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PRODUCTION OF PIG IRON AND STEEL

Production of pig iron in Canada amounted to 288,864 net tons in August, 1955, compared with 166,580 tons in the corresponding month of last year. Production of steel ingots and steel castings during August totalled 386,730 net tons, compared with 241,504 tons in August of last year.

Table 1 - Production of Pig Iron

	August		Eight months ended August	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
(Net tons of 2,000 pounds)				
Pig iron -				
Basic	133,908	222,371	1,168,297	1,700,450
Foundry (including silvery pig)	12,324	10,675	111,259	97,178
Malleable	20,348	55,818	199,499	279,611
Total pig iron	166,580	288,864	1,479,055	2,077,239
Stocks of pig iron on hand at the end of the month	162,855	146,608		

Table 2 - Production of Steel Ingots and Steel Castings

	August		Eight months ended August	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
(Net tons of 2,000 pounds)				
<u>Steel ingots</u>				
Open hearth - basic	206,147	335,032	1,796,624	2,522,766
Electric	29,837	44,646	249,785	321,030
Total steel ingots	235,984	379,678	2,046,409	2,843,796
Alloy steel ingots included in above	10,532	17,802	82,466	132,163
<u>Steel castings</u>				
Open hearth - basic	1,525	1,860	16,180	17,719
Converter	8	19	66	71
Electric	3,987	5,173	42,544	37,473
Total steel castings	5,520	7,052	58,790	55,263
Alloy steel castings included in above:				
(1) High alloy, except manganese and abrasion resistant	134	103	2,314	1,430
(2) High alloy, manganese and abrasion resistant	863	983	6,481	8,529
(3) All other alloys	521	373	5,974	3,211
Total alloy steel castings	1,518	1,459	14,769	13,170

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

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