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## MONTHLY REPORT

## COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - DECEMBER, 1936.

COPPER - Canada produced 43,631,366 pounds of copper in December; this was a new high monthly record. In November, the previous record month, 37,031,762 pounds were produced while in December, 1935, the output was 36,541,180 pounds, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Production during the calendar year 1936 totalled 421,076,559 pounds as compared with 418,997,700 pounds produced in 1935.

Quotations for electrolytic copper, on the London market, in December averaged 11.02657 cents per pound; valued at this price the month's output in Canada was worth \$4,811,043. The November average price was 10.56256 cents per pound and the value of the Canadian production was \$3,911,502.

Refined copper production of the world was recorded at 162,983 tons in December as compared with 160,460 tons produced in the preceding month. The United States output in December amounted to 78,853 tons or 14.8 per cent above the November total of 68,682 tons. Stocks of refined copper in the United States on December 31st totalled 161,063 tons; this represented a decline of 70,347 tons from the quantity on hand at the beginning of the year. Countries other than the United States produced 84,130 tons in December as against 91,778 tons in November. A decrease of 61,683 tons was shown in the stocks held in countries other than the United States in 1936; at the end of the year 192,230 tons of refined copper were on hand while on January 1st, 1936, stocks totalled 253,913 tons. Official warehouses of the London Metal Exchange contained 50,981 tons of refined copper and 848 tons of rough copper on December 31st. On November 28th, 50,100 tons of the former and 859 tons of the latter were on hand.

Imports of electrolytic copper into Great Britain during the calendar year 1936 aggregated 182,484 tons as compared with 171,220 tons in 1935. The following countries were the sources of the 1936 importations: Canada, 59.1 per cent; Australia, 2.4 per cent; other British countries, 10.7 per cent; the United States, 17.3 per cent; Chile, 9.9 per cent, and other foreign countries, 0.6 per cent. Other unwrought copper receipts during the year amounted to 139,608 tons of which Chile supplied 43.8 per cent and Northern Rhodesia, 39.2 per cent.

Exports of refined copper (foreign and domestic metal) from the United States during 1936 declined 15.6 per cent from the 1935 total and amounted to 220,390 tons. The 1936 exportations included 40,872 tons shipped to France, 39,929 tons to Japan, 32,639 tons to Germany, 30,325 tons to Great Britain, 23,852 tons to Italy, 15,506 tons to Sweden, 14,706 tons to Belgium, and 22,561 tons to other countries.

PRODUCTION OF COPPER IN CANADA

Ionth	1936(a)	1935	1934	
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	
anuary	34,289,634	33,472,667	26,443,315	
ebruary	32,911,842	33,466,366	24,447,295	
larch	36,478,815	37,832,255	30,754,411	
pril		38,848,907	31,661,575	
ay		35,779,084	35,540,350	
une		35,623,079	27,798,929	
aly		30,966,804	29,456,597	
ugust		32,593,815	32,647,984	
eptember		33,927,147	27,551,889	
ctober		35,421,463	32,888,933	
ovember		34,524,933	34,280,777	
ecember	4 - 0 - 0 - 0	36,541,180	31,289,007	
TOTAL - Calendar Year		418,997,700	364,761,062	

