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# MONTHLY REPORT

## SILVER, LEAD AND ZINC PRODUCTION IN CANADA - NOVEMBER, 1937

**SILVER** - The Canadian production of silver in November was recorded at 1,615,990 ounces; in October, 1,933,964 ounces were produced while in November, 1936, the output was 1,673,751 ounces, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Production during the eleven months ending November aggregated 21,397,065 ounces or 29.8 per cent above the total for the corresponding period of 1936.

Silver quotations on the New York market (Handy & Harman) averaged 44.714 cents per ounce, in Canadian funds; valued at this price, the November output in Canada was worth \$722,574. In October the average price of silver was 44.74 cents per ounce and the value of the month's production was \$865,255.

Customs' records show that Canada exported 1,475,051 ounces of silver bullion/compared in November with 1,225,470 ounces in the preceding month. Exports of silver, in ore, concentrates, etc., from Canada in November amounted to 612,937 ounces; during October, 1,101,189 ounces were exported.

Canada imported silver bullion to a total of 134,570 ounces worth \$57,004 in November; the United States supplied 75.2 per cent of this quantity and Great Britain, 24.8 per cent. During October, 204,370 ounces at \$39,536 were imported; Great Britain accounted for 61.9 per cent of this total and the United States for 38.1 per cent. Silver bullion receipts during the eleven-month period, January to November, 1937, totalled 1,925,288 ounces.

Silver production in the United States in November amounted to 6,682,000 ounces against 4,355,000 ounces in the previous month. Silver stocks held in the United States on November 30th were reported at 1,287,000 ounces or an increase of 223,000 ounces from the quantity on hand October 31st. Peru produced 1,225,000 ounces during the month under review compared with 1,150,000 ounces in October. Refined silver production in Australia totalled 750,000 ounces in November; during October, 863,000 ounces were produced.

## PRODUCTION OF SILVER IN CANADA

Month	1937(a)	1936	1935
	Ounces	Ounces	Ounces
January .....	1,390,476	1,217,111	1,265,225
February .....	1,322,833	1,240,733	1,025,258
March .....	1,653,546	1,469,442	1,289,011
April .....	1,488,350	1,467,925	1,025,273
May .....	1,352,580	1,422,856	1,665,133
June .....	2,379,448	1,667,607	1,524,740
July .....	2,767,983	1,811,959	1,183,820
August .....	3,129,097	1,567,358	1,630,399
September .....	2,357,798	1,352,420	1,347,904
October .....	1,933,964	1,593,017	1,323,659
November .....	1,615,990	1,676,751	1,616,355
December .....		1,347,308	1,721,781
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR .....		18,534,487	16,618,558
TOTAL - ELEVEN MONTHS ending NOVEMBER ...	21,397,065	16,437,179	14,896,777

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IMPORTS OF SILVER BULLION INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING NOVEMBER, 1937.

	UNREFINED		REFINED	
	Troy ounces	£	Troy ounces	£
British India .....	57,062	5,709	105,700	9,470
Hong Kong .....	...	...	3,546,225	293,670
Australia .....	...	...	661,765	58,539
Germany .....	...	...	319,349	26,664
Belgium .....	134,737	14,700	2,551	227
France .....	...	...	46,710	3,781
Japan .....	...	...	239,644	21,419
Argentine Republic .....	...	...	97,612	8,748
Other Foreign countries .....	11,791	2,897	353,653	31,259
TOTAL .....	203,590	23,306	5,373,209	453,777

LEAD - Lead production in Canada during November amounted to 33,824,605 pounds compared with 40,769,961 pounds in the preceding month and 38,316,019 pounds in November, 1936. During the period January to November, 1937, Canada produced 337,822,225 pounds of lead; this represented an increase of 13.1 per cent over the total a year ago.

Quotations for lead on the London market in November averaged 3.703 cents per pound, in Canadian funds; at this price, the Canadian output during the month was worth \$1,252,525. The average price in October was 4.029 cents per pound and the computed value of the month's production was \$1,642,622.

Exports of pig lead from Canada in November totalled 29,895,900 pounds; during the previous month 25,583,900 pounds were exported. Lead in ore, concentrates, etc., exported in November amounted to 1,157,000 pounds compared with 2,573,800 pounds exported in October.

An advance of 4.3 per cent was recorded in the world production of refined lead in November; the month's output was 172,180 tons while in October, 164,146 tons were produced. The United States produced 42,892 tons or 4.9 per cent below the October total. United States domestic shipments in November amounted to 33,853 tons, therefore stocks increased 12,927 tons during the month to 113,573 tons. The Australian output rose to 24,878 tons from the October total of 20,489 tons. In Mexico, 21,307 tons were produced against 21,133 tons in October.

