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LEAD PRODUCTION IN CANADA, AUGUST, 1931.

Canadian lead production is obtained normally from British Columbia, the Yukon, and Ontario sources. During the past several months mines in British Columbia and the Yukon were the only shippers, with the British Columbia production accounting for 95 per-cent of the total Canadian output. In August of this year, 21,148,583 pounds of-lead were produced in Canada as compared with 21,867,649 pounds in July, and 25,540,314 pounds in August, 1930.

Exports of lead in ore by Canadian producers during August amounted to 833,300 pounds; in July, 453,600 pounds were exported. Lead in pigs, refined lead, etc., exported during the month reached a total of 12,850,700 pounds as against 19,715,500 pounds in the previous month.

August opened with lead quoted on the London market at 2.675 cents per pound; on the seventeenth the low point for the month of 2.4713 cents was reached, however, a slight recovery was noted towards the end of the month and the closing quotation was 2.6071 cents per pound. The average price for the month was 2.5949 cents per pound as against 2.766 cents per pound in July. United States lead prices remained unchanged throughout the month. Quotations on the St. Louis market were maintained at 4.225 cents per pound and the New York price was constant at 4.40 cents per pound.

The United States total production of lead in August amounted to 35,702 tons, a decline of 2.4 per cent from the July total of 36,566 tons and 38.5 per cent from the August, 1930, output of 58,036 tons. On August 1 stocks of lead on hand in the United States totalled 133,958 tons; by the end of the month these supplies were reduced to 131,082 tons, thus indicating that a better balance between production and current consumption has been established.

According to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics the world production of refined lead in August totalled 117,927 tons, an advance of 3.1 per cent over the July output of 114,419 tons. Increased production in Mexico, Germany, Spain, and Australia vas responsible for the higher output in August.

PRODUCTION OF LEAD IN CANADA.

| August, 1931 | | | 21, | 148,583 | pounds |
|--------------|----------------|------|------|---------|--------|
| July, 1931 | | | 21, | 367,649 | pounds |
| August, 1930 | | | 25, | 540,314 | pounds |
| Eight months | ending August, | 1931 | 189, | 442,047 | pounds |
| | ending August, | | | 4 | - |
| Eight months | ending August, | 1929 | 214, | 024,656 | pounds |



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