

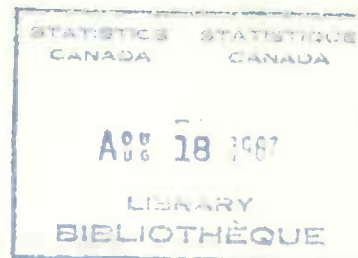
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THE SMELTING AND REFINING INDUSTRY 1955

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THE NON-FERROUS SMELTING AND REFINING INDUSTRY

The Smelting and Refining Industry, as defined for statistical purposes, includes only those firms engaged primarily in the smelting of non-ferrous ores or concentrates and in the refining of metals recovered therefrom. The smelting of imported ores is included. Secondary smelters, which treat scrap metals only, are not included.

The net value added by the industry in the processing of crude or semi-crude materials during 1955 totalled \$444,005,081 compared with \$352,037,956 in 1954. Refined products included gold, silver, nickel, copper, lead, zinc, aluminum, magnesium, calcium, barium, titanium, zirconium, antimony, bismuth, cobalt, cadmium, selenium and tellurium. Other end-products of individual plants or companies were copper-nickel matte, cobalt salts, cobalt oxide, nickel oxide, nickel salts, bauxite concentrates, arsenious oxide, sulphuric acid, platinum metals residues, zinc oxide, zinc dust, blister and anode copper, copper salts, titanium dioxide slag, iron ingots, columbium oxide and tantalum oxide. Statistics relating to the production of pitchblende products at the refinery at Port Hope, Ontario, are not included for the years 1941-1954.

It should be noted, in a study of these data, that firms which operate both mines and smelters may vary from year to year the nominal values placed on crude ores, etc., shipped from their mines to their own smelters, with the result that in some years the mining industry proper may be favoured statistically at the expense of The Smelting and Refining Industry and vice versa. However, the total annual net value of commodity production for the Dominion as a whole is not affected by these arbitrary internal evaluations.

Fuel and electricity used by the industry in 1955 cost \$56,948,510, including 13,803,684,055 k.w.h. of purchased electricity at \$32,615,510.

The value of process supplies consumed during the year amounted to \$60,874,175 and the cost of ores and raw materials was \$649,888,715.

The industry employed an average of 28,606 persons to whom \$118,189,378 were paid in salaries and wages.

There were 24 plants, of which 23 were producing, owned by 15 firms. The names of the operators and the plant locations are given in the directory on the last page of this report.

MINERAL STATISTICS

TABLE 1. Principal Statistics of the Smelting and Refining Industry, Significant Years, 1921-1955

Year	Establishments	Employees	Earnings	Cost of fuel and electricity at works	Cost of process supplies and containers	Gross value of products shipped ¹ during year, including containers (f.o.b. works)	Net ^{2,3} value of production
	No.	No.	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1921	14	3,682	4,406,957	N.A.	N.A.	23,732,277	N.A.
1929	10	8,119	13,772,393	6,208,733	"	109,854,468	"
1931	14	7,860	13,245,327	6,053,398	"	98,565,755	"
1933	14	6,360	8,403,181	7,809,936	"	100,561,297	"
1937	13	11,570	17,990,947	14,607,421	10,559,714	318,278,251	101,807,865
1939	13	12,449	19,372,119	15,891,301	11,773,863	262,602,495	80,057,833
1941	13	16,014	27,482,689	26,771,807	19,272,162	379,322,270	119,736,294
1944	16	23,927	44,536,901	36,907,623	32,730,138	474,206,801	123,303,038
1946	15	14,546	30,648,361	22,287,572	16,000,964	304,718,524	69,565,922
1949	16	19,150	55,133,065	37,004,311	31,816,026	599,188,135	181,907,847
1951	17	22,814	75,474,505	44,684,200	46,411,504	861,315,930	262,972,789
1952	18	24,608	87,964,295	50,571,452	52,575,665	837,074,065	266,721,382
1953	18	25,115	94,545,611	52,594,155	51,448,147	870,918,142	310,207,228
1954	22	26,048	102,595,970	55,225,387	52,933,522	922,578,996	352,037,956
1955	24	28,606	118,189,378	56,948,510	60,874,175	1,211,716,481	444,005,081

1. The gross value of production should not be interpreted as the ultimate sales value of finished metals only, as it represents the combined figure for smelters and refineries, and the usual duplication occurs when the product of one plant is shipped to, and becomes the material for, another plant. For example, blister copper is given a value at the smelter since it is the final product for that works; it is then shipped to the refinery for which it is the principal material, where values are placed on the refined products.

