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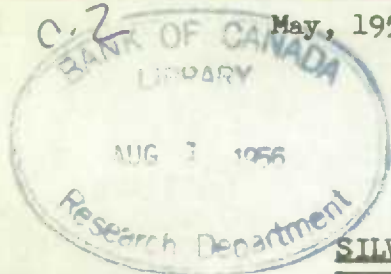
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SILVER, LEAD AND ZINC PRODUCTION

Silver - Output in Canada of primary silver in all forms amounted to 2,492,339 fine ounces in May, 1956, compared with 1,823,211 fine ounces in the previous month and with 2,235,620 fine ounces in May, 1955.

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

Month	1954	1955	1956
	(Fine ounces)		
January	2,603,593	2,182,386	2,280,575 (x)
February	2,068,740	1,960,506	2,094,467
March	2,352,392	2,413,591	2,296,504 (x)
April	2,745,615	2,304,287	1,823,211
May	2,564,919	2,235,620	2,492,339
Total five months	12,335,259	11,096,390	10,987,096
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	2,416,735	
Total	31,117,949	27,724,427	

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

(x) Revised.

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

Month	1955		1956	
	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
March	1,110,450	411,597	979,046	328,857
April	1,543,419	493,578	1,399,048	348,838
May	1,492,148	445,054	995,007	447,710
Total five months	7,099,385	2,237,194	6,078,100	1,757,255
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 May, 1956, amounted to 15,446 tons compared with 11,573 tons in the previous month and with 16,808 tons in May, 1955.

Table 3 - Production of Lead, 1955 and 1956

Month	Recoverable lead (*) in Canadian ores		Refined lead, all sources	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
(Tons)				
January	18,959	16,002	12,129	12,179
February	15,018	14,344	12,498	11,469
March	19,113	16,857	13,494	12,438
April	17,889	11,573	13,190	11,554
May	16,808	15,446	13,631	...
Total five months	87,787	74,221	64,942	
June	17,800		13,323	
July	16,650		7,045	
August	16,676		10,531	
September	15,972		13,913	
October	13,559		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.

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	1,965*	551,503	3,856	1,032,626
March	2,242	628,742	4,007	1,099,393
April	2,817	815,266	7,636	2,088,785
May	2,603	742,276	7,214	1,880,724
Total five months	12,123	3,407,069	27,601	7,424,793

* Revised.

Zinc - Production of primary zinc in all forms (the recoverable zinc content of Canadian ores) during May, 1956, amounted to 35,041 tons compared with 34,790 tons in the previous month and with 37,368 tons in May, 1955.

Output of refined zinc, including amounts recovered from foreign ores treated in Canadian smelters, totalled 21,790 tons in May, 1956, compared with 21,599 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	
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	(Tons)			
January	36,488	37,329	22,028	21,696
February	32,068	35,212	19,865	20,356
March	36,674	36,619	22,215	22,010
April	34,719	34,790	21,301	21,339
May	37,368	35,041	21,599	21,790
Total five months	177,317	178,991	107,008	107,191
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.



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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
March	12,228	1,677,295	8,822	2,293,680
April	15,272	2,119,145	14,317	3,723,999
May	13,565	1,777,114	11,357	2,864,530
Total five months	72,201	9,864,108	61,803	15,759,983

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
March	5,740	4,657
April	3,694	4,929
May	5,331	3,991
Total five months	23,741	24,414
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.