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MONTHLY REPORT

SILVER, LEAD AND ZINC PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MARCH, 1936.

SILVER - The Canadian production of silver in March advanced to 1,460,402 ounces from the preceding month's total of 1,235,039 ounces and the March, 1935, output of 1,278,930 ounces, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first quarter of 1936 Canadian producers reported an output of 3,908,929 ounces of silver or 10.4 per cent above the production in the corresponding period of 1935.

Silver quotations on the New York market in March averaged 44.8082 cents per ounce as compared with 44.68735 cents per ounce in February. Based on these prices the Canadian output in March was worth \$654,380 and in February, \$551,906.

Customs' records show that 1,723,410 ounces of silver bullion were exported from Canada in March; during the preceding month 1,205,920 ounces were exported. Exports of silver, in ore, concentrates, etc., from Canada in March rose to 199,433 ounces from the February total of 115,229 ounces.

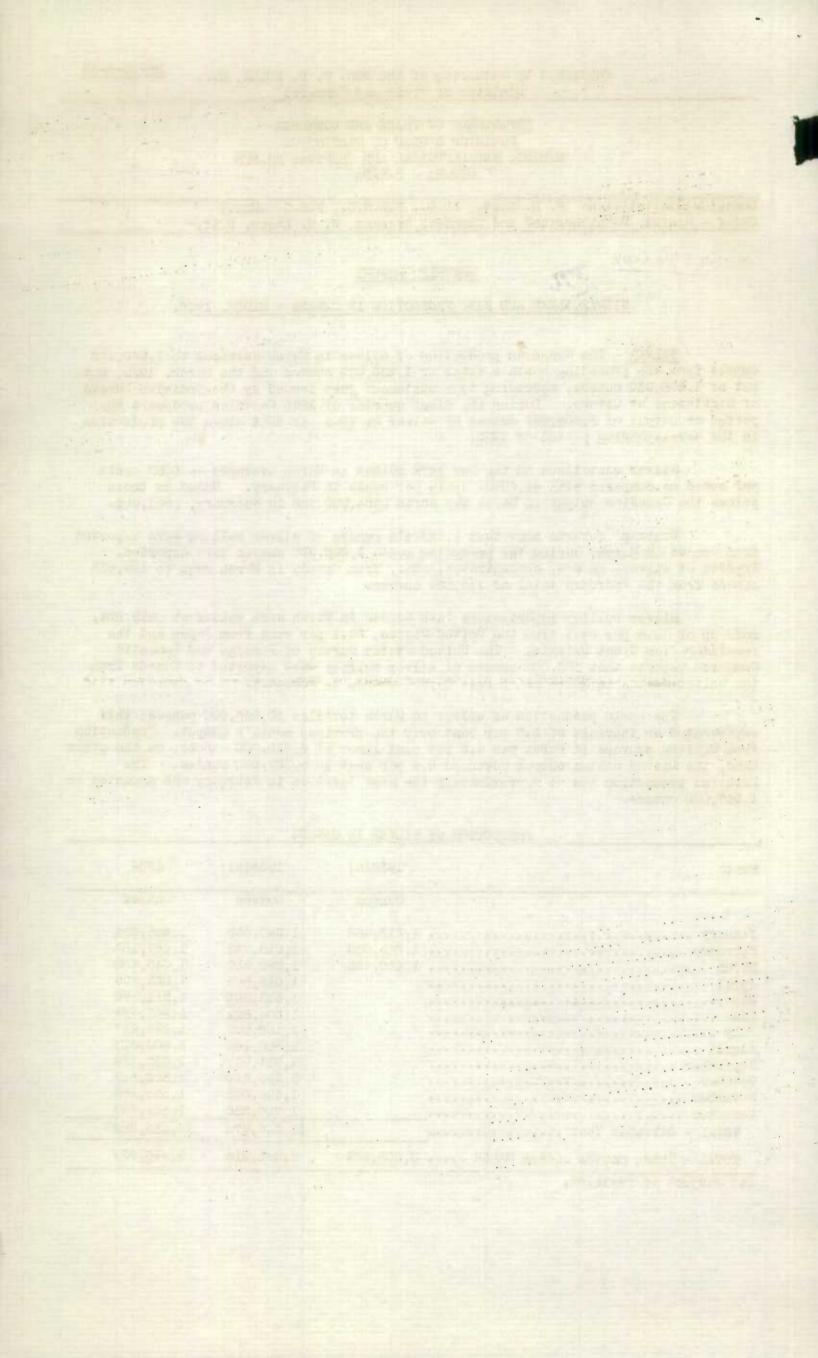
Silver bullion importations into Canada in March were valued at \$213,804, made up of 71.6 per cent from the United States, 24.1 per cent from Japan and the remainder from Great Britain. The United States Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce reports that 323,000 ounces of silver bullion were exported to Canada from the United States in March as against 80,000 ounces in February.

