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plete statistics of the production of all kinds of pig iron in the United States in the first half of 1901; also complete statistics of the stocks of pig iron which were on hand and for sale on June 30, 1901. Following is the summary:

The total production of pig iron in the first half of 1901 was 7,674,613 gross tons, against 7,642,569 tons in the first half of 1900 and 6,146,673 tons in the second half. The increase in production in the first half of 1901 over the first half of 1900 was only 32,044 tons, but the increase over the second half of 1900 was 1,527,940 tons. Indications now point to a decreased production in the second half of 1901 as compared with the first half. The production in the first half of 1899, the boom year, was 6,289,167 tons, and in the second half it was 7,331,536 tons.

The production of Bessemer pig iron in the first half of 1901 was 4,582,187 gross tons, against 4,461,391 tons in the first half of 1900 and 3,482,061 tons in the second half.

The production of basic pig iron in the first half of 1901 was 645,105 gross tons, against 581,868 tons in the first half of 1900 and 490,508 tons in the second half.

The production of charcoal pig iron in the first half of 1901 was 194,231 gross tons, against 167,146 tons in the first half of 1900 and 172,728 tons in the second half. In addition there were produced in the south in the first six months of this year 17,979 tons of pig iron with mixed charcoal and coke.

The production of spiegeleisen and ferromanganese in the first half of 1901 was 135,920 gross tons, all made in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Illinois and Colorado, against 148,102 tons in the first half of 1900 and 107,875 tons in the second half.

The association's statistics of unsold stocks do not include pig iron sold and not removed from the furnace bank, or pig iron in the hands of creditors, or pig iron manufactured by rolling mill owners for their own use, or pig iron in the hands of consumers. The stocks which were unsold in the hands of manufacturers or their agents on June 30, 1901, amounted to 372,560 tons, against 442,370 tons on Dec. 31, 1900, and 338,053 tons on June 30, 1900.

Included in the stocks of unsold pig iron on hand on June 30, 1901, were 8,831 tons in the yards of the American Pig Iron Storage Warrant Co., which were yet under the control of the makers, the part in these yards not under their control amounting to 1,569 tons, which latter quantity, added to the 372,560 tons above mentioned, makes a total of 374,129 tons which were on the market at that date. The total stocks in the above named warrant yards on June 30, 1901, amounted to 10,400 tons, against 16,400 tons on Dec. 31, 1900.

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