2. See preceding Text.

3. Gross value of production less fuel, electricity, process supplies and cost of ores.

Note. Data for 1941-1954 in this report do not include those relating to Eldorado Mining and Refining Ltd., which mines and refines pitchblende products.

TABLE 2. Employees and Their Earnings in the Smelting and Refining Industry, 1951-1955

Year	Number of employees					Number of man-hours worked (all employees)	Earnings		
	Administration		Workmen		Total		Adminis- tration	Workmen	Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female					
							\$	\$	\$
1951.....	3, 193	555	19,005	61	22, 814	53, 031, 620	13, 816, 942	61, 657, 563	75, 474, 505
1952.....	3, 468	598	20, 474	68	24, 608	55, 188, 884	16, 290, 926	71, 673, 369	87, 964, 295
1953.....	3, 558	566	20, 942	49	25, 115	55, 971, 128	17, 530, 010	77, 015, 601	94, 545, 611
1954.....	3, 604	578	21, 817	49	26, 048	56, 970, 642	20, 171, 958	82, 424, 012	102, 595, 970
1955.....	3, 954	647	23, 956	49	28, 606	65, 152, 159	23, 771, 907	94, 417, 471	118, 189, 376

TABLE 3. Number of Workmen, by Months, 1954 and 1955 (Administrative and office employees not included)

Month	1954			1955		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
January	20,621	47	20,668	22,813	51	22,864
February	20,614	46	20,660	22,880	50	22,930
March	20,887	46	20,933	23,062	50	23,112
April	21,074	47	21,141	23,030	51	23,081
May	21,433	47	21,480	23,754	46	23,800
June	21,751	49	21,800	24,344	50	24,394
July	22,453	54	22,507	24,741	53	24,794
August	22,822	51	22,873	24,824	48	24,872
September	22,616	51	22,667	24,964	49	25,013
October	22,562	50	22,612	24,588	49	24,637
November	22,503	50	22,553	24,413	49	24,462
December	22,455	49	22,504	24,009	48	24,057
Average	21,817	49	21,866	23,956	49	24,005
Man-hours worked	47,841,659			54,622,659		

TABLE 4. Estimated Capital and Repair Expenditures in the Smelting and Refining Industry, 1951-1955

Year	Capital expenditures			Repair expenditures			Capital and repair expenditures		
	Con- struction	Machinery	Sub- total	Con- struction	Machinery	Sub- total	Con- struction	Machinery	Total
Thousands of dollars									
1951.....	20,599	19,811	40,410	5,330	24,047	29,377	25,929	43,858	69,787
1952.....	32,573	29,689	62,262	7,007	26,850	33,857	39,580	56,539	96,119
1953.....	33,426	33,702	67,128	7,739	29,404	37,143	41,165	63,106	104,271
1954.....	19,522	27,712	47,234	7,334	33,333	40,667	26,856	61,045	87,901
1955 ¹	36,205	41,779	77,984	7,189	38,281	45,470	43,394	80,060	123,454

1. Preliminary estimate.

TABLE 5. Average Annual Metal Prices, in Canadian Dollars, 1946-1955

Year	Gold	Silver	Copper	Lead	Zinc
	Troy oz.	Troy oz.	Pound	Pound	Pound
Dollars					
1946.....	36.75	0.8365	0.1280	0.0675	0.0781
1947.....	35.00	0.7200	0.2039	0.1367	0.1123
1948.....	35.00	0.7500	0.2235	0.1804	0.1393
1949.....	36.00	0.7425	0.1997	0.1580	0.1325
1950.....	38.05	0.8082	0.2342	0.1445	0.1565
1951.....	36.85	0.9455	0.2770	0.1840	0.1990
1952.....	34.27	0.8352	0.2854	0.1619	0.1746
1953.....	34.42	0.8401	0.2994	0.1293	0.1196
1954.....	34.07	0.8326	0.2916	0.1333	0.1198
1955.....	34.52	0.8818	0.3687	0.1438	0.1365

