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MONTHLY REPORT

COPPER and NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - JANUARY, 1938.

COPPER - The Canadian output of copper in January set up a new high monthly record at 52,454,135 pounds, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During December, 49,240,080 pounds were produced while in January, 1937, the output totalled 37,282,247 pounds. Blister copper production in January, 1938, amounted to 43,463,442 pounds.

Copper quotations on the London market in January averaged 10.151 cents per pound, in Canadian funds; based on this price the Canadian output during the month was worth \$5,314,128. The average price in December was 9.793 cents per pound and the value of the month's output was \$4,822,081.

The world output of refined copper in January was recorded at 174,302 tons; in December, 179,872 tons were produced. A 16.6 per cent increase was shown in the United States production in January when 70,437 tons were produced; deliveries to customers amounted to 24,881 tons and exports of domestic copper totalled 5,824 tons. Stocks in the United States increased 39,782 tons to 299,133 tons. Output in countries other than the United States declined 13.1 per cent to 103,815 tons and stocks were 5,008 tons lower at 206,836 tons.

PRODUCTION OF COPPER IN CANADA

Month	1938(a)	1937(a)	1936
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January	52,454,135	37,282,247	34,303,820
February		38,425,569	32,917,202
March		41,796,786	36,493,444
April		41,989,288	35,500,956
May		41,561,784	35,168,740
June		42,549,292	31,119,359
July		41,710,830	28,693,176
August		44,583,629	35,438,299
September		48,045,881	36,132,454
October		51,853,071	34,644,493
November		50,735,281	37,007,475
December		49,240,080	43,608,309
CALENDAR YEAR		529,773,738	421,027,732

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EXPORTS OF COPPER FROM CANADA DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1937, and JANUARY, 1938.

	DECEMBER, 1937		JANUARY, 1938	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc.	5,514,700	386,030	9,201,900	644,137
Copper, blister	5,728,300	639,198	3,773,700	415,203
Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets	18,258,400	1,999,646	22,707,200	2,336,177
Copper in rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing	5,734,700	756,312	4,173,500	487,874

IMPORTS OF COPPER INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 1937, and JANUARY, 1938.

	DECEMBER, 1937		JANUARY, 1938	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Unwrought copper, including rough copper of 94% copper content or over -				
ELECTROLYTIC -				
From - Northern Rhodesia	3,279,360	66,686	3,375,680	71,290
Canada	20,426,560	430,394	19,454,400	402,685
United States	3,808,000	97,033	5,225,920	107,774
Chile	4,034,240	76,729	2,692,480	54,115
Other Foreign countries	8,960	228
TOTAL	31,548,160	670,842	30,757,440	636,092
OTHER -				
From - Union of South Africa	398,720	7,612	1,673,280	31,919
Northern Rhodesia	17,174,080	310,787	12,566,400	232,240
Other British countries	396,000	18,675
Chile	10,810,240	210,652	13,328,000	245,155
Other Foreign countries	2,858,240	53,058	1,646,400	30,454
TOTAL	31,241,280	582,109	30,110,080	558,443
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and strip .	659,344	21,108	582,960	20,159
Rods and sections, angles and shapes and wire not in coils -				
From - Canada	5,604,592	129,192	2,822,064	63,945
Foreign countries	7,280	270	2,464	150
TOTAL	5,611,872	129,462	2,824,528	64,095
Wire in coils (including uninsulated electric wire)	193,760	5,199	165,088	4,061
All other manufactures of copper not elsewhere specified	603,904	26,311	438,256	17,295

NICKEL - Nickel production in Canada during January amounted to 20,270,680 pounds; in the preceding month, 19,695,880 pounds were produced while in January, 1937, the output was 16,173,486 pounds.

PRODUCTION OF NICKEL IN CANADA

Month	1938(a)	1937(a)	1936
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January	20,270,680	16,173,486	14,082,665
February		17,330,201	16,185,811
March		18,193,641	15,699,860
April		20,266,834	11,042,441
May		18,462,389	11,340,380
June		20,959,736	14,100,492
July		15,792,349	12,596,376
August		20,662,233	12,379,095
September		19,022,019	15,905,474
October		18,491,589	12,769,154
November		19,733,115	15,037,856
December		19,695,880	18,049,789
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		224,783,522	169,739,393

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