685	10,384
Alloy steel castings included in above:		
(i) High alloy, except manganese and abrasion resistant	96	104
(ii) High alloy, manganese and abrasion resistant	1,098	1,389
(iii) All other alloys	1,138	942
Total alloy steel castings	2,332	2,435

Note: High alloy castings include all castings with any alloy content of eight per cent and over.

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Table 3 - Production of Pig Iron

	Four months ended April 1952	1953
	(Net tons of 2,000 pounds)	
Pig Iron -		
Basic	667,538	780,537
Foundry	68,042	69,701
Malleable	127,820	99,705
Total pig iron	863,400	949,943

Table 4 - Production of Steel Ingots and Steel Castings

	Four months ended April 1952	1953
	(Net tons of 2,000 pounds)	
Steel Ingots		
Open hearth - Basic	1,023,972	1,197,624
Electric	208,936	167,129
Total steel ingots	1,232,908	1,364,753
Alloy steel ingots included in above	72,775	80,028
Steel Castings		
Open hearth - Basic	12,450	10,563
Converter	91	192
Electric	33,487	26,468
Total Steel castings	46,028	37,223
Alloy steel castings included in above:		
(i) High alloy, except manganese and abrasion resistant	362	387
(ii) High alloy, manganese and abrasion resistant	8,984	4,797
(iii) All other alloys	3,391	3,580
Total alloy steel castings	12,737	8,764

Note: High alloy castings include all castings with any alloy content of eight per cent and over.

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