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Monthly Report

SILVER, LEAD AND ZINC PRODUCTION IN CANADA

MARCH, 1949

Silver - Output in Canada of primary silver in all forms amounted to 1,074,676 fine ounces in March, 1949 compared with 936,439 fine ounces in the previous month and with 1,099,369 fine ounces in the corresponding month of 1948.

Table 1 - Production of Primary (✓) Silver in Canada, 1947-1949

Month	1 9 4 7	1 9 4 8	1 9 4 9
	(fine ounces)		
January .....	833,473	958,225	975,434
February .....	973,183	1,035,568	936,439(x)
March .....	1,137,858	1,099,369	1,074,676
Total - Three Months ....	2,944,514	3,093,162	2,986,549
April .....	924,469	1,089,755	
May .....	1,010,138	1,072,712	
June .....	1,178,225	1,194,220	
July .....	1,116,915	1,782,460	
August .....	1,153,447	1,517,705	
September .....	1,003,552	1,230,140	
October .....	1,136,959	1,381,351	
November .....	1,035,684	1,117,512	
December .....	1,000,115	1,090,864	
Total .....	12,504,018	14,569,881	

(✓) New silver bullion plus recoverable silver in other smelter products and in ores and concentrates exported.

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Table 2 - Exports from Canada of Refined Silver and Silver in Ores, 1948 and 1949

Month	1 9 4 8		1 9 4 9	
	Refined	In ores and concentrates	Refined	In ores and concentrates
(Fine ounces)				
January .....	523,748	104,070	324,068	136,767
February .....	385,443	102,283	473,137	112,328
March .....	760,562	187,332	952,852	122,168
Total - Three Months	1,669,753	393,685	1,750,057	371,263
April .....	624,846	225,328		
May .....	239,931	335,501		
June .....	640,933	89,121		
July .....	477,286	433,094		
August .....	...	417,113		
September .....	452,638	682,887		
October .....	449,229	284,070		
November .....	364,914	323,846		
December .....	514,834	110,046		
Total .....	5,434,364	3,294,691		

Lead - Production of primary lead in all forms during March, 1949 amounted to 9,820 tons compared with 10,627 tons in February and with 12,477 tons in March, 1948.

Table 3 - Production of Lead in Canada, 1948 and 1949

Month	Primary (x) Lead in All Forms		Refined Lead	
	1 9 4 8	1 9 4 9	1 9 4 8	1 9 4 9
(Tons)				
January .....	11,067	10,796	10,845	10,189
February .....	12,966	10,627	10,645	11,306
March .....	12,477	9,820	13,409	10,110
Total - Three Months	36,510	31,243	34,899	31,605
April .....	12,845		12,885	
May .....	12,745		13,081	
June .....	11,116		11,356	
July .....	14,311		9,314	
August .....	16,604		12,010	
September .....	15,067		15,900	
October .....	15,764		17,747	
November .....	15,746		16,275	
December .....	13,577		16,558	
Total .....	164,285		160,025	

(x) New base bullion plus recoverable lead in ores and concentrates exported.



Table 4 - Exports from Canada of Refined Lead and Lead in Ores, by Months, 1949

Month	Lead in Ore		Lead in Pigs	
	Tons	Value \$	Tons	Value \$
January .....	450	130,752	14,165	5,657,982
February .....	153	56,007	5,419	2,162,310
March .....	157	54,864	4,476	1,844,467
Total - Three Months	760	241,623	24,060	9,664,759

Zinc - Production of primary zinc in all forms during March, 1949 amounted to 23,434 tons compared with 20,013 tons in the previous month and with 18,598 tons in March, 1948.

Table 5 - Production of Zinc in Canada, 1948 and 1949

Month	Primary Zinc (x) In All Forms		Refined Zinc	
	1 9 4 8	1 9 4 9	1 9 4 8	1 9 4 9
	(Tons)			
January .....	17,166	21,948	14,449	17,778
February .....	17,527	20,013	14,425	16,017
March .....	18,598	23,434	14,824	18,799
Total - Three Months	53,291	65,395	43,698	52,594
April .....	18,544		15,545	
May .....	20,482		15,670	
June .....	19,037		14,447	
July .....	21,784		17,490	
August .....	20,737		16,692	
September .....	19,984		16,311	
October .....	22,339		17,818	
November .....	21,190		17,983	
December .....	18,369		13,727	
Total .....	236,757		189,381	

(x) New refined zinc plus recoverable zinc in ores and concentrates exported.