The world production of silver in March totalled 20,966,000 ounces; this represented an increase of 2.3 per cent over the previous month's output. Production from Mexican sources in March was 4.5 per cent lower at 6,840,000 ounces, on the other hand, the United States output advanced 5.4 per cent to 5,329,000 ounces. Peruvian production was at approximately the same level as in February and amounted to 1,567,000 ounces.

PRODUCTION OF SILVER IN CANADA

Month 1936(a)	1935(a)	1934
Ounces	Ounces	Ounces
January 1,213,488	1,243,545	1,486,254
February 1,235,039	1,018,743	1,467,187
March 1,460,402	1,278,930	1,043,488
April	1,013,805	1,021,799
May	1,613,002	1,511,970
June	1,504,821	1,261,732
July	1,162,907	1,299,227
August	1,585,144	1,808,613
September	1,311,911	1,322,132
October	1,299,849	1,302,645
November	1,614,085	1,535,268
December	1,700,236	1,354,987
TOTAL - Calendar Year	16,346,978	16,415,282
TOTAL - Three months ending MARCH 3,908,929	3,541,218	3,996,929

⁽a) Subject to revision.



IMPORTS OF SILVER INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING MARCH, 1936

	UNREFINED		REFINED	
	Troy ounces	£	Troy ounces	£
Union of South Africa			75,600	6,202
British India			489,823	43,520
ermany			149,657	12,413
etherlands			40,885	3,590
elgium	47,566	4,670	590,624	52,260
rance	115,425	10,172	119,001	9,693
apan	57,227	4.996	833,206	72,710
rgentine Republic	4,183	220		
ther Foreign countries	,	149,135	• • •	
TOTAL	1,936,764	169,193	2,298,796	200,388

WORLD PRODUCTION OF SILVER (000 fine ounces)

SILVER STOCKS

	February 1936	March 1936		February 29th	March 31st
Mexico	5,056 1,235	6,840 5,329 1,460 1,567	United States (a) Canada (a)		1,757 755
Other countries		5,770 20,966	(a) At refineries.		

Silver stocks in the licensed vaults of the Canadian Commodity Exchange at Montreal were as follows:-

On February 29th, 1936 1,803,579 ounces On March 31st, 1936 1,578,601 ounces

LEAD - Canada produced 31,294,840 pounds of lead in March as compared with 27,149,114 pounds in February and 31,571,048 pounds in March, 1935. An advance of 6 per cent was recorded in the Canadian output of lead during the first quarter of 1936 when 86,549,604 pounds were produced as against 81,621,824 pounds produced during January, February and March, a year ago.

On the London market, quotations for lead averaged 3.69105 cents per pound; the February average price was 3.57205 cents per pound. Valued at these prices, respectively, the March output in Canada was worth \$1,155,108 and the February, \$969,780.

Pig lead exports from Canada in March amounted to 29,134,300 pounds; in the preceding month 25,626,500 pounds were exported. Exports of lead, in ore, concentrates, etc., declined to 256,900 pounds in March from the February total of 303,300 pounds.

