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COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA, FEBRUARY, 1933.

COPPER - The Canadian production of copper in February totalled 17,165,922 pounds; in January 22,950,527 pounds were produced and in February, 1932, the output was 22,428,571 pounds, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. The decline in production during the month was due principally to a strike at the mines and smelter at Anyox, B.C. Blister copper output in February totalled 14,667,637 pounds; in January 20,727,972 pounds were produced.

Quotations for electrolytic copper in the United States (for domestic consumption) remained steady at 4.775 cents per pound during January and February. Copper for export from the United States averaged 4.71 cents per pound in February as compared with 4.741 cents per pound in the preceding month. The average price (in Canadian funds) for electrolytic copper on the London market was 5.958 cents per pound, at which price the Canadian output in February was worth \$1,022,746.

Exports of copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc., advanced to 3,145,600 pounds in February from the previous month's total of 1,095,500 pounds. Blister copper exportations also showed an increase to 470,200 pounds from the January exports of 230,700 pounds. Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets exported in February amounted to 8,126,700 pounds valued at \$414,124 as against 12,100,500 pounds at \$631,609 in January. Exports of copper in rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing were recorded at 603,500 pounds worth \$34,314; the preceding month's exports were 1,329,200 pounds with a valuation of \$80,581.

Imports into Great Britain of unwrought copper, including rough copper of 94 per cent copper content or over amounted to 8,740 tons in February as compared with 13,693 tons imported in January and 14,141 tons in February, a year ago. The February, 1933, importations were made up as follows:- Canada, 36.1 per cent; Rhodesia, 200.5 per cent; Chile, 12.8 per cent; the United States, 8.5 per cent; South and South-west Africa, 8.3 per cent; Germany, 6.7 per cent; Australia, 6.4 per cent; and other countries, 0.7 per cent. Great Britain imported 784 tons of plates, sheets and strips, rods and sections, and wire not in coils, during February as against 863 tons in the preceding month and 4,762 tons in February, 1932. Copper wire in coils, including uninsulated electric wire imported into Great Britain in February, amounted to 45 tons.

At the end of February the official Metal Exchange warehouses in Great Britain contained stocks of refined copper totalling 34,265 tons; on January 31st, 33,811 tons were on hand. Stocks of rough copper on February 28th amounted to 6,937 tons as compared with 7,006 tons at the beginning of the month.

NICKEL - Canadian producers reported an output of 1,990,102 pounds of nickel during February; in the preceding month 1,780,899 pounds were produced and in February, 1932, the production was 4,202,036 pounds.

Nickel in ore, matte or speiss exported amounted to 2,040,600 pounds as compared with 490,500 pounds in January. Exports of nickel, fine, totalled 1,062,900 pounds in February or 57.1 per cent below the January total of 2,479,800 pounds. Nickel oxide exportations advanced to 365,900 pounds from the previous month's total of 108,700 pounds.

PRODUCTION OF COPPER AND NICKEL IN CANADA

	<u>F E B R U A R Y</u>		<u>TWO MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY</u>	
	<u>COPPER</u>	<u>NICKEL</u>	<u>COPPER</u>	<u>NICKEL</u>
	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>
1933	17,165,922	1,990,102	40,116,449	3,771,001
1932	22,428,571	4,202,036	42,103,587	7,369,723
1931	22,777,057	6,653,185	44,436,819	13,194,129
1930	24,256,918	7,734,229	49,225,271	16,962,239
1929	18,519,540	8,396,837	38,371,532	18,102,292

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