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MONTHLY REPORT

COPPER and NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - AUGUST, 1938.

COPPER - The Canadian output of copper during August totalled 49,321,991 pounds; in July, 49,607,247 pounds were produced while in August, 1937, the output amounted to 44,549,447 pounds, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Production during the first eight months of the current year increased 18.5 per cent to 390,978,155 pounds from the output of 330,034,102 pounds in the corresponding months of 1937. Blister copper production in August was recorded at 42,137,133 pounds compared with 41,415,831 pounds in the preceding month.

Copper quotations on the London market in August averaged 10.034 cents per pound, in Canadian funds; valued at this price the Canadian output during the month was worth \$4,948,969. The July average price was 9.846 cents per pound and the computed value of the month's output was \$4,834,330.

The refined copper production of the world in August was estimated at 148,908 tons compared with 139,433 tons in July. The United States output rose 2,457 tons in August to 38,053 tons; domestic deliveries and exports increased 15.1 per cent to 62,832 tons with the result that stocks decreased 24,779 tons during the month to 315,191 tons. An increase of 6.7 per cent was recorded in production in countries other than the United States when 110,855 tons were produced; deliveries totalled 129,509 tons (including 14,761 tons imported from the United States), therefore stocks decreased 3,893 tons to 179,333 tons.

Exports of refined copper (foreign, refined in bond, and domestic) from the United States declined 6,486 tons to 32,607 tons in August. The month's exports consisted of 15,781 tons consigned to Germany, 5,291 tons to Japan, 2,100 tons to Poland and Danzig, 1,849 tons to Italy, 1,608 tons to France, 1,463 tons to Great Britain, 1,257 tons to Czechoslovakia, 1,131 tons to the Netherlands, and 2,072 tons to other countries.

PRODUCTION OF COPPER IN CANADA

Month	1938(a)	1937	1936
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January	52,454,135	37,284,612	34,303,820
February	46,835,955	38,442,389	32,917,202
March	48,089,283	41,811,140	36,493,444
April	47,750,255	42,026,576	35,500,956
May	48,429,331	41,594,475	35,168,740
June	48,489,958	42,574,992	31,119,359
July	49,607,247	41,750,471	28,693,176
August	49,321,991	44,549,447	35,438,299
September		43,063,788	36,132,454
October		51,915,082	34,644,498
November		50,746,377	37,007,475
December		49,269,266	43,608,309
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		530,028,615	421,027,732
TOTAL - EIGHT MONTHS ending AUGUST .	390,978,155	330,034,102	269,634,996

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EXPORTS OF COPPER FROM CANADA DURING JULY and AUGUST, 1938.

	J U L Y		A U G U S T	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc.	11,503,000	690,019	6,943,900	416,682
Copper, blister	1,900,300	171,045	2,213,700	212,533
Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets	29,259,500	2,651,840	33,515,600	3,176,162
Copper in rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing	4,555,600	457,319	3,413,200	355,469

IMPORTS OF COPPER INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING JULY and AUGUST, 1938.

	J U L Y		A U G U S T	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Unwrought copper, including rough copper of 94% copper content or over - ELECTROLYTIC -				
From - Northern Rhodesia	4,820,480	93,754	2,916,480	60,347
Canada	14,087,360	270,029	15,892,800	314,023
Other British countries	638,400	10,766	772,800	14,752
United States	7,394,240	142,843	3,631,040	72,072
Chile	11,930,240	224,072	5,109,440	90,559
Other Foreign countries	56,000	1,146
TOTAL	38,870,720	741,464	28,378,560	552,899
OTHER -				
From - Union of South Africa	112,000	1,938	336,000	5,996
Northern Rhodesia	15,939,840	228,736	10,935,680	209,025
Other British countries	56,000	1,001
Chile	20,160,000	355,171	11,435,200	212,930
Other Foreign countries	156,800	3,049	156,800	2,950
TOTAL	36,424,640	649,895	22,863,680	430,901
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and strip	434,560	12,213	335,104	9,075
Rods and sections, angles and shapes and wire not in coils -				
From - Canada	2,470,944	49,124	1,717,072	35,305
Foreign countries	8,400	294	2,016	119
TOTAL	2,479,344	49,418	1,719,088	35,424
Wire in coils (including uninsulated electric wire)	542,192	11,497	101,472	2,457
All other manufactures of copper not elsewhere specified	644,224	21,872	936,544	29,948

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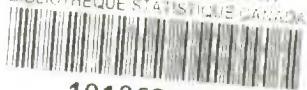
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NICKEL - Canada produced 16,548,872 pounds of nickel during August compared with 17,404,131 pounds in July and 20,666,636 pounds in August, 1937. The Canadian output during the first eight months of 1938 aggregated 142,948,144 pounds; in the corresponding period of a year ago, 147,946,048 pounds were produced.

PRODUCTION OF NICKEL IN CANADA

Month	1938(a)	1937	1936
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January	20,270,680	16,176,933	14,082,665
February	16,008,523	17,407,519	16,185,811
March	17,298,398	18,197,518	15,699,860
April	20,469,463	20,271,203	11,042,441
May	18,620,908	18,466,323	11,840,380
June	16,327,169	20,964,202	14,100,492
July	17,404,131	15,795,714	12,596,376
August	16,548,872	20,666,636	12,379,095
September		19,026,072	15,905,474
October		18,495,529	12,769,154
November		19,737,320	15,087,856
December		19,700,077	18,049,789
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		224,905,046	169,739,393
TOTAL - EIGHT MONTHS ending AUGUST	142,948,144	147,946,048	107,927,120

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