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## LEAD PRODUCTION IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1931.

Canadian producers reported a production of 21,371,076 pounds of lead in December as compared with 17,457,154 pounds in November and 30,966,937 pounds in December, 1930, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

Lead quotations on the London market averaged 2.77153 cents per pound in December; in November the average price was 2.72174 cents per pound. The total Canadian production valued at the average London price in December was worth \$592,316. On the New York market lead quotations were steady at 3.85 cents per pound until the fourteenth when a decline to 3.75 cents per pound was recorded. The latter price prevailed to the end of the month. The price range on the St. Louis market was similar to New York; opening quotations were 3.65 cents per pound with a falling-off to 3.55 cents per pound on the fourteenth.

Exports of pig lead, refined lead, etc., from Canada in December totalled 21,360,400 pounds of which 9,296,000 pounds were shipped to Great Britain, 6,046,700 pounds to Japan, and the remainder to Sweden, the Netherlands, China, Germany, Belgium, Brazil, Argentina, France, Uruguay and Hong Kong.

Refined lead production of the world totalled 122,691 tons in December, an increase of 2.8 per cent over the November output of 119,398 tons. This advance was due to increased production in the United States, Germany, Spain and Australia. Daily output in the United States was 1,083 tons as compared with 1,056 tons in November. Refined lead on hand in the United States at the end of December amounted to 151,380 tons while at the beginning of 1931, the quantity was 103,247 tons.

## PRODUCTION OF LEAD IN CANADA

|    |        |   | November, | 1931 | 21,371,076<br>17,457,154<br>30,966,937 | pounds |
|----|--------|---|-----------|------|--|--------|
|    | months | _ |           |      | <br>267,145,669<br>332,894,163         |        |
| 23 | 63     |   |           |      | <br>326,522,566                        | _      |

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