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MONTHLY REPORT

COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - APRIL, 1936.

COPPER - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that the Canadian production of copper in April amounted to 35,491,618 pounds. In March, 36,478,815 pounds were produced while in April, a year ago, the output was 38,847,833 pounds. During the four months ending April, 139,171,909 pounds were produced as against 143,624,201 pounds in the corresponding period of 1935.

There has been a steady advance in the average price of copper during the past four months; in January the average was 8.59864 cents per pound while the April quotations averaged 9.12098 cents per pound. Computed at the average price for the month, the April production in Canada was worth \$3,237,183 as against the March computed valuation of \$3,261,305.

The refined copper production of the world declined to 130,065 tons in April from the March total of 138,934 tons. Production in the United States decreased 8,243 tons during the month to 58,801 tons and stocks were down 4,777 tons to 233,824 tons at the end of the month. In countries other than the United States the output declined 626 tons to 71,264 tons and stocks were 6,310 tons lower at 238,385 tons. The London Metal Exchange official warehouses contained 68,811 tons of refined copper and 6,571 tons of rough copper on May 2nd as against 74,120 tons of the former and 8,206 tons of the latter on hand on March 31st.

Exports of refined copper from the United States during April were slightly below the tonnage exported in March and amounted to 15,408 tons. The April exportations were consigned to the following countries: Japan, 3,592 tons; Germany, 2,926 tons; Great Britain, 1,927 tons; Sweden, 1,474 tons; France, 1,464 tons; Italy, 1,410 tons, and other countries, 2,615 tons.

Imports of electrolytic copper into Great Britain during the first four months of 1936 totalled 53,318 tons, of which Canada supplied 60.5 per cent; Australia, 1.1 per cent; other British countries, 13.0 per cent; Chile, 13.6 per cent; the United States, 11.0 per cent; Germany, 0.5 per cent, and other foreign countries, 0.3 per cent. Other unwrought copper imports during the four months ending April were recorded at 41,264 tons; Northern Rhodesia contributed 43.9 per cent to this total and Chile, 39.3 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	35,491,618	38,847,833	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 - Four Months ending APRIL	139,171,909	143,624,201	113,306,596

(a) Subject to revision.

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

	MARCH		APRIL	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc.	2,869,100	172,151	1,274,100	76,445
Copper, blister .....	...	...	...	...
Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets	28,781,100	2,370,039	26,183,400	2,255,085
Copper in rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing	3,656,700	349,385	1,804,300	172,990

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

	MARCH		APRIL	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Unwrought copper, including rough copper of 94% copper content or over -				
ELECTROLYTIC -				
From - Canada	16,752,960	299,120	22,856,960	411,727
Other British countries.	4,303,040	77,867	2,764,160	51,369
Germany	539,840	9,800	...	...
United States	3,752,000	65,793	2,587,200	48,431
Chile	1,120,000	20,004	11,318,720	210,094
TOTAL	26,467,840	472,584	39,527,040	721,641
OTHER -				
From - Union of South Africa ..	1,008,000	17,493	248,640	4,335
Northern Rhodesia	7,387,520	119,685	12,768,000	210,261
Other British countries.	2,242,240	36,508	2,242,240	36,802
Germany .....	...	...	...	10
Chile	7,056,000	115,943	8,512,000	143,813
Other Foreign countries.	26,880	440	89,600	1,475
TOTAL	17,720,640	290,069	23,860,480	396,696
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and strip ..	1,084,832	24,152	657,552	16,884
Rods and sections, angles and shapes and wire not in coils -				
From - Canada	2,581,152	49,325	1,514,688	28,989
Foreign countries	25,312	682	26,992	797
TOTAL	2,606,464	50,007	1,541,680	29,786
Wire in coils (including uninsulated electric wire)	129,920	3,105	155,232	3,618
All other manufactures of copper not elsewhere specified	631,120	18,085	491,232	14,652

NICKEL - Nickel production in Canada during April amounted to 11,018,947 pounds; in March, 15,666,457 pounds were produced while in April, a year ago, 11,836,091 pounds were produced. Output during the four months ending April totalled 56,889,480 pounds as compared with 40,635,986 pounds produced in the corresponding period of 1935.

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	11,018,947	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 - Four Months ending APRIL	56,889,480	40,635,986	39,858,381

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