Table 6 - Exports from Canada of Refined Zinc and Zinc in Ore, by Months, 1949

Month	Zinc in Ore		Zinc Spelter	
	Tons	Value \$	Tons	Value \$
January .....	5,607	905,944	15,142	4,787,091
February .....	4,807	782,867	9,123	2,846,023
March .....	5,649	922,990	13,032	4,328,373
Total - Three Months	16,063	2,611,801	37,297	11,961,487

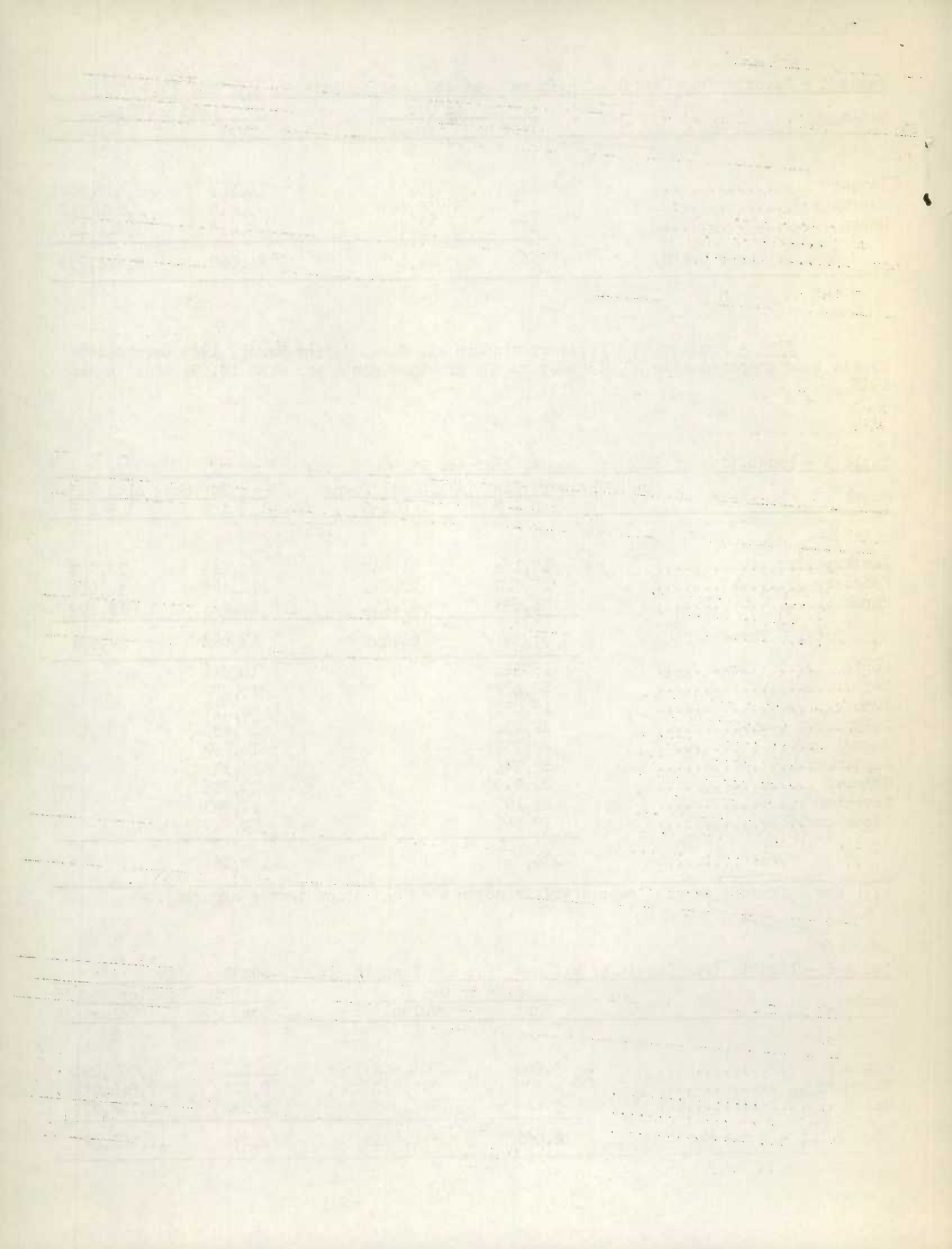


Table 7 - Consumption of Refined Lead and Refined Zinc in Canada, 1948 and 1949

Month	Refined Lead		Refined Zinc	
	1948	1949	1948	1949
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
January .....	5,380	5,393	3,229	4,036
February .....	5,194	5,057(x)	4,831	4,476
March .....	5,672	4,499	4,549	4,551
Total - Three Months ....	16,246	14,949	12,609	13,063
April .....	4,788		4,390	
May .....	4,030		3,814	
June .....	4,179		3,202	
July .....	3,889		3,151	
August .....	5,024		3,773	
September .....	5,774		3,889	
October .....	5,244		3,682	
November .....	6,798		4,222	
December .....	6,042		3,835	
Total .....	62,014		46,567	

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