PRODUCTION OF LEAD IN CANADA

Month	1937(a)	1936	1935
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January .....	34,112,307	28,105,650	22,801,153
February .....	28,504,743	27,149,114	27,533,488
March .....	35,207,467	31,294,840	31,750,104
April .....	35,154,985	33,670,727	24,952,047
May .....	34,183,050	32,047,660	26,929,409
June .....	33,276,801	28,523,448	27,509,446
July .....	31,321,744	32,324,511	29,269,276
August .....	40,590,985	33,937,023	26,320,501
September .....	40,875,577	29,128,356	26,471,867
October .....	40,769,961	28,230,126	32,986,982
November .....	33,824,605	38,316,019	32,545,947
December .....	...	40,375,432	29,734,359
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR .....	...	383,100,909	339,105,079
TOTAL - ELEVEN MONTHS ending NOVEMBER ..	387,822,225	342,807,477	309,370,220

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IMPORTS OF LEAD(x) INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 1937.

	OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
From - British India .....	13,330,240	111,968	14,674,240	116,262
Australia .....	31,875,200	263,861	48,790,160	365,232
Canada .....	15,019,200	139,947	17,091,200	142,769
Other British countries .....	11,200	115	...	...
Mexico .....	9,968,000	91,812	4,816,000	39,842
Other Foreign countries .....	...	4	174,720	1,468
TOTAL .....	70,203,840	607,705	85,552,320	665,573

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





ZINC - Canadian producers reported an output of 30,596,302 pounds of zinc in November; during the preceding month 38,156,045 pounds were produced while in November, 1936, the production was 22,779,772 pounds. During the first eleven months of 1937 the Canadian output of zinc totalled 347,573,409 pounds; a year ago, 311,863,661 pounds were produced.

The average price of zinc on the London market in November was 3.498 cents per pound, in Canadian funds; based on this price the output in Canada during the month was worth \$1,070,259. In October zinc averaged 3.905 cents per pound and the value of the month's production was \$1,489,994.

Zinc spelter exports from Canada in November amounted to 29,061,100 pounds; in the preceding month, 26,338,200 pounds were exported. The exports of zinc in ore, concentrates, etc., during November totalled 9,008,300 pounds against 4,132,600 pounds in October.

A decline of 2.6 per cent was recorded in the world output of zinc in November compared with October; the totals were - 157,887 tons and 162,066 tons, respectively. Production in the United States, according to the Metal and Mineral Markets, was at a moderately reduced rate and amounted to 49,383 tons but a sharp contraction in shipments to consumers resulted in stocks increasing 17,177 tons to 42,984 tons. Unfilled orders in the United States on November 30th aggregated 61,151 tons; on October 31st orders on companies' books were higher at 75,086 tons.

#### PRODUCTION OF ZINC IN CANADA

Month	1937(a)	1936	1935
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
January .....	19,782,526	27,415,869	24,927,726
February .....	20,547,397	20,701,884	20,679,256
March .....	31,437,089	26,316,915	27,021,993
April .....	33,121,107	23,731,010	23,688,134
May .....	31,649,474	29,663,548	27,476,119
June .....	35,165,425	30,022,201	28,254,101
July .....	36,498,712	34,794,466	27,358,014
August .....	39,849,770	33,544,390	28,930,131
September .....	30,769,562	31,169,138	27,125,462
October .....	38,156,045	31,724,468	27,575,751
November .....	30,596,302	22,779,772	28,911,026
December .....		21,313,075	28,402,146
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR .....		333,132,736	320,649,859
TOTAL - ELEVEN MONTHS ending NOVEMBER ....	347,573,409	311,863,661	292,247,713

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#### IMPORTS OF ZINC(x) INTO GREAT BRITAIN DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER, 1937.

	OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
	Pounds	£	Pounds	£
From - Australia .....	739,200	6,357	3,534,000	29,978
Canada .....	17,030,000	169,573	15,337,230	148,429
Other British countries ....	1,697,920	17,857	2,027,200	21,979
Germany .....	224,000	1,788	78,400	654
Belgium .....	17,203,200	142,514	12,221,440	93,693
Other Foreign countries ....	3,431,630	30,702	2,929,920	24,078
TOTAL .....	40,376,000	368,791	36,178,240	318,811

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

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