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COPPER - Canadian copper production in April amounted to 22,077,843 pounds as compared with 23,662,648 pounds in March and 27,845,741 pounds in April, 1931, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Blister copper output totalled 19,391,827 pounds or 6.7 per cent below the March total of 20,741,894 pounds.

Electrolytic copper quotations on the United States market showed little variation during April; ranging from a high of 5.775 cents per pound to a low of 5.525 cents with an average for the month of 5.565 cents per pound. Valued at the average price in Canadian funds of 6.1905 cents per pound, the total Canadian output in April was worth \$1,366,729 as against the March valuation of \$1,524,182.

The Engineering and Mining Journal reports that the plan to curtail copper output to 20 per cent of capacity was put into effect on April 1st and that from present indications world stocks are no longer accumulating.

Exports of copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc., were recorded at 2,042,900 pounds valued at \$61,287. Blister copper exports amounted to 619,400 pounds; in March 1,365,800 pounds were exported.

NICKEL - Nickel production in Canada during April declined to 3,384,620 pounds as compared with the March output of 3,754,829 pounds and the April, 1931 total of 4,134,541 pounds.

April exports of nickel in ore, matte or speiss included 768,300 pounds to Great Britain, 321,600 pounds to Norway and 271,600 pounds to the United States. Nickel, fine, exports totalled 834,000 pounds, of which 89.2 per cent was consigned to the United States and the remainder to Italy. Exports of nickel oxide in April amounted to 232,700 pounds.

Years	A P R I L				FOUR MONTHS ENDING APRIL			
	Copper		Nickel		Copper		Nickel	
1932 ...	22,077,843	pounds	3,384,620	pounds	87,844,078	pounds	14,529,172	pounds
1931 ...	27,845,741	"	4,134,541	"	98,185,106	"	25,686,959	"
1930 ...	26,632,892	"	10,190,755	"	104,088,543	"	36,969,938	"
1929 ...	18,329,692	"	9,473,039	"	75,479,231	"	36,360,452	"



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