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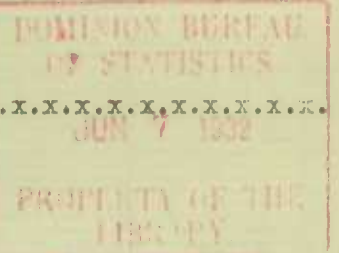
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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, APRIL, 1932.



The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that the production of asbestos during April amounted to 8,830 tons, a decline of 1.2 per cent from the March shipments of 8,937 tons and 38.1 per cent from the April, 1931 total of 14,264 tons. During the first four months of the current year 35,663 tons of asbestos were shipped by Canadian producers as compared with 54,106 tons in the corresponding period of 1931.

Employment in the asbestos industry during April continued at approximately the same level as in March. Quotations for the various grades of asbestos have remained constant during the past three months.

Exports of asbestos totalled 6,176 tons or 44 per cent below the April, 1931 total of 11,027 tons. Imports of asbestos followed a similar trend, declining to a value of \$37,023 as against \$60,858 in the preceding month and \$55,685 a year ago. Receipts of asbestos brake and clutch lining were valued at \$14,429; the United States supplied 73 per cent of these imports and Great Britain the remainder. Asbestos packing imports totalled 7,468 pounds with a valuation of \$3,054. Other asbestos manufactures imported into Canada were appraised at \$19,540 and consisted of 91.7 per cent from the United States, 6.7 per cent from Great Britain, and 1.6 per cent from Germany.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (Short tons)

| | March 1932 | April 1932 | April 1931 | FOUR MONTHS ENDING APRIL | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | | | | 1931 | 1932 |
| Crude No. 1 | 20 | 9 | | | 50 |
| Crude No. 2 | 42 | 7 | | | 112 |
| Other crudes | ... | ... | | | ... |
| Spinning stocks | 543 | 487 | | | 1,985 |
| Shingle and paper stocks | 1,769 | 3,303 | | | 10,411 |
| Waste, stucco or plaster | 3,713 | 1,981 | | | 10,475 |
| Refuse or shorts | 2,850 | 3,043 | | | 12,630 |
| TOTAL | 8,937 | 8,830 | 14,264 | 54,106 | 35,663 |
| By-products (sand, gravel, etc.)... | 151 | 307 | | | 1,066 |

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

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|---|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Crude No. 1 | \$400 per ton | Shingle stocks | \$ 45 - \$60 per ton |
| Crude No. 2 | \$200 per ton | Paper stocks | \$ 27½ - \$35 per ton |
| Spinning fibres | \$ 75 - \$125 per ton | Cement stock | \$ 15 - \$20 per ton |
| Magnesia and compressed sheet fibres | \$ 70 - \$85 per ton | Floats | \$ 10 - \$15 per ton |

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