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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, FEBRUARY, 1932.

Asbestos production in Canada declined 24.4 per cent to 7,706 tons in February as against 10,190 tons produced in January, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

Quotations for magnesia and compressed sheet fibres in February ranged from \$70 to \$85 per ton; in January the price range was from \$100 to \$125 per ton. Shingle stocks recorded a decline in price of \$5 per ton in February. With the exception of spinning fibres quotations for the other grades of asbestos did not vary from the January level.

Employment in the asbestos industry continued at approximately the same level as in January.

Exports of asbestos were 20 per cent lower in February amounting to 7,747 tons as compared with 9,681 tons exported in January. In February the United States purchased 91 per cent of the Canadian exports of asbestos; Japan, Great Britain, Belgium, Germany, Australia and France furnished a market for the remainder. Exports of asbestos manufactures were valued at \$5,917 in February.

Imports of asbestos packing into Canada totalled 17,510 pounds worth \$9,060 in February; the United States supplied 52.2 per cent of these importations and Great Britain 47.3 per cent. Asbestos brake and clutch lining imports to a value of \$22,613 were received in February. Importations of other asbestos manufactures reached a value of \$14,764, of which the United States supplied 89.1 per cent, Great Britain 10.6 per cent and Germany 0.3 per cent.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA

	January 1932	February 1932	February 1931	Two months ending FEBRUARY 1932	1931
Crude No. 1	17	4	21	21	21
Crude No. 2	37	26	63	63	63
Other crudes	555	580	955	955	955
Spinning stocks	575	580	580	580	580
Shingle stocks	3,144	736	3,882	3,882	3,882
Paper stocks	2,075	1,399	3,474	3,474	3,474
Waste, stucco or plaster	468	2,620	3,096	3,096	3,096
Refuse or shorts	3,874	2,531	6,405	6,405	6,405
TOTAL	10,190	7,706	13,487	17,896	26,380
By-products (sand, gravel, etc.)	402	206	608	608	608

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

Crude No. 1	\$ 400 per ton	Shingle stocks	\$ 45 - \$60 per ton
Crude No. 2	\$ 200 per ton	Millboard and paper	
Spinning fibres	\$ 75 - \$125 per ton	stocks	\$ 27 1/2 - \$35 per ton
Magnesia and com-		Cement stock	\$ 15 - \$20 per ton
pressed sheet		Floats	\$ 10 - \$15 per ton
fibres	\$ 70 - \$ 85 per ton		

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