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MONTHLY REPORT

COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - DECEMBER, 1935.

COPPER - Canada produced 36,556,119 pounds of copper during December, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In November, 34,539,762 pounds were produced while in December, a year ago, the production amounted to 31,289,007 pounds. During the calendar year 1935 the Canadian output totalled 419,051,056 pounds which was 14.9 per cent above the production in the preceding year. An advance of 16.5 per cent was recorded in the output of blister copper in Canada during December as compared with the total for the corresponding month of 1934; the totals were 32,683,362 pounds and 28,042,461 pounds, respectively.

Electrolytic copper quotations on the London market in December averaged 8.73224 cents per pound, in Canadian funds; during the preceding month the average price was 8.75435 cents per pound. Computed at these prices the value of the Canadian output in December was \$3,192,162 and in November, \$3,023,732.

Refined copper production of the world advanced to 141,700 tons from the November total of 131,600 tons. Shipments of refined copper during December totalled 132,588 tons with the result that stocks on hand at the end of the month were 9,112 tons higher at 485,328 tons. An increase of 10,415 tons was recorded in the United States stocks during December and the month closed with 231,415 tons on hand. Stocks in other countries declined 1,303 tons in December to 253,913 tons. The official warehouses of the London Metal Exchange contained 86,171 tons of refined copper and 11,608 tons of rough copper on December 31st as compared with 87,030 tons of the former and 11,853 tons of the latter on hand on November 30th.

Exports of refined copper from the United States in December amounted to 19,546 tons or 13.7 per cent below the tonnage exported in November. Exports during December were consigned to the following countries: Italy, 5,878 tons; France, 2,984 tons; Great Britain, 2,543 tons; Germany, 2,340 tons; Japan, 2,030 tons; Sweden, 1,861 tons, and other countries, 1,910 tons.

Great Britain imported 171,109 tons of electrolytic copper during the calendar year 1935 as against 123,496 tons imported in the preceding year. Canada accounted for 45.7 per cent of the 1935 imports and 51.5 per cent of the 1934 total. Receipts of other unwrought copper during the year were recorded at 166,570 tons, an increase of 5.7 per cent over the tonnage imported in 1934.

PRODUCTION OF COPPER IN CANADA

Month	1935(a)	1934	1933
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January	33,480,418	26,443,315	23,075,970
February	33,467,044	24,447,295	17,178,479
March	37,828,906	30,754,411	21,783,476
April	38,847,833	31,661,575	19,877,694
May	35,772,440	35,540,350	21,175,850
June	35,613,851	27,798,929	25,381,907
July	30,965,129	29,456,597	29,609,235
August	32,603,557	32,647,984	28,243,639
September	33,941,168	27,551,889	30,720,201
October	35,434,829	32,888,933	29,894,112
November	34,539,762	34,280,777	26,431,609
December	36,556,119	31,289,007	26,610,276
TOTAL - Calendar Year	419,051,056	364,761,062	299,982,448

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EXPORTS OF COPPER FROM CANADA DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1935.

	N O V E M B E R		D E C E M B E R	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc.	2,965,400	177,924	4,377,400	262,644
Copper, blister .....	...	...	...	...
Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets	16,414,500	1,374,712	21,233,700	1,762,282
Copper in rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing	7,408,500	644,188	4,591,300	400,031

COPPER PRODUCTION IN CANADA DURING 1935, BY MONTHS

Month	OUTPUT(x)	Average value per pound		TOTAL VALUE(x)
		in Canadian funds		
	Pounds	cents	\$	
January	33,480,418	6.8202	2,283,431	
February.....	33,467,044	6.593326	2,206,591	
March	37,828,906	6.80778	2,575,309	
April	38,847,833	7.54574	2,931,356	
May	35,772,440	8.028456	2,871,975	
June	35,613,851	7.51077	2,674,874	
July	30,965,129	7.59768	2,352,631	
August	32,603,557	8.00627	2,610,329	
September	33,941,168	8.42077	2,858,108	
October	35,434,829	8.80204	3,118,988	
November	34,539,762	8.75435	3,023,732	
December	36,556,119	8.732224	3,192,162	
TOTAL - Calendar Year	419,051,056		32,699,486	

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IMPORTS OF COPPER INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1935.

	N O V E M B E R		D E C E M B E R	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Unwrought, including rough copper of 94% copper content or over -				
ELECTROLYTIC -				
From - Australia .....	...	...	1,120,000	20,000
Canada	10,080,000	178,622	15,305,920	274,597
Other British countries	1,397,760	25,016	2,013,760	35,925
Germany .....	...	...	6,720	110
United States	4,793,600	86,258	5,606,720	99,342
Chile	4,614,400	79,836	2,522,240	44,474
TOTAL	20,885,760	369,732	26,575,360	474,448
OTHER -				
From - Union of South Africa	224,000	3,879	33,600	596
Northern Rhodesia	4,887,680	78,213	12,425,280	196,228
Other British countries	2,464,000	30,172	2,688,000	43,814
Chile	672,000	12,000	12,996,480	196,898
Other foreign countries	1,310,400	21,235	694,400	12,395
TOTAL	9,558,080	145,499	28,837,760	449,931
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and strip.	615,440	14,485	572,096	13,242
Rods and sections, angles and shapes and wire not in coils -				
From - Canada	4,540,144	87,037	4,596,256	88,534
Foreign countries	10,528	234	...	10
TOTAL	4,550,672	87,271	4,596,256	88,544
Wire in coils (including uninsulated electric wire)	732,368	14,086	2,352	201
All other manufactures of copper not elsewhere specified	671,104	19,638	639,968	19,379

NICKEL - Nickel production in Canada during December set up a new high monthly record and amounted to 14,998,225 pounds. During November 12,144,249 pounds were produced while in December, 1934, the output totalled 10,703,716 pounds. Nickel output during the calendar year 1935 rose to 138,087,781 pounds from the 1934 total of 128,687,340 pounds.

PRODUCTION OF NICKEL IN CANADA

Month	1935(a)	1934	1933
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January	9,390,437	9,259,066	1,784,264
February	8,790,996	7,261,301	1,993,863
March	10,618,462	10,426,462	3,285,427
April	11,836,091	12,911,552	2,139,886
May	11,330,388	10,023,950	5,490,911
June	11,665,507	13,388,307	8,065,940
July	10,189,261	10,649,811	9,255,033
August	10,869,647	14,257,921	10,216,700
September	12,896,865	8,764,513	10,645,933
October	13,357,653	8,893,458	10,734,268
November	12,144,249	12,147,283	10,847,417
December	14,998,225	10,703,716	8,805,016
TOTAL - Calendar Year	138,087,781	128,687,340	83,264,658

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