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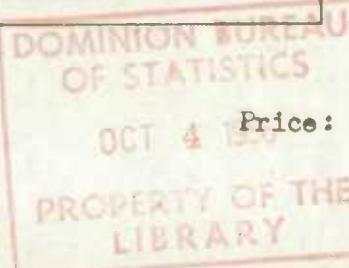
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COPPER AND NICKEL PRODUCTION

Copper - Production of new primary copper in all forms (recoverable copper content of Canadian ores) during July, 1956, amounted to 31,098 tons compared with 29,066 tons in the previous month and with 26,481 tons in July, 1955.

Table 1 - Production of Primary (*) Copper, 1954-1956

Month	1954	1955	1956
	(Tons)		
January	17,380	26,370	30,063
February	18,510	25,160	26,867
March	26,704	26,786	31,659
April	27,623	25,202	27,804
May	27,927	25,718	29,422
June	26,115	27,485	29,066(x)
July	26,599	26,481	31,098
Total seven months	<u>170,858</u>	<u>183,202</u>	<u>205,979</u>
August	26,812	27,844	
September	23,772	27,528	
October	27,293	27,783	
November	26,322	27,392	
December	<u>27,675</u>	<u>32,850</u>	
Total	<u>302,732</u>	<u>326,599</u>	

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

(x) Revised.

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Table 2 - Production of Refined Copper, 1954-1956

Month	1954	1955(x)	1956
	(Tons)		
January	15,001	22,600	26,735
February	13,955	21,455	26,321
March	21,075	25,083	26,812
April	20,412	24,077	26,732
May	23,012	23,840	27,743
June	23,344	21,890	27,215
July	21,582	21,185	27,394
Total seven months	138,381	160,130	188,974
August	22,000	26,184	
September	22,685	24,752	
October	21,661	25,546	
November	22,981	25,213	
December	24,935	27,172	
Total	252,643	288,997	

(x) Revised.

Table 3 - Exports of Copper in Ores, Matte, Ingots, etc., 1956

Month	In ore concentrates and matte (copper content)		In ingots, bars and billets	
	Tons	\$	Tons	\$
January	3,433	2,746,400	15,981	13,299,406
February	1,859	1,515,247	11,041	9,320,575
March	3,259	2,802,525	12,276	10,597,593
April	2,576	2,215,231	14,476	12,773,425
May	2,897	2,481,506	12,851	11,321,157
June	3,528	2,998,842	10,985	9,620,492
July	6,562	4,790,552	13,599	11,397,122
Total seven months	24,114	19,550,303	91,209	78,329,770

Table 4 - Consumption (*) of Refined Copper, 1955 and 1956

Menth	1955	1956
	(Tons)	
January	11,652	14,088
February	10,744	12,641
March	11,660	13,330
April	13,500	14,523
May	11,921	13,865
June	11,765	14,104
July	9,270	9,410
Total seven months	80,512	91,961
August	11,997	
September	12,843	
October	11,958	
November	12,445	
December	9,525	
Total	139,280	

(*) Producers' shipments to domestic consumers.

Nickel - Production of nickel in all forms in July, 1956, amounted to 15,125 tons compared with 14,492 tons in the previous month and with 14,530 tons in July, 1955.

Table 5 - Production of Nickel (★), 1954-1956

Month	1954	1955	1956
	(Tons)		
January	12,765	14,387	14,985
February	11,874	13,375	14,997
March	13,619	15,544	15,504
April	13,015	15,011	14,431
May	13,458	15,352	15,203
June	13,269	14,833	14,492
July	12,901	14,530	15,125
Total seven months	90,901	103,032	104,737
August	13,428	14,825	
September	13,521	13,734	
October	14,323	14,411	
November	14,159	14,290	
December	14,947	14,881	
Total	161,279	175,173	

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

Table 6 - Exports of Nickel (★), 1956

Month	Tons	\$
January	15,122	18,621,094
February	13,940	17,691,594
March	16,219	20,486,727
April	14,448	17,625,021
May	14,729	18,918,211
June	16,403	20,669,427
July	11,079	13,379,928
Total seven months	101,940	127,392,002

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

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