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MONTHLY REPORT

COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - FEBRUARY, 1937.

COPPER - Copper production in Canada during February advanced to 38,425,569 pounds from the preceding month's total of 37,282,247 pounds according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the two months ending February, Canada produced 75,707,816 pounds of copper as against 67,201,476 pounds in the corresponding period of 1936.

Quotations for electrolytic copper on the London market in February averaged 13.990375 cents per pound, in Canadian funds; based on this price the Canadian output during the month was worth \$5,375,881. During January, the average price was 12.33695 cents per pound and the value of the month's production was \$4,599,492.

The refined copper production of the world in February amounted to 172,913 tons as compared with 166,367 tons in January and 162,983 tons in December, 1936. The United States output during the month rose to 71,233 tons from the January total of 68,097 tons; despite this increase in production stocks declined 6,253 tons during February to 136,121 tons. Output in countries other than the United States totalled 101,680 tons and stocks in these countries, at the end of February, were 1,675 tons lower at 192,048 tons. Refined copper on hand in the official warehouses of the London Metal Exchange amounted to 39,125 tons on February 27; rough copper stocks on the same day totalled 680 tons.

Imports of electrolytic copper into Great Britain during the first two months of 1937 aggregated 23,830 tons and consisted of 61.5 per cent from Canada, 12.7 per cent from other British countries, 20.1 per cent from the United States and 5.7 per cent from other foreign countries. Other unwrought copper importations into Great Britain totalled 24,614 tons and included 64.0 per cent from Chile and 26.6 per cent from Northern Rhodesia.

The United States exported 24,137 tons of refined copper during February as against 18,681 tons exported in the preceding month. The February exports were consigned to the following countries: France, 5,348 tons; Great Britain, 4,001 tons; Japan, 3,775 tons; Italy, 3,630 tons; Germany, 2,297 tons; Sweden, 1,852 tons; Belgium, 1,440 tons and other countries, 1,794 tons.

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	38,425,569	32,911,842	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
TOTAL - TWO MONTHS ending FEBRUARY.	75,707,816	67,201,476	66,939,033

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EXPORTS OF COPPER FROM CANADA DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1937.

	JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc.	3,584,700	226,780	4,764,200	428,504
Copper, blister .....	...	...	...	...
Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets	21,648,800	2,239,620	18,430,000	2,062,556
Copper in rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing	1,945,200	229,166	2,521,200	305,679

IMPORTS OF COPPER INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1937.

	JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Unwrought copper, including rough copper of 94% copper content or over - ELECTROLYTIC -				
From - Northern Rhodesia	2,685,760	58,591	2,692,480	63,540
Southern Rhodesia	674,240	14,651	...	...
Canada	14,219,520	327,774	15,068,480	375,785
United States	3,924,480	92,338	5,656,000	142,571
Chile	896,000	21,143	728,000	18,146
Other Foreign countries	557,760	10,430	557,760	10,820
TOTAL	22,957,760	524,927	24,702,720	610,862
OTHER -				
From - Union of South Africa	560,000	12,700	...	...
Northern Rhodesia	10,646,720	251,009	2,464,000	63,618
Southern Rhodesia	1,572,480	32,020	1,794,240	42,116
Other British countries .....	...	7	...	...
Chile	13,274,240	303,045	18,233,600	488,306
Other Foreign countries	324,800	6,482	358,400	9,378
TOTAL	26,378,240	605,263	22,850,240	603,418
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and strip .	901,488	24,388	175,728	6,067
Rods and sections, angles and shapes and wire not in coils -				
From - Canada	1,369,088	30,519	1,963,360	46,802
Foreign countries	19,712	674	3,472	275
TOTAL	1,388,800	31,193	1,966,832	47,077
Wire in coils (including uninsulated electric wire)	112	24	2,240	101
All other manufactures of copper not elsewhere specified	703,360	22,290	610,960	20,514

NICKEL - Nickel production in Canada during February was recorded at 17,330,201 pounds as compared with 16,173,486 pounds produced in January and 16,151,374 pounds in February, 1936. During the first two months of 1937, Canada produced 33,503,687 pounds of nickel; in the corresponding period, a year ago, 30,204,076 pounds were produced.

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	17,330,201	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	138,518,240
TOTAL - TWO MONTHS ENDING FEBRUARY	33,503,687	30,204,076	18,237,847

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