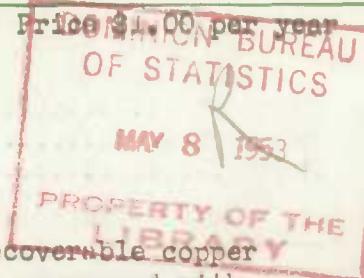


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COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION

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Copper - Production of new primary copper in all forms (recoverable copper content of Canadian ores) during March, 1953 amounted to 24,039 tons, compared with 20,897 tons in the previous month and with 22,493 tons in March, 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
March	24,347	22,493	24,039
Total - Three months	67,549	65,485	68,760
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
March	20,564	20,480	22,132
Total - Three months	59,776	59,745	65,337
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	
	(over)		

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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	1,284,099	16,411	10,711,544
March	3,201	1,728,786	10,578	7,083,789
Total - Three months	11,216	6,056,724	34,657	22,965,147

Table 4 - Consumption of Refined Copper, 1952 and 1953

Month	1952	1953
	(tons)	
January	12,058	10,953
February	12,570	10,152
March	13,266	10,215
Total - Three months	37,894	31,320
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 March, 1953 amounted to 12,218 tons, compared with 10,612 tons in the previous month, and with 12,316 tons in March, 1952.

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

Month	1951	1952	1953
	(tons)		
January	10,993	11,750	12,467
February	9,702	10,662	10,612
March	11,676	12,316	12,218
Total - Three months	32,371	34,728	35,297
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	

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

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Table 6 - Exports of Nickel (*), 1953

Month	Tons	\$
January	13,338	14,410,695
February	11,234	12,716,890
March	12,310	13,778,647
Total - Three months	36,882	40,906,232

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

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