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MONTHLY REPORT

COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - JANUARY, 1937.

COPPER - The Canadian production of copper during January was recorded at 37,282,247 pounds as compared with 43,631,366 pounds in December and 34,289,634 pounds in January, 1936, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

The average price of electrolytic copper on the London market, in Canadian funds, in January was 12.33695 cents per pound; valued at this price the Canadian output during the month was worth \$4,599,492. In December, copper averaged 11.02657 cents per pound and the month's output in Canada was worth \$4,811,043.

The world production of refined copper in January was recorded at 166,367 tons as against 162,983 tons produced in December. Production in the United States declined 10,756 tons to 68,097 tons in January; stocks recorded a drop of 18,694 tons to 142,374 tons on January 31st. Countries other than the United States produced 98,270 tons in January or 16.8 per cent above the December total; stocks rose slightly during the month to 193,723 tons. Official warehouses of the London Metal Exchange contained 46,860 tons of refined copper and 1,128 tons of rough copper on January 30th. On December 31st, these warehouses contained 50,981 tons of the former and 848 tons of the latter.

Great Britain imported 11,479 tons of electrolytic copper in January. These imports consisted of 7,110 tons from Canada, 1,680 tons from other British countries, 1,962 tons from the United States and 727 tons from other foreign countries. Other unwrought importations totalled 13,189 tons, of which Chile supplied 50.3 per cent and Northern Rhodesia, 40.4 per cent.

PRODUCTION OF COPPER IN CANADA

Month	1937(a)	1936(a)	1935
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January	37,282,247	34,289,634	33,472,667
February		32,911,847	33,466,366
March		36,478,815	37,832,255
April		35,491,618	38,848,907
May		35,044,332	35,779,084
June		31,421,070	35,623,079
July		28,579,506	30,966,804
August		35,388,972	32,593,815
September		36,155,266	33,927,147
October		34,652,376	35,421,463
November		37,031,762	34,524,933
December		43,631,366	36,541,180
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		421,076,559	418,997,700

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

EXPORTS OF COPPER FROM CANADA DURING DECEMBER, 1936, and JANUARY, 1937.

	DECEMBER		JANUARY	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc.	5,918,600	473,488	3,584,700	286,780
Copper, blister .....	...	...	...	...
Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets	21,271,600	2,111,361	21,648,800	2,239,620
Copper in rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing	6,435,300	654,739	1,945,200	229,166

IMPORTS OF COPPER INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING DECEMBER, 1936 and JANUARY, 1937.

	DECEMBER		JANUARY	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Unwrought copper, including rough copper of 94% copper content or over - ELECTROLYTIC -				
From - Northern Rhodesia .....	...	...	2,685,760	58,591
Southern Rhodesia .....	...	...	674,240	14,651
Australia	1,120,000	23,876	...	...
Canada	18,567,360	403,359	14,219,520	327,774
Other British countries	2,795,520	59,771	...	...
Germany	524,160	11,409	...	...
United States	8,205,120	175,786	3,924,480	92,336
Chile	450,240	9,742	896,000	21,143
Other Foreign countries .....	...	...	557,760	10,430
TOTAL	31,662,400	683,943	22,957,760	524,927
OTHER -				
From - Union of South Africa	721,280	15,134	560,000	12,700
Northern Rhodesia	10,024,000	203,852	10,646,720	251,009
Southern Rhodesia .....	...	...	1,572,480	32,020
Other British countries	1,366,400	27,620	...	7
Chile	15,680,000	322,162	13,274,240	303,045
Other Foreign countries	672,000	13,668	324,800	6,482
TOTAL	28,463,680	582,436	26,378,240	605,263
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and strip ..	1,279,712	36,690	901,488	24,386
Rods and sections, angles and shapes and wire not in coils -				
From - Canada	7,021,840	157,958	1,369,088	30,519
Foreign countries	18,144	611	19,712	674
TOTAL	7,039,984	158,569	1,388,800	31,193
Wire in coils, (including uninsulated electric wire)	113,456	2,977	112	24
All other manufactures of copper not elsewhere specified	638,736	20,621	703,360	22,290

NICKEL - The Canadian production of nickel during January amounted to 16,173,486 pounds; in December, 18,011,386 pounds were produced while in January, 1936, the output totalled 14,052,702 pounds.

PRODUCTION OF NICKEL IN CANADA

Month	1937(a)	1936(a)	1935
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January	16,173,486	14,052,702	9,419,574
February		16,151,374	8,818,273
March		15,666,457	10,651,409
April		11,018,947	11,872,816
May		11,815,188	11,365,544
June		14,070,491	11,701,703
July		12,569,576	10,220,876
August		12,352,757	10,903,373
September		15,871,633	12,936,881
October		12,741,986	13,399,099
November		15,055,755	12,181,930
December		18,011,386	15,044,762
TOTAL - Calendar Year		169,378,252	138,516,240

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