TABLE 6. Production of New Gold and Silver, 1951-1955 (From all types of ores)

Year	Gold		Silver	
	Fine ounces	\$	Fine ounces	\$
1951.....	4,392,751	161,872,873	23,125,825	21,865,467
1952.....	4,471,735	153,246,359	25,222,222	21,065,599
1953.....	4,055,723	139,597,985	28,299,335	23,774,271
1954.....	4,366,440	148,764,611	31,117,949	25,907,870
1955.....	4,541,962	156,788,528	27,984,204	24,676,472

TABLE 7. Source of Canadian Gold Production, 1951-1955

Source	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Per cent					
In alluvial gold.....	2.49	2.08	1.91	2.05	1.73
In crude gold bullion produced at mines.....	81.86	83.22	84.11	83.14	83.10
In base bullion produced at lead smelters.....	0.33	0.39	0.25	0.34	0.16
In blister copper.....	12.20	11.37	9.77	11.18	12.15
In ores, matte, slags, etc., exported.....	3.42	2.94	3.96	3.29	2.86

TABLE 8. Source of Canadian Silver Production, 1951-1955

Source	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
	Per cent				
In silver-cobalt ores	12.80	19.21	12.50	11.99	14.53
In base bullion ¹	51.84	48.01	45.65	38.53	37.41
In gold bullion and placer	3.21	2.83	2.21	2.16	2.38
In blister and anode copper	21.93	18.66	14.32	15.61	18.73
In matte, copper ores and silver-lead ores, etc., exported (other than silver-cobalt ores)	10.22	11.29	25.32	31.71	26.95

1. Includes silver bullion from silver-lead ores.

TABLE 9. Production of Copper, 1951-1955 (From all types of ores)

Year	Copper in all forms ¹		Refined copper ²
	Tons	\$	Tons
1951	269,971	149,026,216	245,466
1952	258,038	146,679,040	196,320
1953	253,752	150,953,742	236,966
1954	302,732	175,712,693	253,365
1955	325,994	239,756,455	288,997

1. Blister copper plus recoverable copper in concentrates and matte exported.

2. Does not include a small quantity recovered from scrap in secondary smelters.

TABLE 10. Production of Copper, by Sources, 1954 and 1955

Source	1954		1955	
	Tons	Value	Tons	Value
		\$		\$
In blister and anode copper produced ¹	257,162	149,976,271	283,559	209,124,633
In ores, concentrates and any copper matte exported	32,619	18,936,565	28,238	20,774,461
In nickel-copper matte exported	12,783	6,698,390	13,198	8,974,691
In copper salts	168	101,467	999	882,670
Total	302,732	175,712,693	325,994	239,756,455

1. Includes a small quantity of copper contained in gold and silver ores shipped to Canadian smelters.

TABLE 11. Production¹ of Nickel, 1951-1955

Year	Tons	\$
1951	137,903	151,269,994
1952	140,558	151,349,438
1953	143,693	160,430,098
1954	161,279	180,173,392
1955	174,928	215,866,007

1. Includes nickel in matte exported, refined nickel produced in Canada and nickel in oxides and salts sold or produced.

TABLE 12. Production of Lead, 1951-1955

Year	Lead in all forms ¹		Refined lead ²
	Tons	\$	Tons
1951	158,231	58,229,146	162,000
1952	168,842	54,671,021	182,943
1953	193,706	50,076,822	165,752
1954	218,495	58,250,831	166,005
1955	202,762	58,314,500	148,811

1. Lead content of base bullion produced from Canadian ores plus recoverable lead in ores exported.

2. Includes some lead refined from foreign ores; does not include a small tonnage recovered from scrap in secondary smelters.

