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MONTHLY REPORT

COPPER and NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - FEBRUARY, 1939.

COPPER - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that the Canadian output of copper in February amounted to 41,218,288 pounds; in January, 48,257,536 pounds were produced while in February, 1938, the output was 46,835,955 pounds. Production during the first two months of 1939 totalled 89,475,824 pounds or 9.9 per cent below the output in the corresponding period of 1938. Blister copper production in February declined to 35,085,586 pounds from the preceding month's total of 41,303,435 pounds.

Quotations for copper on the London market in February averaged 9.959 cents per pound, in Canadian funds; valued at this price the Canadian output during the month was worth \$4,104,929. The January average price was 10.174 cents per pound and the computed value of the Canadian production was \$4,909,722.

The refined copper production of the world amounted to 162,653 tons in February compared with 173,480 tons in January. A decline of 6,957 tons was recorded in the United States output to 59,225 tons; domestic deliveries and exports totalled 51,377 tons with the result that stocks at the end of the month were 7,848 tons higher at 308,958 tons. Production in countries other than the United States was 3.6 per cent lower at 103,428 tons while stocks increased 5,207 tons during the month to 184,156 tons.

Exports of refined copper from the United States in February amounted to 20,843 tons and consisted of 5,878 tons to Japan, 3,616 tons to Sweden, 2,357 tons to Germany, 2,317 tons to France, 1,978 tons to Italy, 1,798 tons to Great Britain, and 2,899 tons to other countries.

PRODUCTION OF COPPER IN CANADA

Month	1939(a)	1938(a)	1937
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January	48,257,536	52,454,135	37,284,612
February	41,218,288	46,835,955	38,442,389
March		48,089,283	41,811,140
April		47,750,255	42,026,576
May		48,429,331	41,594,475
June		48,489,958	42,574,992
July		49,607,247	41,750,471
August		49,321,991	44,549,447
September		50,238,306	48,063,788
October		49,356,139	51,915,082
November		47,392,939	50,746,377
December		49,520,452	49,269,266
TOTAL - Calendar Year		587,485,991	530,028,615
TOTAL - Two Months ending February	89,475,824	99,290,090	75,727,001

(a) Subject to revision.

EXPORTS OF COPPER FROM CANADA DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY and FEBRUARY - 1939.

	JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc. ...	10,097,100	706,797	9,057,300	634,011
Copper, blister	2,414,500	241,463	2,036,000	203,629
Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets	20,326,000	2,070,878	25,297,500	2,550,330
Copper in rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing	2,609,100	310,974	3,120,300	355,680

IMPORTS OF COPPER INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY and FEBRUARY - 1939.

	JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Unwrought copper, including rough copper of 94% copper content or over - ELECTROLYTIC -				
From - Northern Rhodesia	2,219,840	50,233	4,488,960	96,910
Canada	11,049,920	248,743	16,257,920	351,020
Other British countries	392,000	8,814	...	...
United States	1,335,040	30,285	1,467,200	32,705
Chile	4,874,240	104,750	1,514,240	32,060
Other Foreign countries .....	...	...	336,000	7,812
TOTAL	19,871,040	442,825	24,064,320	520,507
OTHER -				
From - Union of South Africa	687,680	15,026	392,000	8,400
Northern Rhodesia	20,272,000	406,619	13,625,920	266,686
Other British countries	6,720	129	...	...
Chile	7,168,000	148,653	15,456,000	293,572
Other Foreign countries .....	...	...	168,000	3,550
TOTAL	28,134,400	570,427	29,641,920	572,208
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and strip	549,136	16,399	201,264	6,401
Rods and sections, angles and shapes and wire not in coils -				
From - Canada	1,267,168	30,589	1,043,504	24,114
Foreign countries	11,088	384	12,208	435
TOTAL	1,278,256	30,973	1,055,712	24,549
Wire in coils (including uninsulated electric wire)	103,936	2,952	203,280	5,511
All other manufactures of copper not elsewhere specified	710,192	25,621	462,000	17,226



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NICKEL - The Canadian output of nickel in February rose to 17,495,366 pounds from the preceding month's total of 14,611,017 pounds. In February, 1938, Canada produced 16,008,523 pounds. During the first two months of the current year nickel production totalled 32,106,383 pounds; this represented an 11.5 per cent falling-off from the output a year ago.

PRODUCTION OF NICKEL IN CANADA

Month	1939 (a)	1938 (a)	1937
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January	14,611,017	20,270,680	16,176,933
February	17,495,366	16,008,523	17,407,519
March		17,298,398	18,197,518
April		20,469,463	20,271,203
May		18,620,908	18,466,323
June		16,327,169	20,964,202
July		17,404,131	15,795,714
August		16,548,872	20,666,636
September		16,914,931	19,026,072
October		16,101,779	18,495,529
November		17,681,983	19,737,320
December		16,618,010	19,700,077
TOTAL - Calendar Year		210,264,847	224,905,046
TOTAL - Two Months ending February	32,106,383	36,279,203	33,584,452

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IMPORTS INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY and FEBRUARY, 1939.

	JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Copper ore (including regulus and matte), precipitate and cement copper and NICKEL ORE, CONCENTRATES AND MATTE -				
From - Canada	8,144,640	298,800	4,036,480	151,000
Foreign countries .....	...	...	44,800	344
TOTAL	8,144,640	298,800	4,081,280	151,344
Nickel -				
Unwrought in ingots, cathodes, cubes, rondels, pellets, shot, grain and powder; and nickel flakes -				
From - Canada	2,017,008	162,090	672,448	54,032
Norway	248,752	19,410	353,248	27,091
Other Foreign countries	37,520	3,093	11,536	846
TOTAL	2,303,280	184,593	1,037,232	81,969
Other descriptions of nickel and nickel alloys	630,560	52,384	215,824	19,285



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