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COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION

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Copper - Production of new primary copper in all forms during January, 1950 amounted to 22,212 tons compared with 23,640 tons in the previous month and with 20,805 tons in January, 1949.

Table 1 - Production of Primary (*) Copper, 1948-1950

Month	1 9 4 8	1 9 4 9	1 9 5 0
	(tons)		
January	20,345	20,805	22,212
February	19,017	21,540	
March	20,974	21,898	
April	20,810	22,548	
May	20,640	21,653	
June	20,397	20,259	
July	19,412	21,456	
August	18,127	22,766	
September	19,589	22,112	
October	20,356	22,271	
November	20,234	22,043	
December	20,831	23,640	
TOTAL	240,732	262,991	

(*) Blister copper plus recoverable copper in concentrates, matte, etc., exported. Newfoundland shipments included in 1949 only.

Table 2 - Production of Refined Copper, 1948-1950

Month	1 9 4 8	1 9 4 9	1 9 5 0
	(tons)		
January	16,381	17,586	19,592
February	15,685	16,721	
March	18,561	20,220	
April	20,108	19,854	
May	19,618	20,825	
June	19,288	19,852	
July	19,490	17,577	
August	18,805	19,350	
September	17,634	18,133	
October	17,852	18,555	
November	18,925	19,332	
December	18,928	19,507	
TOTAL	221,275	227,512	

Note: This report was prepared in the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Section.

Table 3 - Specified Monthly Copper Exports, 1950

Month	In ore, concentrates and matte (copper content)		In ingots, bars and billets	
	Tons	\$	Tons	\$
January	3,589	1,435,740	12,362	4,838,477

Table 4 - Consumption of Refined Copper, 1949 and 1950

Month	1949	1950
	(Tons)	
January	10,303	10,800
February	8,993	
March	10,373	
April	8,669	
May	9,068	
June	8,408	
July	3,821	
August	7,315	
September	8,548	
October	9,150	
November	9,338	
December	7,457	
TOTAL	101,443	

Nickel - Production of nickel in all forms in January, 1950 amounted to 10,206 tons compared with 10,675 tons in the previous month and with 11,180 tons in January, 1949.

Table 5 - Production of Nickel (*), 1948-1950

Month	1948	1949	1950
	(Tons)		
January	10,829	11,180	10,206
February	9,732	10,863	
March	10,513	12,604	
April	13,262	10,648	
May	11,410	11,161	
June	10,434	10,580	
July	10,450	9,587	
August	9,049	8,862	
September	9,891	9,530	
October	10,322	10,731	
November	12,755	9,663	
December	13,093	10,675	
TOTAL	131,740	126,084	

(*) Refined nickel and nickel in oxide produced, plus recoverable nickel in matte exported.

Table 6 - Exports of Nickel (*), 1950

Month	Tons	\$
January	11,594	9,202,562

(*) Refined metal and metal in oxides, matte, etc.

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