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ZINC PRODUCTION IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1931

Canadian producers reported an output of 14,578,807 pounds of zinc in December according to a statement issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In November, 15,841,329 pounds were produced and in December, 1930, the total was 25,126,592 pounds.

Quotations for zinc on the London market were slightly higher in December; the average price for the month was 2.620745 cents per pound as compared with 2.58514 cents per pound in November. Canadian production in December, valued at the average London price for zinc, was worth \$382,075.

The average price for zinc on the St. Louis market has declined steadily since July. Quotations during December averaged 3.149 cents per pound; in November the average was 3.209 cents per pound.

Exports of zinc spelter reached a total of 18,708,200 pounds in December as against 18,151,200 pounds in November. The December external shipments consisted of 10,215,800 pounds to Great Britain, 2,218,500 pounds to Japan, 1,848,600 pounds to Germany, 1,815,200 pounds to the Netherlands and the remainder to British India, Belgium, France, Argentina, China and Hong Kong.

World production of zinc declined to 80,714 tons in December as compared with 81,843 tons in November. This decline was recorded principally in Belgium, France, Germany and Poland. Zinc production of the world during the calendar year 1931 totalled 1,130,203 tons, a decrease of 27.7 per cent from the 1930 output of 1,563,049 tons.

PRODUCTION OF ZINC IN CANADA

December, 1931 .....	14,578,807 pounds
November, 1931 .....	15,841,329 pounds
December, 1930 .....	25,126,592 pounds
Twelve months ending December, 1931 .....	237,244,103 pounds (x)
" " " December, 1930 .....	267,643,505 pounds
" " " December, 1929 .....	197,267,081 pounds

(x) Compiled from monthly records, therefore subject to revision.

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