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SILVER, LEAD AND ZINC PRODUCTION

Silver - Output in Canada of primary silver in all forms amounted to 2,864,074 fine ounces in February, 1960, compared with 2,755,069 fine ounces in the previous month and with 2,264,903 fine ounces in February, 1959.

Table 1 - Production of Silver (x), 1958-1960

Month	1958	1959	1960
	(Fine Ounces)		
January	2,530,583	3,094,440	2,755,069
February	2,305,655	2,264,033	2,864,074
Total two months	4,836,238	5,359,343	5,619,143
March	2,459,698	2,782,307	
April	2,574,958	2,691,503	
May	2,656,665	2,499,149	
June	2,536,018	2,676,937	
July	2,390,687	2,867,957	
August	2,889,154	2,519,033	
September	2,841,304	2,446,846	
October	2,375,156	3,072,219	
November	2,649,515	2,333,137	
December	2,954,077	2,678,623	
Total	31,163,470	31,927,054	

(x) 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, 1959 and 1960

Month	1 9 5 9		1 9 6 0	
	Refined	In ores and concentrates	Refined	In ores and concentrates
	(Fine Ounces)			
January	1,600,217	185,367	1,008,632	887,242
February	1,044,603	329,742	932,155	1,312,006
Total-two months ..	2,644,820	515,109	1,940,787	2,199,248
March	1,415,922	425,973		
April	1,252,800	989,593		
May	1,483,478	564,017		
June	1,137,864	871,570		
July	1,450,557	728,598		
August	550,929	688,042		
September	1,199,366	763,017		
October	998,817	767,939		
November	1,009,312	70,205		
December	1,996,965	430,802		
Total	15,140,830	6,210,175		

Lead - Production of primary lead in all forms (the recoverable lead content of Canadian ores) during February, 1960, amounted to 16,397 tons compared with 16,284 tons in the previous month and with 15,923 tons in February, 1959.

Table 3 - Production of Lead, 1959 and 1960

Month	Recoverable lead (x) in Canadian ores		Refined lead, all sources	
	1959	1960	1959	1960
	(Tons)			
January	17,118	16,284	14,073	11,664
February	15,923	16,397	12,740	...
Total-two months	33,041	32,681	26,813	
March	17,389		13,704	
April	16,237		13,655	
May	16,813		13,357	
June	14,968		12,997	
July	15,111		8,096	
August	14,104		7,357	
September	12,420		9,775	
October	13,958		9,897	
November	13,024		9,674	
December	14,545		10,071	
Total	181,610		135,396	

(x) 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, 1960

Month	Lead in ore		Lead in pigs	
	Tons	\$	Tons	\$
January	8,356	1,583,434	5,549	889,160
February	5,686	952,897	6,692	1,102,375
Total-two months	14,042	2,536,331	12,241	1,991,535

Zinc - Production of primary zinc in all forms (the recoverable zinc content of Canadian ores) during February, 1960, amounted to 32,309 tons compared with 34,980 tons in the previous month and with 29,790 tons in February, 1959.

Output of refined zinc, including amounts recovered from foreign ores treated in Canadian smelters, totalled 21,055 tons in February, 1960, compared with 19,709 tons in the corresponding month of last year.

Table 5 - Production of Zinc, 1959 and 1960

Month	Recoverable zinc (x) in Canadian ores		Refined zinc, all sources	
	1959	1960	1959	1960
	(Tons)			
January	35,323	34,980	21,456	22,247
February	29,790	32,309	19,709	21,055
Total-two months ..	65,113	67,289	41,165	43,302
March	34,093		22,135	
April	33,087		21,512	
May	33,602		21,147	
June	32,981		21,250	
July	34,630		21,055	
August	33,694		21,588	
September	32,100		20,744	
October	33,333		21,744	
November	30,675		21,039	
December	32,867		21,963	
Total	396,175		255,342	

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

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