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## COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION

Copper - Production of new primary copper in all forms (recoverable copper content of Canadian ores) during February, 1954, amounted to 18,370 tons compared with 17,791 tons in the previous month and with 20,897 tons in February, 1953.

Table 1 - Production of Primary (★) Copper, 1952-1954

Month	1952	1953	1954
		(Tons)	
January .....	22,432	23,824	17,791(r)
February .....	20,422	20,897	18,370
Total - Two months ..	42,854	44,721	36,161
March .....	22,421	24,039	
April .....	22,053	22,198	
May .....	22,697	22,300	
June .....	20,724	22,110	
July .....	19,901	22,801	
August .....	21,016	21,437	
September .....	21,606	19,601	
October .....	21,108	19,229	
November .....	21,340	17,315	
December .....	22,318	17,901	
Total .....	258,038	253,652	

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

(r) Revised.

Table 2 - Production of Refined Copper, 1952-1954

Month	1952	1953	1954
		(Tons)	
January .....	20,364	21,831	15,001
February .....	18,901	21,075	13,954
Total - Two months ..	39,265	42,906	28,955
March .....	20,480	22,432	
April .....	20,363	21,747	
May .....	20,548	20,179	
June .....	20,274	18,384	
July .....	14,196	19,997	
August .....	9,396	19,886	
September .....	10,323	16,777	
October .....	12,761	17,675	
November .....	11,282	17,101	
December .....	17,432	18,703	
Total .....	196,320	235,787	

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Table 3 - Exports of Copper in Ore, Matte, Ingots, etc., 1954

Month	In ore, concentrates and matte (copper content)		In ingots, bars and billets	
	Tons	\$	Tons	\$
January .....	5,070	2,737,827	9,081	5,133,978
February .....	3,731	2,014,929	8,385	4,747,166
Total - Two months .....	8,801	4,752,756	17,466	9,881,144

Table 4 - Consumption of Refined Copper, 1953 and 1954

Month	1953	1954(★)
	(Tons)	
January .....	10,953	7,733
February .....	10,152	6,452
Total - Two months .....	21,105	14,185
March .....	10,215	
April .....	9,344	
May .....	8,356	
June .....	8,358	
July .....	5,213	
August .....	8,542	
September .....	9,619	
October .....	9,388	
November .....	11,222	
December .....	7,164	
Total .....	108,526	

(★) Producers' shipments to domestic consumers.

Nickel - Production of nickel in all forms in February, 1954, amounted to 11,795 tons compared with 12,670 tons in the previous month and with 10,612 tons in February, 1953.

Table 5 - Production of Nickel (★), 1952-1954

Month	1 9 5 2	1 9 5 3 (Tons)	1 9 5 4
January .....	11,813	12,466	12,670
February .....	10,719	10,612	11,795
Total - Two months .....	22,532	23,078	24,465
March .....	12,381	12,218	
April .....	12,318	11,791	
May .....	12,413	11,560	
June .....	12,563	11,647	
July .....	10,426	11,751	
August .....	11,975	11,861	
September .....	10,982	11,981	
October .....	11,773	12,419	
November .....	11,381	12,714	
December .....	11,815	11,996	
Total .....	140,559	143,016	

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

Table 6 - Exports of Nickel (★), 1954

Month	Tons	\$
January .....	10,602	12,302,127
February .....	12,319	14,383,053
Total - Two months .....	22,921	26,685,180

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

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