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COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA, APRIL, 1933.

COPPER - Canadian copper production in April amounted to 19,776,008 pounds as compared with 21,708,287 pounds in March and 22,077,843 pounds in April, 1932, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Blister copper output in April declined to 17,648,082 pounds from the March total of 18,915,437 pounds. During the first four months of 1933 the total copper output in Canada was 81,600,744 pounds or 7.1 per cent below the production in the corresponding period of 1932.

On the New York market electrolytic copper (for domestic use) ranged from an opening low bid of 4.775 cents per pound to a closing high quotation of 6.275 cents per pound; the average price for the month was 5.395 cents per pound. Quotations for copper for export averaged 5.185 cents per pound as against 4.779 cents per pound in the previous month. London quotations for electrolytic copper rose to 6.3663 cents per pound (in Canadian funds); at this price the Canadian output in April was worth \$1,259,000.

Exports of copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc., from Canada in April totalled 155,500 pounds; in the preceding month 3,062,500 pounds were exported. Shipments of blister copper were recorded at 121,500 pounds; in March no blister copper was exported from Canada. Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets exported in April declined to 9,964,800 pounds worth \$551,021 from the previous month's total of 14,747,400 pounds at \$801,969. Exportations of copper in bars, rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing amounted to 1,544,500 pounds valued at \$91,676 as compared with the March exports of 3,041,100 pounds at \$174,901.

In April Great Britain imported 14,100 tons of copper, unwrought, including rough copper of 94 per cent copper content or over; during the previous month 11,086 tons were imported and in April, last year, 9,656 tons. The April, 1933, importations were obtained from the following countries: Chile, 35.0 per cent; Canada, 31.2 per cent; Rhodesia, 23.8 per cent; Australia, 5.2 per cent; the United States, 3.0 per cent; the Union of South Africa and South West Africa, 1.4 per cent, and other countries, 0.4 per cent. Receipts of copper, plates, sheets and strip, rods and sections, and wire, not in coils, in Great Britain totalled 1,566 tons as compared with 842 tons in March and 100 tons in April, 1932. Wire in coils, including uninsulated electric wire, imports into Great Britain amounted to 75 tons; in the preceding month 28 tons were imported.

Stocks of refined copper in the Great Britain Metal Exchange official warehouses totalled 31,843 tons on April 30th; a decrease of 696 tons during the month. Rough copper on hand at the end of the month amounted to 7,270 tons, an increase of 427 tons during the period.

PRODUCTION OF COPPER IN CANADA

	1933	1932	1931	1930	1929
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January	22,950,527	19,675,016	21,659,762	24,968,353	19,851,992
February	17,165,922	22,428,571	22,777,057	24,256,918	18,519,540
March	21,708,287	23,662,648	25,313,288	28,230,380	18,778,007
April	19,776,008	22,077,843	27,654,870	26,632,892	18,329,692
May		21,356,879	27,560,375	27,516,632	19,233,246
June		20,669,800	23,198,821	26,131,265	20,693,627
July		18,090,417	23,482,263	26,187,676	20,780,226
August		17,604,802	26,967,784	26,121,634	21,284,978
September		18,811,514	24,681,881	26,044,280	20,412,466
October		22,587,353	22,694,769	23,710,692	20,707,401
November		17,716,133	23,435,022	21,763,591	24,121,825
December		22,209,321	22,878,498	21,914,043	25,407,760
TOTAL - Calendar year		246,890,297	292,304,390	303,478,356	248,120,760
TOTAL - Four Months ending April ...	81,600,744	87,844,078	97,404,977	104,088,543	75,479,231

NICKEL - Canada produced 2,135,850 pounds of nickel in April; in the preceding month 3,279,230 pounds were produced and in April, a year ago, the output was 3,384,620 pounds. During the first four months of 1933 Canadian producers reported an output of 9,186,081 pounds of nickel as compared with 14,529,172 pounds in the corresponding period of 1932.

Nickel in ore, matte or speiss exported from Canada in April declined to 365,600 pounds from the March total of 3,301,500 pounds. Exports of nickel, fine, advanced to 1,636,800 pounds as compared with 1,085,100 pounds exported in March. Nickel, oxide, exportations in April reached a total of 743,600 pounds; in the preceding month, 686,400 pounds were exported.

PRODUCTION OF NICKEL IN CANADA

	1933 Pounds	1932 Pounds	1931 Pounds	1930 Pounds	1929 Pounds
January	1,780,899	3,187,687	6,500,944	9,228,010	9,705,455
February	1,990,102	4,202,036	6,693,185	7,734,229	8,396,837
March	3,279,230	3,754,829	8,358,289	9,836,941	8,785,121
April	2,135,850	3,384,620	4,134,541	10,190,755	9,473,039
May		3,471,304	10,653,724	9,538,891	9,337,783
June		3,162,310	4,532,015	8,584,699	9,299,840
July		2,959,231	5,309,456	9,379,712	8,076,148
August		840,492	4,432,598	9,088,052	7,443,248
September		677,998	5,038,816	10,243,381	6,699,971
October		2,141,168	3,096,300	7,460,314	7,310,172
November		1,227,747	3,385,927	7,090,217	14,913,819
December		1,368,172	3,530,525	5,393,656	10,834,479
TOTAL -					
Calendar year .		30,377,594	65,666,320	103,768,857	110,275,912
TOTAL - Four months					
ending April ..	9,186,081	14,529,172	25,686,959	36,989,935	36,360,452



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