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LHAD PRODUCTION IN CANADA, OCTOBER, 1931.

Lead production in Canada during October reached a total of 20,311,407 pounds, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In September the output was 19,099,117 pounds and in October, 1930, the total was 25,251,897 pounds. The aggregate for the first ten months of 1931 was 228,852,571 pounds, a decline of 17.8 per cent from the output during the corresponding period of last year.

Exports of lead in ore from Canada in October consisted of 1,511,900 pounds consigned to the United States. Lead in pigs, refined load, etc., exported from Canada amounted to 21,433,500 pounds; Great Britain, Japan, France, and the Netherlands provided the principal market for these exports.

Quotations for lead on the London market ranged from a high of 2.652 cents per pound on the thirteenth to a, low of 2.482 cents on the eighth; the average for the menth was 2.592 cents per pound. After remaining constant at 4.40 cents per pound on the New York market for three months, lead producers reduced their prices in October to 3.75 cents per pound. This reduction in price stimulated widespread buying to such an extent that the month closed with prices strengthened to 4 cents per pound. A corresponding decline was recorded on the St. Louis market; the low for the month was 3.525 cents per pound and the high 4.225 cents per pound.

The refined lead production of the world increased 7.6 per cent in October to 117,984 tons as compared with 109,629 tons in September. This increase, according to the American Bureau of Motal Statistics records, was attributable mainly to advances in cutput in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Germany, Italy and Australia. Lead production in the United States totalled 36,546 tons as against 31,966 tons in September. Stocks of refined lead on hand in the United States at the beginning of October amounted to 132,804 tons; owing to a gain in production and a docline in shipments, stocks increased to 139,796 tons at the close of the month.

PRODUCTION OF LEAD IN CANADA

			September,	1931		19,099,117	pounds
Ton	months	onding			*****************		_
19	11	43	October,	1930		278,369,267	pounds
79	17	17	October,	1929	***************	278,325,955	pour ds

