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ASRESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, AUGUST, 1931.

The Canadian asbestos production is obtained from Broughton, Coleraine, Shipton, Thetford and Tingwick townships of Quebec. This area under normal business conditions supplies approximately 70 per cent of the world's asbestos requirements. Unfortunately during the past two years, the asbestos industry, in common with many other industries, has suffered from world-wide depressed conditions. Consequently there has been a severe curtailment in operations by the several producing companies in Canada.

During August, Canadian producers shipped 13,079 tons of various grades of asbestos as compared with shipments of 13,597 tons in July. Exports of asbestos in August totalled 13,752 tons made up of 10,783 tons to the United States, 905 tons to Belgium, 682 tons to Japan, 387 tons to Germany, 323 tons to France, 296 tons to Great Britain, and lesser tonnages to Italy, the Netherlands, Australia, British India, and Argentina in the order named. Manufactures of asbestos exported from Canada were valued at \$12,187 while imports reached a value of \$40,746 of which 83.3 per cent came from the United States, 16.1 per cent from Great Britain, and 0.6 per cent from Germany.

Employment in the Canadian asbestos mining industry, while at a low ebb in July, showed an encouraging rise in August.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA DURING AUGUST,

| | Tons |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Crude No.1 | 21 |
| Other crudes | 55 |
| Spinning stocks | 635 |
| Shingle stocks | 1,812 |
| Paper stocks | 2,565 |
| Refuse or shorts | 4,855 |
| Total | 13,079 |
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| By-products (sand, gravel, etc.) | 909 |

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines during June, July and August:-

| Crude No. 1 | | 3 | 450 | per | ton |
|-----------------------|-------|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Crude No. 2 | | \$ | 225 | per | ton |
| Spinning stocks | | \$ | 125 | per | ton |
| Shingle stocks | | 4 | 65 | per | ton |
| Millboard and paper s | tocks | 5 | 30 | per | ton |
| Fillers | | 5 | 10 | per | ton |



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