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MONTHLY REPORT

COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - FEBRUARY, 1938.

COPPER - Canadian producers reported an output of 46,835,955 pounds of copper in February compared with 52,454,135 pounds in the preceding month and 38,425,569 pounds in February, 1937, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Elster copper production in February amounted to 38,795,413 pounds; in January, 43,463,442 pounds were produced.

The average price of copper on the London market in February was 9.756 cents per pound, in Canadian funds; valued at this price the Canadian output during the month was worth \$4,569,316. In January the average price was 10.131 cents per pound and the value of the month's output was \$5,314,128.

Refined copper production of the world declined to 161,350 tons from the January total of 174,302 tons; stocks, on the other hand, increased 23,384 tons during the month to 529,853 tons. Output in the United States totalled 59,393 tons or 11,094 tons below the January production, but deliveries and exports of domestic copper amounted to 32,282 tons with the result that stocks at the end of February were 27,111 tons higher at 326,244 tons. In countries other than the United States production decreased 1,858 tons in February to 101,957 tons and on February 28th stocks were 3,227 tons lower at 203,609 tons.

Exports of refined copper from the United States (chiefly foreign metal refined in bond) in February advanced to 23,730 tons from the January total of 21,171 tons. The principal importers of this copper in February were as follows - Japan, 6,738 tons; Italy, 2,762 tons; Czechoslovakia, 2,723 tons; Germany, 2,167 tons; France, 1,541 tons; Great Britain, 1,536 tons; Sweden, 1,511 tons, and China and Hong Kong, 1,131 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	46,835,955	38,425,569	32,917,202
March		41,796,786	36,493,444
April		41,989,238	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	34,644,498
November		50,735,281	37,007,475
December		49,240,080	43,608,309
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		529,773,738	421,027,732
TOTAL - TWO MONTHS ending FEBRUARY	99,290,090	75,707,816	67,221,022

(a) Subject to revision.

EXPORTS OF COPPER FROM CANADA DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1938.

	JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc.	9,201,900	644,137	9,079,700	635,631
Copper, blister	3,773,700	415,203	2,107,400	219,942
Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets	22,707,200	2,336,177	19,731,000	2,001,168
Copper in rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing	4,173,500	487,874	1,854,600	205,021

IMPORTS OF COPPER INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, 1938.

	JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Unwrought copper, including rough copper of 94% copper content or over - ELECTROLYTIC -				
From - Northern Rhodesia	3,375,680	71,290	3,534,000	73,156
Canada	19,454,400	402,685	11,483,060	239,335
Other British countries	563,720	12,635
United States	5,225,920	107,774	3,752,000	76,029
Chile	2,692,480	54,115	4,312,000	81,375
Other Foreign countries	8,960	228	2,240	28
TOTAL	30,757,440	636,092	23,705,920	482,608
OTHER -				
From - Union of South Africa	1,673,280	31,919	1,404,480	29,636
Northern Rhodesia	12,566,400	232,240	10,265,920	173,243
Other British countries	896,000	18,675
Chile	13,328,000	245,155	9,464,000	172,253
Other Foreign countries	1,648,400	30,454	112,000	2,315
TOTAL	50,110,080	558,443	21,246,400	377,447
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and strip ..	582,960	20,159	379,344	10,989
Rods and sections, angles and shapes and wire not in coils -				
From - Canada	2,822,064	63,945	987,504	21,627
Foreign countries	2,404	150	25,872	1,208
TOTAL	2,824,528	64,095	1,013,376	22,835
Wire in coils (including uninsulated electric wire)	165,088	4,061	284,253	6,724
All other manufactures of copper not else- where specified	438,256	17,295	505,680	19,077

NICKEL - The Canadian production of nickel in February totalled 13,008,523 pounds; in January, 20,270,680 pounds were produced while in February, a year ago, the output was 17,330,201 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	13,008,523	17,330,201	16,185,811
March		18,193,641	15,699,860
April		20,266,834	11,042,441
May		18,462,589	11,840,330
June		20,959,736	14,100,492
July		15,792,349	12,596,376
August		20,662,235	12,379,095
September		19,022,019	15,905,474
October		18,491,589	12,769,154
November		19,735,115	15,087,856
December		19,695,880	18,049,789
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		224,783,522	169,739,393
TOTAL - TWO MONTHS ending FEBRUARY .	36,279,203	33,503,637	30,268,476

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