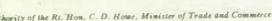
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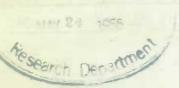


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SILVER, LEAD AND ZINC PRODUCTION

Silver - Output in Canada of primary silver in all forms amounted to 2,2%,504 fine ounces in March, 1956, compared with 2,094,335 fine ounces in the previous month and with 2,413,591 fine ounces in March, 1955.

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

Month	1954	1955	1956	
		(Fine ounces)		
January	2,603,593 2,068,740 2,352,392	2,182,386 1,960,506 2,413,591	2,280,575 2,094,335 2,2%,504	
Total three months	7,024,725	6,556,483	6,671,414	
April May June July August September October November December	2,745,615 2,564,919 2,769,694 2,717,859 2,842,365 2,804,384 2,461,823 2,823,719 2,364,826	2,304,287 2,235,620 2,461,675 2,385,654 2,480,607 2,386,385 2,407,990 2,088,991 2,416,735		
Total	31,117,949	27,724,427		

^(*) 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

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Month	Refined	In ores and concentrates	Refined	In ores and concentrates
		(Fine	ounces)	
January	1,124,418 1,828,950 1,110,450	429,704 457,261 411,597	1,367,774 1,337,225 979,046	435,047 196,803 328,857
Total three months	4,063,818	1,298,562	3,684,045	960,707
April May June July August September October November December	1,543,419 1,492,148 1,641,520 833,193 1,253,164 1,407,013 1,543,665 989,153 1,831,484	493,578 445,054 592,238 285,350 644,932 636,992 684,301 387,147 405,719		
Total	16,598,577	5,873,873		

Lead - Production of primary lead in all forms (the recoverable lead content of Canadian ores) during March, 1956, amounted to 16,589 tons compared with 14,226 tons in the previous month and with 19,113 tons in March, 1955.

Table 3 - Production of Lead, 1955 and 1956

Month	Recoverable lead (*) in Canadian ores			Refined lead, all sources	
		1956	1955	1956	
		(Ton	is)		
January	18,959 15,018 19,113	15,906 14,226 16,589	12,129 12,498 13,494	12,179	
Total three months	53,090	46,721	38,121		
April May June July August September October November December	17,889 16,808 17,800 16,650 16,676 15,972 13,659 15,182 17,857		13,190 13,631 13,323 7,045 10,531 13,913 14,561 12,224 12,272		
Total	201,583		148,811		

^(*) 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, 1956

Month	Lead	Lead in ore		Lead in pigs	
Monton	Tons	\$	Tons	\$	
January	2,496	669,282	4,888	1,323,265	
'February	1,966	551,503	3,856	1,032,626	
March	2,242	628,742	4,007	1,099,393	
Total three months	6,704	1,849,527	12,751	3,455,284	

Zinc - Production of primary zinc in all forms (the recoverable zinc content of Canadian ores) during March, 1956, amounted to 36,591 tons compared with 35,198 tons in the previous month and with 36,674 tons in March, 1955.

Output of refined zinc, including amounts recovered from foreign ores treated in Canadian smelters, totalled 22,010 tons in March, 1956, compared with 22,215 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	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
		(To	ns)	
January	36,488 32,068 36,674	37,316 35,198 36,591	22,028 19,865 22,215	21,696 20,356 22,010
Total three months	105,230	109,105	64,108	64,062
April May June July August September October November December	34,719 37,368 33,553 33,468 36,079 35,782 39,447 37,270 35,558		21,301 21,599 20,565 21,769 22,029 20,898 22,206 21,398 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 cre	Zinc i	Zinc in spelter	
HOII ON	Tons	\$	Tons	\$	
January	16,954	2,351,262	15,550	3,853,718	
February	14,182	1,939,292	11,757	3,024,056	
March	12,228	1,677,295	8,822	2,293,680	
Total three months	43,364	5,967,849	36,129	9,171,454	



Table 7 - Consumption of Refined Zinc, 1955 and 1956 (4)

Month	Refined zinc		
MOII GII	1955	1956	
	(Tons)		
January	4,375	6,404	
February	4,601 5,740	4,433 4,657	
Total three months	14,716	15,494	
April	3,094		
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.