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MONTHLY REPORT

COPPER and NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MAY, 1938.

COPPER - Copper production in Canada during May amounted to 48,429,331 pounds compared with 47,750,255 pounds in April and 41,561,784 pounds in May, 1937, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first five months of 1938 Canada produced 243,558,959 pounds of copper or 21.1 per cent above the total for the corresponding period of 1937. Blister copper production in May was recorded at 40,888,525 pounds; a year ago, 37,385,252 pounds were produced.

Copper quotations on the London market in May averaged 9.162 cents per pound, in Canadian funds; based on this price the month's output in Canada was worth \$4,437,095. During April the average price of copper was 9.701 cents per pound and the value of the Canadian output was \$4,632,252.

The world output of refined copper in May was estimated at 149,344 tons; in the preceding month, 162,588 tons were produced. The United States production declined 8,449 tons in May to 47,300 tons; deliveries to customers and exports of domestic copper totalled 33,154 tons, as a result, stocks increased 14,146 tons during the month to 369,809 tons. A decline of 4.5 per cent in production was recorded in countries other than the United States when 102,044 tons were produced; stocks in these countries declined 1,369 tons in May to 184,547 tons.

The United States exported 25,360 tons of refined copper (foreign and domestic); in April, 39,366 tons were exported. The May exports were consigned to the following countries: Germany, 5,780 tons; Great Britain, 5,309 tons; France, 4,641 tons; Japan, 2,326 tons; Italy, 1,906 tons; Sweden, 1,894 tons, and other countries, 3,504 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
larch	48,089,283	41,795,786	36,493,444
pril	47,750,255	41,989,288	35,500,956
lay	48,429,331	41,561,784	35,168,740
une		42,549,292	31,119,359
uly		41,710,830	28,693,176
ugust		44,583,629	35,438,299
eptember		48,045,881	36,132,454
ctober		51,853,071	34,644,498
ovember		50,735,281	37,007,475
ecember		49,240,080	43,608,309
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		529,773,738	421,027,732
TOTAL - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	243,558,959	201,055,674	174,384,162

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

	AP	RIL	MAY		
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$	
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc Copper, blister	7,617,200 2,517,000	,	12,100,500 2,348,600	846,935 234,883	
billets	26,471,700	2,570,368	39,177,900	3,762,690	
and tubing	2,364,300	260,886	5,389,900	566,720	

IMPORTS OF COPPER INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING APRIL AND MAY, 1938	IMPORTS	S OF	COPPER	INTO	GREAT	BRITAIN	DURING	APRIL	AND	MAY.	1938.
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	APRIL		MAY		
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£	
Unwrought copper, including rough copper of 94% copper content or over - ELECTROLYTIC -					
From - Northern Rhodesia		54,568 397,889	4,726,400 25,329,920	90,167 485,798	
Other British countries United States	1,050,560 10,120,320	20,150	280,000 14,031,360	5,589 277,456	
Other Foreign countries	23,437,120 336,000	447,431 6,816	8,740,480	172,149	
TOTAL	57,821,120	1,126,239	53,108,160	1,031,159	
OTHER -					
From - Union of South Africa Northern Rhodesia		5,323	1,480,640	28,125	
Other British countries Chile Other Foreign countries		321,397 3,780	17,920 9,016,000 336,000	326 156,975 6,138	
TOTAL		540,027	27,964,160	486,960	
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and strip.	457,296	13,218	464,576	13,172	
Rods and sections, angles and shapes					
From - Canada Foreign countries	1,661,856 1,456	35,414 176	3,827,040	74,993 547	
TOTAL	1,663,312	35,590	3,837,568	75,540	
Vire in coils (including uninsulated electric wire)	245,616	6,350	283,360	7,267	
All other manufactures of copper not elsewhere specified	484,624	17,004	872,032	29,221	

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NICKEL - Canadian producers reported an output of 18,620,908 pounds of nickel in May compared with 20,469,463 pounds in the preceding month and 18,462,389 pounds in May, 1937. Production during the five months ending May aggregated 92,667,972 pounds or 2.5 per cent above the output in the corresponding period of 1937.

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	16,008,523	17,330,201	16,185,311
March	17,298,398	18,193,641	15,699,860
April	20,469,463	20,266,884	11,042,441
May	18,620,908	18,462,389	11,840,380
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	15,087,856
December		19,695,880	18,049,789
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		224,785,502	169,739,393
TOTAL - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	92,667,972	90,426,601	68,851,157

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