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SILVER, LEAD AND ZINC PRODUCTION

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Silver - Output in Canada of primary silver in all forms amounted to 2,015,523 fine ounces in February, 1952, compared with 1,778,358 fine ounces in the previous month and with 1,588,617 fine ounces in February, 1951.

Table 1 - Production of Silver (*), 1950-1952

Month	1950	1951	1952
		(Fine ounces)	
January	1,246,954	2,014,940	1,778,358(x)
February	1,446,720	1,588,617	2,015,523
Total - Two months ..	2,693,674	3,603,557	3,793,881
March	1,848,367	1,754,662	
April	1,528,373	1,467,913	
May	1,831,087	1,854,319	
June	2,055,615	2,404,612	
July	2,351,147	1,793,690	
August	2,314,948	2,006,137	
September	2,207,141	1,895,507	
October	2,495,308	1,983,126	
November	1,959,799	1,977,446	
December	1,935,972	1,968,051	
Total	23,221,431	22,709,020	

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

(x) Revised.

Table 2 - Exports of Refined Silver and Silver in Ores, 1951 and 1952

Month	1951		1952	
	Refined	In ores and concentrates	Refined	In ores and concentrates
	(Fine ounces)			
January	1,124,723	273,038	1,464,653	172,826
February	1,174,994	141,259	1,497,766	144,635
Total - Two months ..	2,299,717	414,297	2,962,419	317,461
March	1,988,018	154,447		
April	783,711	180,153		
May	1,304,024	169,894		
June	1,215,635	161,352		
July	1,301,435	216,961		
August	1,592,387	184,560		
September	1,295,522	242,576		
October	731,131	157,668		
November	1,576,475	132,848		
December	1,293,221	398,532		
Total	15,381,276	2,413,288		

Lead - Production of primary lead in all forms (the recoverable lead content of Canadian ores) during February, 1952 amounted to 10,995 tons, compared with 14,870 tons in the previous month and with 12,001 tons in February, 1951.

Output of refined lead, including amounts recovered from foreign ores which were treated in Canadian smelters, totalled 12,922 tons in February compared with 13,677 tons in the corresponding month of last year.

Table 3 - Production of Lead, 1951 and 1952

Month	Recoverable lead (*) in Canadian ores		Refined lead, all sources	
	1951	1952	1951	1952
	(Tons)			
January	16,099	14,870	15,133	13,460
February	12,001	10,995	13,677	12,922
Total - Two months ..	28,100	25,865	28,810	26,382
March	12,632		14,938	
April	10,063		14,152	
May	11,126		14,429	
June	13,811		14,101	
July	11,017		6,454	
August	13,797		14,844	
September	11,899		14,016	
October	15,052		13,544	
November	14,785		13,403	
December	15,562		14,021	
Total	157,844		162,712	

(*) 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, 1952

Month	Lead in ore		Lead in pigs	
	Tons	\$	Tons	\$
January	2,597	922,211	8,136	3,054,073
February	397	116,871	9,702	3,621,428
Total - Two months ..	2,994	1,039,082	17,838	6,675,501

Zinc - Production of primary zinc in all forms (the recoverable zinc content of Canadian ores) during February, 1952, amounted to 27,450 tons, compared with 29,803 tons in the previous month and with 25,219 tons in February, 1951.

Output of refined zinc, including amounts recovered from foreign ores treated in Canadian smelters, totalled 17,491 tons in February, 1952, compared with 16,710 tons in the corresponding month of last year.

Table 5 - Production of Zinc, 1951 and 1952

Month	Recoverable zinc (*) in Canadian ores		Refined zinc, all sources	
	1951	1952	1951	1952
	(Tons)			
January	25,708	29,803(x)	18,244	19,322
February	25,219	27,450	16,710	17,491
Total - Two months ..	50,927	57,253	34,954	36,813
March	25,997		18,138	
April	25,619		17,484	
May	25,857		18,116	
June	27,084		18,222	
July	27,713		18,232	
August	30,158		18,352	
September	28,113		17,956	
October	28,891		18,786	
November	28,842		18,683	
December	29,167		20,271	
	328,368		219,194	

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

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Table 6 - Exports of Refined Zinc and Zinc in Ore, by Months, 1952

Month	Zinc in ore		Zinc in spelter	
	Tons	\$	Tons	\$
January	17,353	3,648,735	9,209	3,890,282
February	11,789	2,272,710	17,639	7,939,842
Total - Two months ..	29,142	5,921,445	26,848	11,830,124

Table 7 - Consumption of Refined Lead and Refined Zinc, 1951 and 1952

Month	Refined lead		Refined zinc	
	1951	1952	1951	1952
	(Tons)			
January	5,080	5,073	5,186	4,248
February	5,096	4,037	5,017	4,303
Total - Two months ..	10,176	9,110	10,203	8,551
March	5,083		5,320	
April	6,080		5,650	
May	5,396		6,063	
June	5,057		5,218	
July	3,434		4,803	
August	5,272		5,049	
September	5,009		5,041	
October	5,573		5,429	
November	5,665		4,893	
December	3,822		3,700	
Total	60,567		61,369	

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