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SILVER, LEAD AND ZINC PRODUCTION

DECEMBER - 1950

Silver - Output in Canada of primary silver in all forms amounted to 1,879,417 fine ounces in December, 1950 compared with 1,853,700 fine ounces in the previous month and with 1,744,638 fine ounces in December, 1949.

Table 1 - Production of Silver	(*), 1948-1950		
Month	1948	1949	1950
		(fine ounces)	
January	1,059,502	990,835	1,195,677
February	1,145,020	983,619	1,385,422
March	1,215,564	1,317,934	1,767,822
April	1,204,934	1,264,655	1,453,993
May	1,186,090	1,521,789	1,751,343
June	1,320,440	2,231,099	1,968,455
July	1,970,853	1,761,798	2,285,722(x)
August	1,678,115	1,213,992	2,282,318
September	1,360,157	1,161,567	2,164,097
October	1,527,350	1,923,039	2,398,490
November	1,235,792	1,526,528	1,853,700(x)
December	1,206,165	1,744,638	1,879,417
Total	16,109,982	17,641,493	22,386,456

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

Table 2 - Exports of Refined Silver and Silver in Ores, 1949 and 1950

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Month	Refined	In ores and concentrates	Refined	In ores and concentrates	
		(fine	ounces)		
January	324,068	136,767	517,300	240,928	
February	473,137	122,328	123,915	101,113	
March	952,852	112,168	1,004,443	111,054	
April	516,413	139,022	401,557	116,914	
May	434,860	462,887	434,899	248,411	
June	625,825	107,466	1,062,792	526,379	
July	350,836	130,589	1,224,154	148,092	
August	256,719	587,834	661,691	344,558	
September	248,047	1,140,395	31,654	938,922	
October	307,092	52,553	286,499	243,090	
November	974,820	405,155	1,611,515	269,280	
December	747,243	657,450	994,764	205,366	
Total	6,211,912	4,054,614	8,355,183	3,494,107	

NOTE: - This report was prepared in the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Section.

⁽x) Revised.

Lead - Production of primary lead in all forms (the recoverable lead content of Canadian ores) during December, 1950 amounted to 11,740 tons compared with 17,349 tons in the previous month and with 22,255 tons in December, 1949.

Output of refined lead, including amounts recovered from foreign ores which were treated in Canadian smelters, totalled 18,192 tons in December, compared with 13,379 tons in the corresponding month of last year.

Table 3 - Production of Lead. 1949 and 1950

	Recoverabl	e lead (*)	Refine	lead,	
Month	in Canad	in Canadian ores		all sources	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	
		(to	ns)		
January	10,748	9,558	10,189	12,520	
February	10,579	10,964	11,306	9,785	
March	9,776	13,080	10,110	13,689	
April	11,223	10,554	10,372	13,246	
May	17,861	13,571	12,836	14,331	
June	14,160	14,568	12,996	14,893	
July	11,005	16,844	7,022	6,618	
August	12,661	14,476	14,816	16,169	
September	12,760	15,390	14,580	16,146	
October	13,278	18,672	14,335	17,356	
November	13,469	17,349	14,208	17,419	
December	22,255	11,740	13,379	18,192	
Total	159,775	166,766	146,149	170,364	

^(*) New base bullion from Canadian ores plus recoverable lead in ores or concentrates shipped for export.

Table 4 - Exports of Refined Lead and Lead in Ores, by Months, 1950

Month	Lead	in ore	Lead	Lead in pigs	
Month	Tons	\$	Tons	\$	
January	631	154,615	4,588	1,155,609	
February	287	77,778	7,241	1,834,839	
March	211	62,160	5,612	1,423,455	
April	189	55,216	4,861	1,175,385	
May	215	65,140	10,826	2,697,038	
June	5,781	1,396,260	8,925	2,282,733	
July	253	58,039	5,956	1,426,968	
August	130	29,348	14,295	3,476,623	
September	274	68,811	12,349	3,425,543	
October	5,843	1,837,323	13,923	4,441,750	
November	355	90,602	13,920	4,669,688	
December	5,107	1,665,218	12,671	4,231,828	
Total	19,276	5,560,510	115,167	32,241,459	

Zinc - Production of primary zinc in all forms (the recoverable zinc content of Canadian ores), during December, 1950 amounted to 27,123 tons compared with 25,880 tons in the previous month and with 27,152 tons in December, 1949.

Output of refined zinc, including amounts recovered from foreign ores treated in Canadian smelters, totalled 18,206 tons in December compared with 17,474 tons in the corresponding month of last year.

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Table 5 - Production of Zinc, 1949 and 1950

	Recoverable	zinc (*)	Refined	zinc,	
Month	in Canadian ores		all so	all sources	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	
		(to	ns)		
January	21,764	24,028	18,176	16,567	
February	19,846	22,381	15,965	15,065	
March	23,324	25,021	18,737	16,659	
April	17,151	23,388	17,161	16,896	
May	24,632	30,694	18,292	17,561	
June	27,263	26,670	17,613	17,071	
July	28,345	25,920	16,640	17,499	
August	25,737	25,814	17,401	17,486	
September	22,706	29,072	16,149	17,138	
October	25,615	26,594	16,293	17,434	
November	24,727	25,880	16,144	17,377	
December	27,152	27,123	17,474	18,206	
Total	288,262	312,585	206,045	204,959	

(*) New refined zinc from Canadian ores plus recoverable zinc in ores and concentrates shipped for export.

Table 6 - Exports of Refined Zinc and Zinc in Ore, by Months, 1950

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Month	Tons	\$	Tons	\$	
Total Control of the	5 022	632,088	7,725	1,662,120	
January	5,032 4,999	624,553	13,573	3,002,833	
March	6,727	871,166	12,612	2,775,229	
April	6,763	742,449	10,313	2,305,601	
May	6,199	579,077	15,203	3,477,843	
June	19,129	2,134,490	14,919	3,844,492	
July	18,071	2,628,244	11,292	3,183,831	
August	11,078	1,521,115	13,999	4,459,092	
September	16,476	2,307,534	11,659	3,611,550	
October	8,197	1,050,842	12,076	4,107,588	
November	18,954	3,242,765	11,556	3,987,717	
December	7,936	1,065,355	11,953	4,175,773	
Total	129,561	17,399,678	146,880	40,593,669	

Table 7 - Consumption of Refined Lead and Refined Zinc, 1949 and 1950

	Refine	Refined lead		Refined zinc	
Month	1949	1950(*)	1949	1950	
	(Tons)				
January	5,393	3,070	4,036	4,312	
February	5,057	3,430	4,475	4,987	
March	4,499	4,225	4,551	4,199	
April	2,794	3,851	3,039	3,645	
May	3,966	5,456	3,609	3,971	
June	4,327	5,060	3,486	3,730	
July	3,311	4,051	2,918	4,218	
August	5,557	5,820	3,646	4,157	
September	5,404	5,675	4,019	5,175	
October	4,864	5,972	3,726	5,755	
November	4,542	6,384	3,923	5,558	
December	3,282	4,320	4,241	4,664	
Total	52,996	57.314	45,669	54,371	

(*) Revised.

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