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MONTHLY REPORT

COPPER and NICKEL PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MAY, 1938.

COPPER - The Canadian production of copper in May amounted to 55,364,021 pounds, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In April, 49,759,762 pounds were produced while in May, 1938, the output totalled 48,429,331 pounds. During the first five months of the current year Canada produced 246,654,672 pounds of copper compared with 243,558,959 pounds a year ago.

Copper quotations on the London market in May averaged 9.977 cents per pound, in Canadian funds; based on this price the month's output in Canada was worth \$5,523,668. In April the average price was 10.045 cents per pound and the value of the production during the month was \$4,998,368.

The estimated world output of refined copper in May was 170,472 tons as against 166,308 tons in the preceding month. Production in the United States rose to 68,536 tons from the April total of 58,368 tons; domestic deliveries and exports during the month amounted to 58,630 tons; stocks on hand at the end of the month were 9,906 tons higher at 342,419 tons. In countries other than the United States a decline of 6,004 tons in production to 101,936 tons was recorded; deliveries were higher at 113,666 tons with the result that stocks showed a depletion of 11,730 tons on May 31st.

The United States exported 32,029 tons of refined copper in May compared with 25,466 tons in the previous month. The May exports were shipped to the following countries: Japan, 13,868 tons; Italy, 4,632 tons; Germany, 3,420 tons; France, 2,977 tons; Poland and Danzig, 2,371 tons; Great Britain, 1,597 tons, and other countries, 3,164 tons.

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	52,055,065	48,089,283	41,811,140
April	49,759,762	47,750,255	42,026,576
May	55,364,021	48,429,331	41,594,475
June		48,489,958	42,571,992
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 - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	246,654,672	243,558,959	201,159,192

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EXPORTS OF COPPER FROM CANADA DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL and MAY, 1939.

	A P R I L		M A Y	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Copper in ore, matte, regulus, etc. .,	9,551,200	598,384	12,595,000	821,850
Copper, blister	2,393,900	239,401	2,570,800	257,076
Copper in ingots, bars, cakes, slabs and billets	26,118,900	2,609,470	41,797,700	4,146,678
Copper in rods, strips, sheets, plates and tubing	2,840,400	320,678	7,946,600	855,583

IMPORTS OF COPPER INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL and MAY, 1939.

	A P R I L		M A Y	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Unwrought copper, including rough copper of 94% copper content or over - ELECTROLYTIC -				
From - Northern Rhodesia	2,246,720	49,138	1,798,720	39,025
Canada	19,456,640	423,570	24,494,400	531,247
Other British countries	224,000	4,600	...	5
United States	2,179,520	47,162	4,399,360	94,976
Chile	3,472,000	76,635	3,362,240	63,578
Other Foreign countries	1,120,000	24,500	3,472,000	75,221
TOTAL	28,698,880	625,605	37,526,720	804,052
OTHER -				
From - Union of South Africa	1,077,440	22,589	167,800	3,558
Northern Rhodesia	15,525,120	268,495	10,536,960	208,721
Other British countries	224,000	4,777
Chile	13,182,400	261,269	15,848,000	304,250
Other Foreign countries	64,960	1,101
TOTAL	27,849,920	553,454	26,776,960	521,306
Plates, sheets, discs, circles and strip .	267,904	10,328	456,288	13,387
Rods and sections, angles and shapes and wire not in coils -				
From - Canada	2,095,968	47,923	3,284,848	74,816
Foreign countries	7,728	622	17,248	519
TOTAL	2,103,696	48,545	3,302,096	75,335
Wire in coils (including uninsulated electric wire)	167,888	4,609	170,576	4,757
All other manufactures of copper not elsewhere specified	471,520	17,942	714,560	25,930

NICKEL - Nickel production in Canada in May was recorded at 21,595,362 pounds compared with 18,443,625 pounds in the preceding month and 18,620,908 pounds in May, 1938. Production during the first five months of 1939 totalled 90,046,906 pounds or 2.8 per cent below 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	17,901,536	17,298,398	18,197,518
April	18,443,625	20,469,463	20,271,203
May	21,595,362	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 - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	90,046,906	92,667,972	90,519,496

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IMPORTS INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY, 1939.

	A P R I L		M A Y	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
Copper ore (including regulus and matte), precipitate and cement copper and NICKEL ORE, CONCENTRATES AND MATTE -				
From - Canada	4,202,240	155,500	6,003,200	222,100
Other British countries	2,240	14
Foreign countries	100,800	268	11,200	75
TOTAL	4,305,280	155,782	6,014,400	222,175
Nickel -				
Unwrought in ingots, cathodes, cubes, rondels, pellets, shot, grain and powder; and nickel flakes -				
From - Canada	561,008	45,076	3,023,328	241,213
Norway	478,016	36,812	716,576	55,188
Other Foreign countries	5,712	888	225,344	18,661
TOTAL	1,044,736	82,776	3,965,248	315,062
Other descriptions of nickel and nickel alloys	774,816	70,924	665,280	58,707



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