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Month	Output(	a) per H	age Value Yound in lian funds	Total	Value(a)
	Pounds		ents		
January	34,289,63	4 8.	59864	2,948,	142
February	32,911,84	2 8.	79810	2,895,	617
March	36,478,81		.94027	3,261,	
April	35,491,61 35,044,33		.07900	3,237,3	
June	31,421,07		.06735	2,849,	
July	28,579,50		25237	2,644,	
August	35,388,97	2 9.	.50880	3,365,	067
September	36,155,26		73314	3,519,0	
October	34,652,37 37,031,76		90262	3,431,	
November	43,631,36		.56256 .02657	3,911,8 4,811,0	
	421,076,55		0.001	40,055,	
(a) Subject to revision.				20,000,	
EXPORTS OF COPPER FROM CANA	DA DURING	NOVEMBER er	d DECEMBE	R, 1936.	
	-	NOVE		DEC	EMBER
		Pounds	<u> </u>	Pounds	8
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc Copper, blister		,024,700	351,729	5,918,600	473,488
Copper in rods, strips, sheets, pl	26		2,529,157		2,111,361
and tubing	5	,604,900	574,606	6,435,300	654,739
IMPORTS OF COPPER INTO GREA	T BRITAIN	DURING NOVI	EMBER AND I	DECEMBER, 19	36.
		NOVI Pounds	MBER £	DEC:	EMBER £
of 94% copper content or over - ELECTROLYTIC - From - Australia Canada Other British coun Germany United States Chile	tries	896,000 23,094,400 2,495,360 112,000 5,949,440 7,963,200	477,517 51,019 2,488 121,987	1,120,000 18,567,360 2,795,520 524,160 8,205,120 450,240	23,876 403,359 59,771 11,409 175,786 9,742
Other Foreigh coun		112,000		400,240	***
TOTAL		40,622,400		31,662,400	683,943
OTHER -					
From - Union of South Afr Northern Rhodesia Other British coun Chile Other Foreign coun	tries	280,000 6,440,000 2,246,720 13,104,000	126,583 42,338 261,973	721,280 10,024,000 1,366,400 15,680,000	15,134 203,852 27,620 322,162
TOTAL		22,070,720		672,000 28,463,680	13,668
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and				1,279,712	36,690
Rods and sections, angles and shap wire not in coils -					
From - Canada		4,633,328	100,357	7,021,840	157,958
Foreign countries		14,224		18,144	
TOTAL		4,647,552	100,791	7,039,984	158,569
Wire in coils (including uninsula					
electric wire)	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	147,840	3,841	113,456	2,977
All other manufactures of copper nelsewhere specified		557,088	17,043	638,736	20,621

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NICKEL - Nickel production in Canada in December totalled 18,011,386 pounds as compared with 15,055,755 pounds in the preceding month and 15,044,762 pounds in December, 1935. Output during the calendar year 1936 aggregated 169,378,252 pounds; this represented an advance of 22.3 per cent over the production in 1935.

The Falconbridge Nickel Mines, Ltd., annual report contains the following references to operations in 1936:

"The reduction plant was in operation 332.64 days in 1936. Suspension of operations was forced through the failure of power supply when the Stinson generating station of Hydro was destroyed by fire in September. The opportunity was then taken to rush/templetion the smelter extensions that were part of our 1936 expansion program and the consequent increased smelting capacity was thus made available when power service was resumed in October.

"The production of nickel in matte was slightly higher than last year, as the increased production during the last two months made up for the loss of production from the power breakdown and from unavoidable interference with operations during the changeover to the new shaft and new ore dressing plant."

PRODUCTION OF NICKEL IN CANADA

Month	1936(a)	1935	1934 Pounds	
	Pounds	Pounds		
January	14,052,702	9,419,574	9,259,066	
ebruary	16,151,374	8,818,273	7,261,301	
larch	15,666,457	10,651,409	10,426,462	
pril	11,018,947	11,872,816	12,911,552	
ay	11,815,188	11,365,544	10,023,950	
une	14,070,491	11,701,703	13,338,307	
uly	12,569,576	10,220,876	10,649,811	
ugust	12,352,757	10,903,373	14,257,921	
eptember	15,871,633	12,936,881	8,764,513	
ctober	12,741,986	13,399,099	8,893,458	
ovember	15,055,755	12,181,930	12,147,283	
December	18,011,386	15,044,762	10,703,716	
TOTAL Calendar Year	169,378,252	138,516,240	128,687,340	

<sup>(</sup>a) Compiled from monthly reports received from operators and, therefore, subject to revision.

