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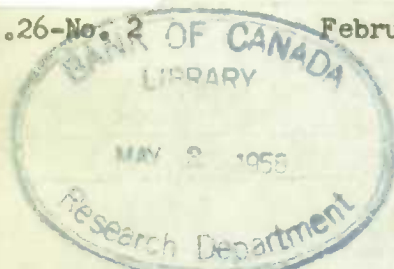
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SILVER, LEAD AND ZINC PRODUCTION

Silver - Output in Canada of primary silver in all forms amounted to 2,094,335 fine ounces in February, 1956, compared with 2,280,575 fine ounces in the previous month and with 1,960,506 fine ounces in February, 1955.

Table 1 - Production of Silver (*), 1954-1956

Month	1 9 5 4	1 9 5 5	1 9 5 6
	(Fine ounces)		
January	2,603,593	2,182,386	2,280,575x
February	2,068,740	1,960,506	2,094,335
Total two months	4,672,333	4,142,892	4,374,910
March	2,352,392	2,413,591	
April	2,745,615	2,304,287	
May	2,564,919	2,235,620	
June	2,769,694	2,461,675	
July	2,717,859	2,385,654	
August	2,840,385	2,480,607	
September	2,804,384	2,386,385	
October	2,461,823	2,407,990	
November	2,823,719	2,088,991	
December	2,364,826	2,416,735x	
Total	31,117,949	27,724,427x	

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

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Table 2 - Exports of Refined Silver and Silver in Ores, 1955 and 1956

Month	1 9 5 5		1 9 5 6	
	Refined	In ores and concentrates	Refined	In ores and concentrates
	(Fine ounces)			
January	1,124,418	429,704	1,367,774	435,047
February	1,828,950	457,261	1,337,225	196,803
Total two months	2,953,368	886,965	2,704,999	631,850
March	1,110,450	411,597		
April	1,543,419	493,578		
May	1,492,148	445,054		
June	1,641,520	592,238		
July	833,193	285,350		
August	1,253,164	644,932		
September	1,407,013	636,992		
October	1,543,665	684,301		
November	989,153	387,147		
December	1,831,484	405,719		
Total	16,598,577	5,873,873		

Lead - Production of primary lead in all forms (the recoverable lead content of Canadian ores) during February, 1956, amounted to 14,226 tons compared with 15,906 tons in the previous month and with 15,018 tons in February, 1955.

Table 3 - Production of Lead, 1955 and 1956

Month	Recoverable lead (★) in Canadian ores		Refined lead, all sources	
	1 9 5 5	1 9 5 6	1 9 5 5	1 9 5 6
	(Tons)			
January	18,959	15,906	12,129	12,179
February	15,018	14,226	12,498	...
Total two months	33,977	30,132	24,627	
March	19,113		13,494	
April	17,889		13,190	
May	16,808		13,631	
June	17,800		13,323	
July	16,650		7,045	
August	16,676		10,531	
September	15,972		13,913	
October	13,659x		14,561	
November	15,182		12,224	
December	17,857		12,272	
Total	201,583		148,811	

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

(x) Revised.

Table 4 - Exports of Refined Lead and Lead in Ores, by Months, 1956

Month	Lead in ore		Lead in pigs	
	Tons	\$	Tons	\$
January	2,496	669,282	4,888	1,323,265
February	1,966	551,503	3,856	1,032,626
Total two months	4,462	1,220,785	8,744	2,355,891

Zinc - Production of primary zinc in all forms (the recoverable zinc content of Canadian ores) during February, 1956, amounted to 35,198 tons compared with 37,316 tons in the previous month and with 32,068 tons in February, 1955.

Output of refined zinc, including amounts recovered from foreign ores treated in Canadian smelters, totalled 20,356 tons in February, 1956, compared with 19,865 tons in the corresponding month of last year.

Table 5 - Production of Zinc, 1955 and 1956

Month	Recoverable zinc (★) in Canadian ores		Refined zinc, all sources	
	1 9 5 5	1 9 5 6	1 9 5 5	1 9 5 6
	(Tons)			
January	36,488	37,316	22,028	21,696
February	32,068	35,198	19,865	20,356
Total two months	68,556	72,514	41,893	42,052
March	36,674		22,215	
April	34,719		21,301	
May	37,368		21,599	
June	33,553		20,565	
July	33,468		21,769	
August	36,079		22,029	
September	35,782		20,898	
October	39,447		22,206	
November	37,270		21,398	
December	35,558		21,135	
Total	428,474		257,008	

(★) 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 Ores, by Months, 1956

Month	Zinc in ore		Zinc in spelter	
	Tons	\$	Tons	\$
January	16,954	2,351,262	15,550	3,853,718
February	14,182	1,939,292	11,757	3,024,056
Total two months	31,136	4,290,554	27,307	6,877,774



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Table 7 = Consumption of Refined Zinc, 1955 and 1956 (★)

Month	Refined zinc	
	1955	1956
	(Tons)	
January	4,375	6,404
February	4,601	4,433
Total two months ..	8,976	10,837
March	5,740	
April	3,694	
May	5,331	
June	6,016	
July	5,013	
August	5,263	
September	5,855	
October	6,359	
November	7,684	
December	6,722	
Total	66,653	

(★) Producers' shipments to domestic consumers.