TABLE 13. Production of Zinc, 1951-1955

Year	Zinc in all forms ¹		Refined zinc ²
	Tons	\$	Tons
1951	341,112	135,762,643	218,578
1952	371,802	129,833,285	222,200
1953	401,762	96,101,386	250,961
1954	376,491	90,207,285	213,775
1955	433,357	118,300,466	256,542

1. Refined zinc produced in Canada plus recoverable zinc in ores exported.

2. Includes some refined zinc from foreign ores; does not include a small tonnage recovered from scrap in secondary smelters.

TABLE 14. Production¹ of Bismuth and Cadmium, 1951-1955

Year	Bismuth		Cadmium	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
1951	230,298	543,504	1,326,920	3,556,145
1952	162,373	347,224	948,587	2,086,891
1953	117,366	209,557	1,118,285	2,236,570
1954	258,675	572,183	1,086,780	1,847,526
1955	265,896	572,362	1,919,081	3,262,439

1. Includes refined metal and recoverable metal in concentrates shipped.

TABLE 15. Production of Selenium and Tellurium, 1951-1955

Year	Selenium		Tellurium	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
1951	382,603	1,239,633	8,913	16,400
1952	242,030	786,599	6,035	10,259
1953	262,346	1,101,854	4,694	8,215
1954	323,529	1,617,645	8,171	14,300
1955	427,109	3,203,319	9,014	15,774

TABLE 16. Production (Shipments) of New Aluminum and Magnesium, 1931-1933

Year	Aluminum ¹	Magnesium	
	Tons	Pounds	\$
1951	447,095	Not available for publication	
1952	499,758		
1953	548,445		
1954	557,897		
1955	612,543		

1. All from imported ores.

TABLE 17. Production of New Antimony and Tin, 1931-1933

Year	Antimony (Content of antimonial lead)		Tin	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
1951	6,702,164 ¹	1,436,713	346,718	494,073
1952	2,330,900 ²	601,484	212,113	253,581
1953	1,488,105 ²	291,862	643,254 ³	581,746
1954	1,302,333 ²	349,249	333,788 ³	263,359
1955	2,021,726	563,345	492,781 ³	408,030

1. Includes antimony in flue dust produced in earlier years but not previously recorded.

2. Content of antimonial lead, Doré slag and flue dust.

3. Tin content of concentrates and lead-tin alloy.

TABLE 18. Production (Shipments) of Molybdenite Concentrates and Tungsten Concentrates, 1931-1933

Year	Molybdenite concentrates			Tungsten concentrates		
	Gross weight	MoS ₂ content	\$	Gross weight	WO ₃ content	\$
	Tons			Tons		
1951	241	191	228,958	2	1.4	7,098
1952	331	253	409,831	1,886	747	4,488,237
1953	184	162	215,527	3,154	1,223	5,689,160
1954	411	376	457,912	1,619	1,085	5,795,781
1955	762	695	823,954	1,628	971	5,508,437

TABLE 19. Production of Cobalt and Arsenic, 1931-1933

Year	Cobalt ¹		Arsenious oxide ²	
	Pounds	\$	Tons	\$
1951	951,607	1,999,612	1,177 ³	129,435
1952	1,421,923	3,226,903	854 ³	76,876
1953	1,602,545	4,013,077	702 ³	56,150
1954	2,252,965	5,912,997	590 ³	48,333
1955	3,296,270	8,510,314	786 ³	69,159

1. Content in metal and oxide produced in Canada and in ores exported.

2. Refined white arsenic produced in Canada plus arsenic content of crude arsenic exported. Excludes arsenic in ores exported from British Columbia as it is not paid for.

3. Includes some arsenic recovered from foreign ores.

TABLE 20. Platinum Metals¹ Produced, 1951-1955

Year	Platinum		Palladium and other platinum metals	
	Ounces	\$	Ounces	\$
1951	153,483	14,542,515	164,905	7,950,107
1952	122,317	10,916,792	157,407	7,559,379
1953	137,545	12,550,981	166,018	7,494,509
1954	154,356	12,950,469	189,350	7,956,087
1955	170,494	14,747,732	214,252	8,321,633

1. Figures represent the metal content of concentrates produced from nickel-copper ores. Included are metals recovered from alluvial deposits.

