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MONTHLY REPORT

COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MAY, 1936.

COPPER - Copper production in Canada during May totalled 35,044,332 pounds as compared with 35,491,618 pounds in April and 35,772,440 pounds in May, 1935, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Output during the five months ending May, 1936 amounted to 174,216,241 pounds; in the corresponding period, a year ago, 179,396,641 pounds were produced.

Copper quotations on the London market in May averaged 9.079 cents per pound, in Canadian funds; valued at this price the Canadian output during the month was worth \$3,181,675. In April, copper averaged 9.12098 cents per pound and the value of the month's production was computed at \$3,237,183.

The world production of refined copper in May was recorded at 131,560 tons as against 130,065 tons in April. Output in the United States rose 573 tons to 59,374 tons in May; stocks, on the other hand, declined 3,622 tons during the month to 230,202 tons. Production in countries other than the United States was 922 tons higher in May at 72,186 tons; stocks, however, decreased 2,455 tons to 235,930 tons. Official warehouses of the London Metal Exchange contained 65,472 tons of refined copper and 6,291 tons of rough copper on May 31st; at the beginning of the month 69,378 tons of the former and 6,879 tons of the latter were on hand.

The United States exported 18,070 tons of refined copper in May as compared with 15,408 tons exported in the preceding month. The May exports were shipped to the following countries: Italy, 3,923 tons; France, 3,412 tons; Japan, 3,033 tons; Great Britain, 2,938 tons; Germany, 1,497 tons and other countries, 3,267 tons.

Great Britain imported 64,558 tons of electrolytic copper during the five months ending May, 1936; 61.6 per cent of this tonnage was supplied by Canada; 13.5 per cent by other British countries, 12.9 per cent by the United States, 11.3 per cent by Chile and 0.7 per cent by other foreign countries. Imports of other unwrought copper totalled 52,819 tons, of which Northern Rhodesia supplied 43.7 per cent and Chile 41.1 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 .....	35,491,618	38,847,833	31,661,575
May .....	35,044,332	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 - Five Months ending MAY .....	174,216,241	179,396,641	148,846,946

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

	APRIL		MAY	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc. ....	1,274,100	76,445	5,377,800	322,036
Copper, blister .....	...	...	...	...
Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets .....	26,183,400	2,255,085	32,158,900	2,775,388
Copper in rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing .....	1,804,300	172,990	4,382,300	418,593

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

	APRIL		MAY	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Unwrought copper, including rough copper of 94% copper content or over -				
ELECTROLYTIC -				
From - Australia .....	-	-	560,000	10,250
Canada .....	22,856,960	411,727	15,014,720	274,549
Other British countries.	2,764,160	51,389	1,870,400	34,321
Germany .....	...	...	...	...
United States .....	2,587,200	48,431	4,860,800	89,407
Chile .....	11,318,720	210,094	114,240	2,142
Other Foreign countries.	...	...	60,480	1,109
TOTAL .....	39,527,040	721,641	22,480,640	411,778
OTHER -				
From - Union of South Africa ..	248,640	4,335	248,640	4,430
Northern Rhodesia .....	12,768,000	210,261	10,142,720	168,278
Other British countries.	2,242,240	36,802	1,570,240	26,063
Germany .....	...	10	...	...
Chile .....	8,512,000	143,813	10,976,000	179,600
Other Foreign countries.	89,600	1,475	313,600	5,600
TOTAL .....	23,860,480	396,696	23,251,200	383,971
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and strip.	657,552	16,884	755,328	18,236
Rods and sections, angles and shapes and wire not in coils -				
From - Canada .....	1,514,688	28,989	2,930,592	56,848
Foreign countries .....	26,992	797	5,824	210
TOTAL .....	1,541,680	29,786	2,936,416	57,058
Wire in coils (including uninsulated electric wire) .....	155,232	3,618	235,872	5,713
All other manufactures of copper not elsewhere specified .....	491,232	14,652	389,984	12,319





NICKEL - The Canadian production of nickel in May amounted to 11,815,188 pounds as compared with 11,018,947 pounds in April and 11,330,388 pounds in May, 1935. Output during the first five months of 1936 totalled 68,704,668 pounds or 32.2 per cent above the production 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 .....	11,815,188	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 - Five Months ending MAY.	68,704,668	51,966,374	49,882,331

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