Refined lead production of the world in March showed a 2.4 per cent falling-off to 128,747 tons from the preceding month's output of 131,968 tons. The United States production declined slightly to 32,184 tons. The Mexican output was off 12.4 per cent at 16,164 tons and the Australian total was down 29.5 per cent to 13,158 tons.

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PRODUCTION OF LEAD IN CANADA

Month	1936(a)	1935(a)	1934
	Pounds	Pounds	Peunds
January February March April May June July August September October November December TOTAL - Calendar Year	28,105,650 27,149,114 31,294,840	22,672,565 27,378,211 31,571,048 24,811,329 26,777,539 27,354,305 29,104,210 26,470,373 26,322,577 32,800,950 32,362,403 30,567,168	28,375,287 27,703,101 22,216,383 26,343,242 25,988,429 28,667,497 31,298,691 30,333,412 32,330,204 29,181,232 31,630,995 32,207,103
TOTAL - Three months ending MARCH	86,549,604	81,621,824	78,294,771

(a) Subject to revision.

IMPORTS OF LEAD(x) INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1936.

	FEBRUARY		MARCH	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
From - British India	6,664,000	45,908	9,800,000	72,601
Australia	54, 259, 520	391,640	21,033,600	159,841
Canada	17,393,600	126,728	18,076,800	137,763
Other British countries			42,560	306
United States			448,000	3,378
Mexico	896,000	6,922	2,800,000	19,853
TOTAL	79,213,120	571,198	52,200,960	393,742

(x) Unwrought lead in pigs, ingots, blocks, bars, slabs and cakes.

ZINC - Zinc production in Canada during March reached a total of 26,287,026 pounds; in February, 20,678,372 pounds were produced while in March, 1935, the output was 26,935,011 pounds. Production during the three months ending March totalled 74,126,074 pounds; a year ago, 72,395,186 pounds were produced.

The March zinc quotations on the London market, in Canadian funds, averaged 3.55215 cents per pound at which price the Canadian output during the month was worth \$933,755. In February the average price was 3.37206 cents per pound and the value of the Canadian output during the month was \$697,287.

Canada's exports of zinc spelter rose to 29,165,600 pounds in March from the February exportations of 17,790,400 pounds. Exports of zinc in ore, concentrates, etc., were recorded at 3,018,700 pounds as compared with 411,600 pounds in February.

The *merican Bureau of Metal Statistics estimates the world output of zinc in March at 132,662 tons as against the preceding month's total of 119,823 tons. All the principal zinc producing countries recorded increased outputs in March; the United States advance was 17.3 per cent to 42,483 tons.

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PRODUCTION OF ZINC IN CANADA

Month	1936(a)	1935(a)	1934
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January February	27,160,676 20,678,372	24,847,485 20,612,690	21,758,375
March	26,287,026	26,935,011	22,765,125 26,001,763
May		27,387,675 28,163,152	26,121,591 21,608,171
July August		27,568,983 28,837,006	22,177,066 30,015,981
September		27,038,147 27,486,985	27,104,302 27,001,018
November		28,817,962 28,310,720	27,210,960
TOTAL - Calendar Year		319,617,699	298,579,683
TOTAL - Three months ending MARCH	74,126,074	72,395,186	63,665,494

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IMPORTS OF ZINC(x) INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1936.

		FEBRUARY		MARCH	
		Pounds	£	Pounds	£
From -	· Australia	20206,400	15,865	3,472,000	26,861
	Canada	17,095,680	122,920	17,192,000	128,484
	Other British countries	2,750,720	21,839	3,924,480	30,413
	Germany	15,680	112		
	Belgium	647,360	4,793	1,986,880	14,073
	United States			448,000	3,177
	Other Foreign countries	1,193,920	8,100	2,316,160	18,950
	TOTAL	23,909,760	173,629	29,339,520	221,958

(x) Unwrought zinc in ingots, blocks, bars, slabs and cakes.

