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## COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION

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Copper - Production of new primary copper in all forms (recoverable copper content of Canadian ores) during February, 1953 amounted to 20,897 tons, compared with 23,824 tons in the previous month and with 20,488 tons in February, 1952.

Table 1 - Production of Primary (\*) Copper, 1951-1953

Month	1951	1952	1953
	(tons)		
January .....	22,850	22,504	23,824
February .....	20,352	20,488	20,897
Total - Two months .....	43,202	42,992	44,721
March .....	24,347	22,493	
April .....	23,913	22,124	
May .....	23,549	22,770	
June .....	22,653	20,790	
July .....	22,537	19,965	
August .....	22,701	21,084	
September .....	21,825	21,675	
October .....	20,972	21,176	
November .....	22,149	21,409	
December .....	22,123	22,390	
Total .....	269,971	258,868	

(\*) Blister copper, plus recoverable copper in concentrates, matte, etc., exported.

Table 2 - Production of Refined Copper, 1951-1953

Month	1951	1952	1953
	(tons)		
January .....	20,870	20,364	21,830
February .....	18,342	18,901	21,075
Total - Two months .....	39,212	39,265	42,905
March .....	20,564	20,480	
April .....	20,347	20,363	
May .....	22,731	20,548	
June .....	21,315	20,274	
July .....	20,142	14,196	
August .....	21,740	9,396	
September .....	18,624	10,323	
October .....	21,260	12,761	
November .....	19,195	11,282	
December .....	20,336	18,051	
Total .....	245,466	196,939	

Table 3 - Exports of Copper in Ore, Matte, Ingots, etc., 1953

Month	In ore, concentrates and matte (copper content)		In ingots, bars and billets	
	tons	\$	tons	\$
January	5,637	3,043,899	7,668	5,169,814
February	2,378	1,284,039	16,411	10,711,544
Total - Two months	8,015	4,327,938	24,079	15,881,358

Table 4 - Consumption of Refined Copper, 1952 and 1953

Month	1952		1953
	(tons)		
January		12,058	10,953
February		12,570	10,152
Total - Two months		24,628	21,105
March		13,266	
April		11,636	
May		12,489	
June		10,045	
July		8,447	
August		9,342	
September		10,271	
October		10,938	
November		10,116	
December		10,482	
Total		131,660	

Nickel - Production of nickel in all forms in February, 1953 amounted to 10,612 tons, compared with 12,467 tons in the previous month, and with 10,662 tons in February, 1952.

Table 5 - Production of Nickel (x), 1951-1953

Month	1951		1952	1953
	(tons)			
January	10,993		11,750	12,467(x)
February	9,702		10,662	10,612
Total - Two months	20,695		22,412	23,079
March	11,676		12,316	
April	10,603		12,253	
May	12,528		12,348	
June	11,889		12,497	
July	11,828		10,371	
August	12,304		11,912	
September	11,682		10,925	
October	11,758		11,711	
November	11,570		11,321	
December	11,370		11,746	
Total	137,903		139,812	

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

(x) Revised.

Table 6 - Exports of Nickel (\*), 1953

Month	Tons	\$
January .....	13,338	14,410,695
February .....	<u>11,234</u>	<u>12,716,890</u>
Total - Two months ..	24,572	27,127,585

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

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