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MONTHLY REPORT

COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - APRIL, 1938.

COPPER - Canadian producers reported an output of 47,750,255 pounds of copper in April, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In March, 48,089,283 pounds were produced while in April, 1937, the output was 41,989,288 pounds. Production during the first four months of 1938 totalled 195,129,628 pounds; a year ago, 159,493,890 pounds were produced. Blister copper output was recorded at 39,175,258 pounds compared with 41,956,487 pounds/a year ago.

On the London market, copper quotations averaged 9.701 cents per pound in Canadian funds; valued at this price the month's output in Canada was worth \$4,632,252. In March the average price of copper was 9.725 cents per pound and the value of the month's production was \$4,674,226.

Refined copper production of the world was estimated at 162,588 tons in April as against 169,821 tons in the preceding month. Output in the United States declined 5,368 tons in April to 55,749 tons; deliveries to customers and exports of domestic copper amounted to 42,871 tons, therefore, stocks increased 12,878 tons during the month to 355,663 tons. Production in countries other than the United States declined 1.7 per cent to 106,839 tons and stocks at the end of the month were 11,551 tons lower at 185,916 tons.

Exports of refined copper from the United States (foreign and domestic copper) in April rose to 39,366 tons from the March total of 25,094 tons. The April exports were consigned to the following countries: Japan, 16,251 tons; Great Britain, 7,429 tons; Czechoslovakia, 5,023 tons; Germany, 2,501 tons; France, 2,194 tons, and other countries, 5,968 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	48,089,283	41,796,786	36,493,444
April	47,750,255	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	34,644,498
November		50,735,281	37,007,475
December		49,240,080	43,608,309
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		529,773,738	421,027,732
TOTAL - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL .	195,129,628	159,493,890	139,215,422

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EXPORTS OF COPPER FROM CANADA DURING MARCH AND APRIL, 1938.

	MARCH		APRIL	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc.	13,010,800	910,756	7,617,200	533,241
Copper, blister	2,995,200	299,582	2,517,000	251,720
Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets	33,772,300	3,371,734	26,471,700	2,570,368
Copper in rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing	3,995,200	459,634	2,364,300	260,886

IMPORTS OF COPPER INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING MARCH AND APRIL, 1938.

	MARCH		APRIL	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Unwrought copper, including rough copper of 94% copper content or over - ELECTROLYTIC -				
From - Northern Rhodesia	2,462,430	48,669	2,748,430	54,568
Canada	17,346,560	348,136	20,123,640	397,889
Other British countries	497,280	9,171	1,050,560	20,150
United States	12,035,520	238,727	10,120,320	199,385
Chile	7,235,200	144,465	23,437,120	447,431
Other Foreign countries	336,000	6,816
TOTAL	39,533,040	739,168	57,821,120	1,126,239
OTHER -				
From - Union of South Africa	756,960	14,452	273,280	5,323
Northern Rhodesia	17,174,030	311,317	11,547,200	209,527
Other British countries	3
Chile	10,707,200	195,636	17,799,040	321,397
Other Foreign countries	212,800	4,351	201,600	3,780
TOTAL	28,831,040	525,752	29,321,120	540,027
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and strip	362,880	11,314	457,296	13,218
Rods and sections, angles and shapes and wire not in coils -				
From - Canada	1,723,160	37,218	1,661,356	35,414
Foreign countries	3,624	392	1,456	176
TOTAL	1,736,784	37,610	1,663,312	35,590
Wire in coils (including uninsulated electric wire)	197,232	5,359	245,616	6,350
All other manufactures of copper not elsewhere specified	717,584	28,920	484,624	17,004

NICKEL - The Canadian production of nickel in April advanced to 20,469,463 pounds from the preceding month's total of 17,298,398 pounds and the April, 1937, output of 20,266,834 pounds. During the first four months of 1938 the Canadian output totalled 74,047,064 pounds compared with 71,964,212 pounds a year ago.

PRODUCTION OF NICKEL IN CANADA

Month	1938(a)	1937(a)	1936
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January	20,270,680	16,173,436	14,082,665
February	16,008,523	17,330,201	16,185,811
March	17,298,398	18,193,641	15,699,860
April	20,469,463	20,266,884	11,042,441
May		18,462,389	11,840,380
June		20,959,756	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		19,733,115	15,087,856
December		19,695,880	18,049,789
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		224,783,522	169,739,393
TOTAL - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL	74,047,064	71,964,212	57,010,777

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