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COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION

MARCH -- 1950

Copper - Production of new primary copper in all forms (recoverable copper content of Canadian ores) during March, 1950, amounted to 22,503 tons compared with 22,844 tons in the previous month and with 21,898 tons in March, 1949.

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

Month	1948	1949	1950
	(tons)		
January	20,345	20,805	22,212
February	19,017	21,540	22,844
March	20,974	21,898	22,503
Total - Three months ..	60,336	64,243	67,559
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 and 1950

Table 2 - Production of Refined Copper, 1948-1950

Month	1948	1949	1950
	(tons)		
January	16,381	17,476	19,592
February	15,685	16,616	18,750
March	18,561	20,093	22,080
Total - Three months ..	50,627	54,185	60,422
April	20,108	19,729	
May	19,618	20,694	
June	19,288	19,727	
July	19,490	17,467	
August	18,805	19,228	
September	17,634	18,019	
October	17,852	18,438	
November	18,925	19,211	
December	18,928	19,385	
Total	221,275	226,083	

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Table 3 - Exports of Copper in Ore, Matte, Ingots, etc., 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
February	2,683	1,073,320	12,331	4,930,283
March	3,230	1,291,860	9,781	3,949,486
Total - Three months ..	9,502	3,800,920	34,474	13,718,246

Table 4 - Consumption of Refined Copper, 1949 and 1950

Month	1949	1950
	(Tons)	
January	10,303	10,800
February	8,993	10,304
March	10,373	11,210
Total - Three Months ..	29,669	32,314
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 March, 1950 amounted to 9,291 tons compared with 9,575 tons in the previous month and with 12,604 tons in March, 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	9,575
March	10,513	12,604	9,291
Total - Three months ..	31,074	34,647	29,072
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.

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Table 6 - Exports of Nickel (*), 1950

Month	Tons	\$
January	11,594	9,202,562
February	9,667	7,683,252
March	11,686	9,274,642
Total - Three months	32,947	26,160,456

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

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