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SILVER, LEAD AND ZINC PRODUCTION IN CANADA, APRIL, 1933.

SILVER - An increase of 5.1 per cent over the preceding month was recorded in silver production in Canada during April, according to the latest report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. The month's output amounted to 1,350,974 ounces as compared with 1,285,888 ounces produced in March. During April, 1932, the production was 1,645,094 ounces.

Silver quotations in April rose from a low point of 27 cents per ounce on the third to a high of 37.25 cents per ounce on the twenty-fourth; the average price for the month was 30.73 cents per ounce as against 27.928 cents per ounce in March. Co-incident with the United States going off the gold standard on April 19th the price of silver rose sharply. This advance was well maintained during the remainder of the month.

Silver output of the world totalled 12,074,000 ounces in April; a decrease of 18.7 per cent from the preceding month's production of 14,844,000 ounces. Declines were recorded in all principal producing countries, The Mexican output was off 28.1 per cent and the United States production, 25.9 per cent. Silver stocks in Shanghai on April 29th amounted to 348,660,000 ounces as compared with 349,440,000 ounces on the first of the month.

## PRODUCTION OF SILVER IN CANADA

	1933 Ounces	1932 Ounces	1931 Ounces	1930 Ounces	1929 Ounces
Jamuary February March April May June July August September October November December	1,383,776 1,307,154 1,285,888 1,350,974	1,772,841 1,600,501 1,460,137 1,645,094 1,418,384 1,310,573 1,825,238 1,447,299 1,171,575 1,511;120 1,514,817 1,298,954	2,106,153 2,128,208 1,872,888 1,664,699 1,789,650 1,397,266 2,083,553 1,542,695 1,222,588 1,698,935 1,543,252 1,512,360	1,691,577 1,822,822 1,795,865 2,541,507 2,162,921 3,072,358 1,978,498 2,014,983 2,616,557 1,948,412 2,337,397 2,460,926	1,698,374 1,002,084 1,547,888 1,324,140 2,109,616 3,646,042 2,405,342 2,206,253 1,594,027 1,903,449 1,517,464 2,188,582
TOTAL- Calendar Year		17,976,533	20,562,247	26,443,823	23,143,261
TOTAL- Four Months ending April		6,478,573	7,771,948	7,851,771	5,572,486

LEAD - The Canadian output of lead in April totalled 23,614,659 pounds, an increase of 22.8 per cent over the March total of 19,223,069 pounds and 9.2 per cent over the April, 1932, production of 21,624,442 pounds.

Quotations for lead on the London market averaged 2.055 cents per pound (in Canadian funds); at which price the Canadian production in April was worth \$485,281. In March the average price was 1.9582 cents per pound and the total Canadian output was valued at \$376,426. On the New York market, lead quotations rose from an opening low bid of 3.00 cents per pound to a high of 3.5 cents per pound on the 20th; the latter price prevailed to the close of the month. The St. Louis market quotations followed a similar trend ranging from 2.875 cents per pound to 3.375 cents per pound.

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World lead output declined to 99,539 tons from the March total of 105,211 tons; the daily production rates were 3,318 tons and 3,394 tons, respectively. Refined lead production in the United States (from domestic ore and secondary and foreign sources) increased 4.6 per cent to 27,690 tons. Shipments advanced 3,094 tons to 25,044 tons, nevertheless, stocks on hand in the United States at the end of the month were 2,650 tons higher at 196,901 tons. Increased purchases by cable, ammunition and battery manufacturers were mainly responsible for the advance in the United States shipments.

## PRODUCTION OF LEAD IN CANADA

1933 Pounds	1932 Pounds	1931 Pounds	1930 Pounds	1929 Pounds
January 20,782,296 February 18,626,329 March 19,223,069 April 23,614,659 May June July August September October November December TOTAL-	20,154,613	28,420,331 19,048,424 25,664,846 29,037,271 19,574,813 24,674,145 21,971,196 21,242,912 19,184,304 20,402,002 17,535,017 20,587,221	23,373,510 32,055,395 32,432,687 29,540,270 26,661,383 28,941,307 26,247,425 25,696,717 27,168,676 26,251,897 23,557,959 30,966,937	24,804,216 20,752,317 23,987,657 27,253,518 27,721,065 31,245,307 31,437,074 26,823,502 25,079,193 31,222,106 24,277,133 31,919,478
Calendar Year	255,696,511	267,342,482	332,894,163	326,522,566
TOTAL- Four Months ending April. 82,246,353	84,578,822	102,170,872	117,401,862	96,797,708

ZINC - The output of zinc in Canada during April amounted to 13,415,286 pounds as compared with 13,806,497 pounds in March and 14,650,218 pounds in April, a year ago.

In common with the advance in price recorded by other base metals zinc quotations on the London market in April rose to an average of 2.826 cents per pound (in Canadian funds) from the preceding month's average of 2.7035 cents per pound. On the St. Louis market the month opened with zinc quoted at a low of 2.9 cents per pound and closed at a high of 3.7 cents per pound; the April average price was 3.298 cents per pound as against 2.987 cents per pound in March.

The world production of zinc declined 2.6 per cent in April to 81,764 tons from the previous month's total of 83,950 tons. The April daily production rate was 2,725 tons as compared with the March rate of 2,708 tons. Output in the United States was recorded at 21,449 tons or 2.9 tons below the March total of 22,095 tons. Shipments in the United States totalled 19,381 tons; an increase of 3,225 tons over the tonnage shipped in March. Stocks on hand in the United States increased 2,068 tons to 142,447 tons while International Zinc Cartel stocks declined 4,355 tons to 158,348 tons.

## PRODUCTION OF ZINC IN CANADA

	1933 Pounds	1932 Pounds	1931 Pounds	1930 Pounds	1929 Pounds
January February March April May June July August September October November December TOTAL	13,892,630 12,649,370 13,806,497 13,415,286	15,110,952 14,224,278 15,165,791 14,650,218 15,247,980 14,665,930 15,206,916 13,732,634 13,301,607 13,703,319 13,305,200 13,968,733	20,313,866 20,553,489 23,297,788 22,707,451 24,213,078 22,471,392 20,831,627 19,198,013 16,433,590 16,803,673 15,841,329 14,580,155	17,627,865 20,538,855 22,188,090 20,036,901 19,754,884 22,346,295 19,794,662 26,048,452 25,603,361 24,913,602 23,663,946 25,126,592	16,013,178 16,235,153 19,050,553 17,813,561 17,565,687 16,636,830 14,339,395 16,092,288 16,889,922 14,101,118 14,825,078 17,704,324
Calendar Year_		172,283,558	237,245,451	267,643,505	197,267,087
TOTAL- Four Mon- ending April		59,151,239	86,372,594	80,391,711	69,112,445



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