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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1932.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that the shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers reached a total of 14,478 tons in December as compared with 11,616 tons in November and 10,637 tons in December 1931. During the calendar year 1932 the total Canadian asbestos production amounted to 122,866 tons; in the preceding year 164,296 tons were produced.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in December were recorded at 11,866 tons evaluated at \$346,278 as against 10,982 tons at \$287,536 exported in November. The United States purchased 68.4 per cent of the total December exports.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada were valued at \$26,162 in December; the previous month's importations were worth \$27,627. Brake and clutch lining imports in December declined 18.1 per cent in value to \$7,588 as compared with the preceding month's total of \$9,270. Asbestos packing imported into Canada amounted to 6,493 **pounds** worth \$2,781 as against 7,282 pounds at \$3,049 in October. Other asbestos manufactures imported were valued at \$15,793; the United States supplied 74.4 per cent of these imports, Austria, 16.2 per cent, Great Britain, 8.8 per cent, and Germany and Jugoslavia the remainder.

Great Britain imported 2,632 tons of asbestos, raw, fibre and waste in December. These imports included 666 tons from Rhodesia, 623 tons from Canada and 1,343 tons from other countries. The United States customs' records show imports of unmanufactured asbestos at 6,903 tons in December. This tonnage was obtained from the following countries: Canada, 6,426 tons, Italy, 143 tons, Union of South Africa, 9 tons, and other British South Africa, 325 tons.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

	NOVEMBER 1932	DECEMBER 1932	DECEMBER 1931	TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER	
				1931	1932
Crude No. 1	28	17	...	...	143
Crude No. 2	34	15	...	...	314
Other crudes	3	...	...	...	35
Spinning stocks	528	425	...	...	5,875
Shingle stocks	2,162	4,115	...	...	21,068
Paper stocks	1,619	2,724	...	...	19,839
Waste, stucco or plaster ...	1,320	1,777	...	...	25,510
Refuse or shorts	5,922	5,405	...	...	50,082
TOTAL	11,616	14,478	10,637	164,296	122,866
By-products (sand, gravel, etc.)	177	32	...	...	3,373

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

Crude No. 1	\$400 - \$450 per ton	Shingle stock	\$45 - \$60 per ton
Crude No. 2	\$200 per ton	Paper stock	\$30 - \$35 per ton
Spinning fibres	\$80 - \$110 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

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