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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1931.

Shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers in December amounted to 10,523 tons as compared with 14,068 tons in November and 18,754 tons in December, 1930. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports asbestos production during the calendar year 1931 at 163,368 tons; in 1930, shipments totalled 242,114 tons.

Employment in the asbestos industry in December dropped to a lower level than in the preceding months.

Asbestos exports declined 3.6 per cent to a total of 13,395 tons as against 13,890 tons exported in November. The December exportations were made up of 7,607 tons to the United States, 1,763 tons to Germany, 1,347 tons to Belgium, 1,170 tons to France, 627 tons to Japan, 434 tons to the Netherlands, 337 tons to Great Britain, 60 tons to Italy, and 50 tons to Australia. The total value of these exports was \$527,706. Manufactures of asbestos to a value of \$11,686 were exported; the Great Britain market absorbed 70.3 per cent of these exports; Newfoundland, 15.7 per cent; and Colombia, Peru, New Zealand, Straits Settlements, Australia and Brazil, the remainder.

Imports of asbestos manufactures into Canada in December reached a value of \$38,514, a 33.6 per cent increase over the previous month's total. During the current month, these importations were drawn from the following sources, the United States, 79.7 per cent; Great Britain, 14.2 per cent; Austria, 3.8 per cent; and Germany, 2.3 per cent.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA DURING NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 1931.

	November Tons	December Tons
Crude No. 1	9	10
Crude No. 2	20	11
Other crudes
Spinning stocks	551	660
Shingle stocks	2,700	1,695
Paper stocks	3,109	2,166
Waste, stucco or plaster	2,165	2,575
Refuse or shorts	5,514	3,406
TOTAL	14,063	10,523
By-products (sand, gravel, etc.)	995	499

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

Crude No. 1	\$ 400	per ton	Shingle stocks.....	\$ 50 - \$65	per ton
Crude No. 2	\$ 200	per ton	Millboard and paper		
Spinning fibres.....	\$ 100-\$125	per ton	stocks.....	\$ 27½ - \$35	per ton
Magnesia and compressed			Coarse stock.....	\$ 15 - \$20	per ton
sheet fibres.....	\$ 100-\$125	per ton	Floats.....	\$ 10 - \$15	per ton

