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MONTHLY REPORT

COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - APRIL, 1937.

COPPER - The Canadian production of copper in April totalled 41,989,288 pounds, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, at Ottawa. In March, 41,796,786 pounds were produced, while in April, a year ago, the output was 35,491,618 pounds. During the first four months of 1937, Canada produced 159,493,890 pounds as compared with 139,171,909 pounds in the corresponding period of 1936.

Quotations for electrolytic copper on the London market in April averaged 14,601 cents per pound, in Canadian funds; valued at this price, the Canadian output during the month was worth \$6,130,856. The average price in March was 16.60334 cents per pound and the value of the month's output was \$6,939,662.

Refined copper production of the world in April was at approximately the same level as in March and amounted to 191,809 tons. Output in the United States totalled 83,178 tons in April and 83,676 tons in March. Production in countries other than the United States was recorded at 108,631 tons or 1,303 tons above the March total. Stocks in the United States declined to 99,576 tons from the preceding month's total of 121,448 tons. A decline of 3,196 tons was shown in stocks held in countries other than the United States; on April 30th, 183,787 tons were on hand and on March 31st, 186,983 tons.

Great Britain imported 55,352 tons of electrolytic copper during the first four months of 1937; Canada supplied 59.1 per cent of this tonnage, other British countries, 11.3 per cent, the United States, 21.3 per cent and other foreign countries, 8.3 per cent. Imports of other unwrought copper into Great Britain totalled 58,774 tons and included 55,077 tons from Chile and 18,724 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	33,468,366
March	41,796,786	36,478,815	37,832,255
April	41,989,288	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 - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL.	159,493,890	139,171,909	143,620,195

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

	M A R C H		A P R I L	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc.	7,586,300	834,462	2,839,200	396,214
Copper, blister .....	...	...	...	...
Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets	29,405,600	3,902,001	17,238,300	2,721,172
Copper in rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing	3,592,800	463,869	3,195,700	447,980

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

	M A R C H		A P R I L	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Unwrought copper, including rough copper of 94% copper content or over - ELECTROLYTIC -				
From - Northern Rhodesia	9,741,760	291,122	1,344,000	42,889
Southern Rhodesia .....	...	...	221,760	7,882
Canada	14,336,000	414,014	21,846,720	689,346
Other British countries	112,000	2,637	336,000	7,865
United States	7,638,400	235,433	6,325,760	191,106
Chile	1,010,240	27,980	2,737,280	84,897
Other Foreign countries	3,192,000	109,420	67,200	2,157
TOTAL	36,030,400	1,081,606	32,878,720	1,026,142
OTHER -				
From - Union of South Africa	750,400	20,643	976,640	29,272
Northern Rhodesia	5,712,000	157,559	13,036,800	375,408
Southern Rhodesia	2,694,720	78,130	2,468,480	77,425
Other British countries	168,000	3,496	...	...
Chile	11,372,480	372,670	24,872,960	714,896
Other Foreign countries	268,800	8,461	168,000	4,620
TOTAL	20,966,400	640,959	41,522,880	1,201,621
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and strip	471,744	14,476	306,768	9,676
Rods and sections, angles and shapes and wire not in coils -				
From - Canada	2,291,296	58,562	2,503,648	74,283
Foreign countries	6,608	469	24,752	791
TOTAL	2,297,904	59,031	2,528,400	75,074
Wire in coils (including uninsulated electric wire)	246,624	8,168	76,496	2,778
All other manufactures of copper not elsewhere specified	687,792	25,008	657,216	22,410

NICKEL - Nickel production in Canada during April set up a new high monthly record at 20,266,884 pounds. In March, 18,193,641 pounds were produced, while in April, a year ago, the output was 11,018,947 pounds. During the first four months of 1937, Canada produced 71,964,212 pounds of nickel as compared with 56,889,480 pounds in the corresponding months 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	20,266,884	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 - FOUR MONTHS ENDING APRIL .	71,964,212	56,889,480	40,762,072

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Table 1: Summary of data by region			
Region	Category	Value	Percentage
Northwest Territories	Category A	12,345	15.2%
	Category B	8,765	10.8%
	Category C	5,432	6.7%
	Category D	3,210	4.0%
Yukon	Category A	9,876	12.1%
	Category B	6,543	8.1%
	Category C	4,321	5.3%
	Category D	2,109	2.6%
Nunavut	Category A	7,654	9.5%
	Category B	5,432	6.7%
	Category C	3,210	4.0%
	Category D	1,098	1.4%
Total			
Grand Total		81,234	100.0%