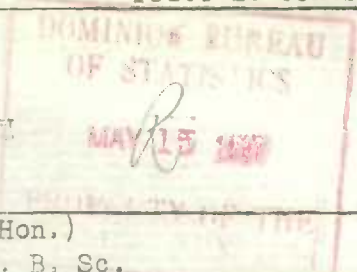


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MONTHLY REPORT

COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MARCH, 1937.

COPPER - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that Canada produced 41,796,786 pounds of copper in March as compared with 38,425,569 pounds in the preceding month and 36,478,815 pounds in March, 1936. Output during the first quarter of the current year totalled 117,504,602 pounds; this represented an advance of 13.3 per cent over the production in the corresponding period of 1936.

Electrolytic copper quotations on the London market, in March, averaged 16.60334 cents per pound in Canadian funds; valued at this price, the Canadian production during the month was worth \$6,939,662. The February average price was 13.990375 cents per pound and the value of the month's output was \$5,375,881.

The world production of refined copper in March advanced to 191,006 tons from the preceding month's total of 172,913 tons. A 17.5 per cent increase was recorded in the United States production; the March output was 83,676 tons and the February total, 71,233 tons. Stocks in the United States declined 14,673 tons during the month to 121,448 tons. Countries other than the United States produced 107,330 tons in March; this represented an increase of 5,650 tons over the February total. Stocks in these countries on March 31st amounted to 186,983 tons or 5,065 tons lower than the quantity on hand at the beginning of the month. The official warehouses of the London Metal Exchange contained 28,138 tons of electrolytic copper and 792 tons of rough copper on March 31st as compared with 39,125 tons of the former and 680 tons of the latter on hand on February 27th.

Electrolytic copper importations into Great Britain during the first quarter of 1937 totalled 41,824 tons, made up of 21,791 tons from Canada, 7,671 tons from Northern Rhodesia, 393 tons from other British countries, 8,609 tons from the United States and 3,360 tons from other foreign countries. Imports of other unwrought copper into Great Britain during January, February and March amounted to 35,101 tons and included 21,440 tons from Chile and 9,406 tons from Northern Rhodesia.

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	41,796,786	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 - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH	117,504,602	103,680,291	104,771,288

(a) Subject to revision.

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

	FEBRUARY		MARCH	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc.	4,764,200	428,504	7,586,300	834,462
Copper, blister .....	...	...	...	...
Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets	18,430,000	2,062,556	29,405,600	3,902,001
Copper in rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing	2,521,200	305,679	3,592,800	463,869

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

	FEBRUARY		MARCH	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Unwrought copper, including rough copper of 94% copper content or over - ELECTROLYTIC -				
From - Northern Rhodesia	2,692,480	63,540	9,741,760	291,122
Canada	15,068,480	375,785	14,336,000	414,014
Other British countries .....	...	...	112,000	2,637
United States	5,656,000	142,571	7,638,400	236,433
Chile	728,000	18,146	1,010,240	27,930
Other Foreign countries	557,760	10,820	3,192,000	109,420
TOTAL	24,702,720	610,862	36,030,400	1,081,606
OTHER -				
From - Union of South Africa .....	...	...	750,400	20,643
Northern Rhodesia	2,464,000	63,618	5,712,000	157,559
Southern Rhodesia	1,794,240	42,116	2,694,720	78,130
Other British countries .....	...	...	168,000	3,496
Chile	18,233,600	488,306	11,372,480	372,670
Other Foreign countries	358,400	9,378	268,800	8,461
TOTAL	22,850,240	603,418	20,966,400	640,959
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and strip Rods and sections, angles and shapes and wire not in coils -	175,728	6,067	471,744	14,476
From - Canada	1,963,360	46,802	2,291,296	58,562
Foreign countries	3,472	275	6,608	469
TOTAL	1,966,832	47,077	2,297,904	59,031
Wire in coils (including uninsulated electric wire)	2,240	101	246,624	8,168
All other manufactures of copper not elsewhere specified	610,960	20,514	687,792	25,008

NICKEL - The Canadian production of nickel in March advanced to a new high monthly record of 18,193,641 pounds from the preceding month's total of 17,330,201 pounds. In March, 1936, Canada produced 15,666,457 pounds. Production during the first quarter of the current year aggregated 51,697,328 pounds or 12.7 per cent above the output in the corresponding period of 1936.

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	18,193,641	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
TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH	51,697,328	45,870,533	28,889,256

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