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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, OCTOBER, 1932.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers totalled 13,232 tons in October; during the preceding month 11,001 tons were shipped and in October, 1931, the production was 16,726 tons. During the ten months ending October, 96,772 tons were produced in Canada as compared with 139,438 tons in the corresponding period of 1931.

Exports of Canadian asbestos amounted to 12,351 tons as against 9,954 tons exported in September. The United States market absorbed 73.6 per cent of the October exports.

The imports of asbestos products into Canada in October were valued at \$28,505; in the previous month the imports were worth \$29,282. Asbestos brake and clutch lining importations were appraised at \$7,685, of which the United States supplied 83.9 per cent and Great Britain 16.1 per cent. Imports of asbestos packing amounted to 10,380 pounds valued at \$4,533; in September 5,277 pounds with a valuation of \$2,166 were imported. Other asbestos manufactures to a value of \$16,287 were brought into Canada in October; the United States supplied 83.1 per cent of these imports, Great Britain 8.4 per cent and Austria 8.2 per cent.

Asbestos, raw, fibre and waste, imported into Great Britain in October totalled 1,505 tons, consisting of 304 tons from Rhodesia, 284 tons from Canada and 917 tons from other countries. The United States Customs' records show that imports into the United States of unmanufactured asbestos in October reached a total of 8,832 tons. This supply was obtained from the following sources, Canada 8,692 tons, Italy 90 tons, Great Britain 28 tons and South Africa 22 tons.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (Short tons)

| | SEPTEMBER 1932 | OCTOBER 1932 | OCTOBER 1931 | TEN MONTHS ENDING OCTOBER | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|--------|
| | | | | 1931 | 1932 |
| Crude No. 1 | 12 | 25 | | | 98 |
| Crude No. 2 | 50 | 45 | | | 265 |
| Other crudes | 6 | 22 | | | 32 |
| Spinning stocks | 511 | 630 | | | 4,922 |
| Shingle stocks | 1,856 | 2,901 | | | 14,791 |
| Paper stocks | 1,722 | 2,186 | | | 15,496 |
| Waste, stucco or plaster .. | 1,268 | 1,940 | | | 22,413 |
| Refuse or shorts | 5,576 | 5,483 | | | 38,755 |
| TOTAL | 11,001 | 13,232 | 16,726 | 139,438 | 96,772 |
| By-products (sand, gravel, etc.) | 203 | 396 | | | 3,164 |

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of October (tax and bags included) as quoted in the Metal and Mineral Markets, were as follows:-

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|-------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Crude No. 1 | \$400 to \$450 per ton | Shingle stock | \$45 - \$60 per ton |
| Crude No. 2 | \$200 per ton | Paper stock | \$30 - \$35 per ton |
| Spinning fibres | \$80 - \$125 per ton | Cement stock | \$18 - \$20 per ton |
| Magnesia and compressed | | Floats | \$15 per ton |
| sheet fibres | \$80 - \$90 per ton | Shorts | \$10 - \$12.50 per ton |