TABLE 21. Production of Titanium Dioxide and Iron (Remelt), 1951-1955

Year	Titanium dioxide in slag		Iron (remelt)	
	Tons	\$	Tons	\$
1951	14,123	738,577	15,554	777,142
1952	30,805	1,238,103	32,422	1,815,007
1953	100,527	4,206,496	107,370	4,064,039
1954	82,386	3,680,077	90,562	2,910,663
1955	117,042	5,192,810	115,955	4,831,845

TABLE 22. Capacities of Canadian Copper Smelting and Refining Works, 1955

Company	Blast furnaces		Reverberatories		Converters
	Number	Annual capacity — tons of ore and concentrates	Number	Annual capacity — tons of ore and concentrates	Number
Falconbridge Nickel Mines, Ltd.	3	700,000	—	—	4
Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co., Ltd.	—	—	1	575,000	3
Noranda Mines Ltd.	—	—	2	1,300,000	5
International Nickel Co. of Canada, Ltd.:					
Copper cliff	2	430,000	9	3,500,000	20
Coniston	4	950,000	—	—	5
Annual capacity					
Short tons					
Electrolytic copper refineries:					
Canadian Copper Refiners, Ltd.			182,000		
International Nickel Co. of Canada, Ltd.			168,000		

TABLE 23. Lead Smelting Capacity of Canada, 1955

Company	Number of blast furnaces	Annual capacity
Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company of Canada, Limited, Trail, British Columbia	5	Tons of charge 711,000

TABLE 24. Capacity of Electrolytic Zinc Plants in Canada, 1955

Company	Estimated annual capacity for cathode zinc
	Short tons
Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company of Canada, Ltd.	200,000
Hudson Bay Mining & Smelting Co., Ltd.	73,000

Directory of Firms in the Smelting and Refining Industry, 1933

Name of firm	Head or executive office address	Location of plant
Quebec:		
Aluminum Company of Canada Ltd.	1700 Sun Life Bldg., Montreal	Aryida, La Tuque, Shawinigan Falls, Isle Maligne, Beauharnois
Boreal Rare Metals Ltd.	1610 Sherbrooke St. W., Montreal	Cap-de-la-Madeleine
Canadian Copper Refiners Ltd.	1700 Bank of Nova Scotia Bldg., Toronto, Ontario	Montreal East
Gaspé Copper Mines Ltd.	44 King St. W., Toronto, Ontario	Murdochville
Noranda Mines Limited.	1709 Bank of Nova Scotia Bldg., Toronto, Ontario	Noranda
Quebec Iron and Titanium Corp.	1510 Drummond St., Montreal	Sorel
Ontario:		
Deloro Smelting & Refining Co., Ltd.	Deloro	Deloro
Dominion Magnesium Ltd.	67 Yonge St., Toronto	Haley
Falconbridge Nickel Mines Ltd.	44 King St. West, Toronto	Falconbridge
International Nickel Co. of Canada, Limited	Copper Cliff	Copper Cliff, Coniston, Port Colborne
Quebec Metallurgical Industries Ltd. (Cobalt Chemicals Division)	Box 931, Cobalt	Cobalt
Eldorado Mining & Refining Ltd.	Box 379, Ottawa	Port Hope
Manitoba:		
Hudson Bay Mining and Smelting Co., Limited	500 Royal Bank Bldg., Winnipeg	Flin Flon
Alberta:		
Sherritt-Gordon Mines Ltd.	25 King St. W., Toronto, Ontario	Fort Saskatchewan
British Columbia:		
Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada Limited	Trail	Trail
Aluminum Company of Canada Ltd.	1700 Sun Life Bldg., Montreal, Quebec	Kitimat

Note: Information relating to operations of the Eldorado Mining and Refining Co. at Port Hope, Ontario, is excluded for the years 1941-1954.

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