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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, OCTOBER, 1931.

Shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers in October reached a total of 16,546 tons as compared with 15,786 tons shipped in September, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Production during the first ten months of the current year amounted to 135,152 tons, or 34.1 per cent below the total for the corresponding period of 1930.

Employment in the Canadian asbestos industry in October was at approximately the same level as in the preceding month.

Asbestos exported from Canada in October totalled 15,643 tons and included 12,843 tons to the United States, 1,455 tons to Belgium, 380 tons to Germany, 338 tons to France, 299 tons to Japan, and lesser tonnages to the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, Australia and Italy. Manufactures of asbestos to a value of \$14,362 were exported by Canadian manufacturers in October; the United States purchased 39.97 per cent of these exports and the United Kingdom, 26.33 per cent; the remainder was consigned to Argentina, Newfoundland, Brazil, Dutch East Indies, Jamaica and Colombia.

Importations of asbestos manufactures in October were appraised at \$40,342 of which the United States supplied 74.3 per cent; Great Britain, 23.1 per cent; Germany, 2.5 per cent, and Jugo Slavia, 0.1 per cent.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA DURING SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1931.

	September Tons	October Tons
Crude No. 1	11	8
Crude No. 2	78	30
Other crudes.....
Spinning stocks	532	497
Shingle stocks	2,875	2,352
Paper stocks	2,784	3,820
Waste, stucco or plaster.....	3,062	2,466
Refuse or shorts	6,444	7,373
TOTAL.....	15,786	16,546
By-products (sand, gravel, etc.).....	878	772

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines during October (tax and bags included) as quoted in the Engineering and Mining World, were as follows:-

Crude No. 1	\$250 - \$350 per ton	Shingle stocks.....	\$ 45 - \$ 65 per ton
Crude No. 2	\$200,- \$250 per ton	Millboard and paper	
Spinning fibres.....	\$ 90 - \$175 per ton	stocks.....	\$ 27 1/2 - \$ 35 per ton
Magnesia and compressed		Cement stock.....	\$ 15 - \$ 20 per ton
sheet fibres.....	\$100 - \$125 per ton	Floats	\$ 10 - \$ 12 per ton

