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MONTHLY REPORT

COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MARCH, 1936.

COPPER - Copper production in Canada during March was recorded at 36,478,815 pounds as compared with 32,911,842 pounds in the preceding month and 37,828,906 pounds in March, 1935, according to a report just released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. The output during the first quarter of 1936 totalled 103,680,291 pounds; in the corresponding period of the previous year, 104,776,368 pounds were produced.

Electrolytic copper quotations on the London market in March averaged 8.94027 cents per pound, in Canadian funds; valued at this price the Canadian output during the month was worth \$3,261,305. The February average price was 8.7981 cents per pound and the computed value of the month's output was \$2,895,617.

The world production of refined copper in March rose to 138,934 tons from the February total of 131,556 tons. The United States produced 67,044 tons of refined copper as against 54,451 tons in February and stocks at the end of March totalled 238,601 tons or an increase of 8,309 tons during the month. Production in countries other than the United States declined 5,215 tons in March to 71,890 tons; stocks on hand on March 31st were 6,363 tons lower at 244,695 tons. Official warehouses of the London Metal Exchange contained 74,120 tons of refined copper and 8,206 tons of rough copper at the end of March as compared with 79,718 tons of the former and 8,782 tons of the latter on hand on February 29th.

The United States exported 15,744 tons of refined copper, including bonded metal, in March as against 18,456 tons in the preceding month. The March exports were consigned to the following countries: Japan, 4,509 tons; Germany, 3,132 tons; Italy, 2,866 tons; France, 1,438 tons; Great Britain, 1,093 tons; Sweden, 1,065 tons and other countries, 1,641 tons.

Great Britain imported 29,959 tons of electrolytic copper in the first quarter of 1936; Canada supplied 62.0 per cent of these imports, other British countries, 18.3 per cent; the United States, 13.7 per cent; Chile, 4.7 per cent; and other foreign countries, 1.3 per cent. Other unwrought copper imports during January, February and March amounted to 26,192 tons of which Chile supplied 40.7 per cent and Northern Rhodesia, 40.1 per cent.

PRODUCTION OF COPPER IN CANADA

Month	1936(a)	1935(a)	1934
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January	34,289,634	33,480,418	26,443,315
February	32,911,842	33,467,044	24,447,295
March	36,478,815	37,828,906	30,754,411
April		38,847,633	31,661,575
May		35,772,440	35,540,350
June		35,613,851	27,798,929
July		30,965,129	29,456,597
August		32,603,557	32,647,984
September		33,941,168	27,551,889
October		35,434,829	32,888,933
November		34,539,762	34,280,777
December		36,556,119	31,289,007
TOTAL - Calendar Year		419,051,056	364,761,062
TOTAL - Three months ending MARCH	103,680,291	104,776,368	81,645,021

(a) Subject to revision.

EXPORTS OF COPPER FROM CANADA DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1936.

	FEBRUARY		MARCH	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc.	4,338,800	260,529	2,869,100	172,151
Copper, blister .....	...	...	...	...
Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets	27,329,900	2,262,462	28,781,100	2,370,039
Copper in rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing	1,283,100	123,602	3,656,700	349,385

IMPORTS OF COPPER INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1936.

	FEBRUARY		MARCH	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Unwrought copper, including rough copper of 94% copper content or over - ELECTROLYTIC -				
From - Canada	13,377,280	235,013	16,752,960	299,120
Other British countries	1,512,000	26,413	4,303,040	77,867
Germany .....	...	...	539,840	9,800
United States	2,329,600	40,462	3,752,000	65,793
Chile .....	...	...	1,120,000	20,004
TOTAL	17,218,880	301,886	26,467,840	472,584
OTHER -				
From - Union of South Africa	1,471,680	25,768	1,008,000	17,493
Northern Rhodesia	8,294,720	132,352	7,387,520	119,685
Other British countries	2,576,000	40,566	2,242,240	36,508
Chile	7,611,520	122,004	7,056,000	115,943
Other Foreign countries	224,000	3,694	26,880	440
TOTAL	20,177,920	324,384	17,720,640	290,069
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and strip ...	1,439,200	31,149	1,084,832	24,152
Rods and sections, angles and shapes and wire not in coils -				
From - Canada	930,272	17,474	2,581,152	49,325
Foreign countries	7,392	268	25,312	682
TOTAL	937,664	17,742	2,606,464	50,007
Wire in coils (including uninsulated electric wire)	179,760	4,213	129,920	3,105
All other manufactures of copper not else- where specified	447,888	13,972	631,120	18,085

NICKEL - The Canadian production of nickel in March maintained the high monthly level set up during the past year. Output during the month amounted to 15,666,457 pounds as compared with 16,151,374 pounds in February and 10,618,462 pounds in March, 1935. During the first quarter of the current year 45,870,533 pounds of nickel were produced in Canada; in the corresponding period of 1935 the output totalled 28,799,895 pounds.

PRODUCTION OF NICKEL IN CANADA

Month	1936(a)	1935(a)	1934
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January	14,052,702	9,390,437	9,259,066
February	16,151,374	8,790,996	7,261,301
March	15,666,457	10,618,462	10,426,462
April		11,836,091	12,911,552
May		11,330,388	10,023,950
June		11,665,507	13,388,307
July		10,189,261	10,649,811
August		10,869,647	14,257,921
September		12,896,865	8,764,513
October		13,357,653	8,893,458
November		12,144,249	12,147,283
December		14,998,225	10,703,716
TOTAL - Calendar Year		138,087,781	128,687,340
TOTAL - Three months ending MARCH	45,870,533	28,799,895	26,946,829

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