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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, MAY, 1932.

Asbestos production in Canada during May totalled 9,942 tons as compared with 8,830 tons in the preceding month and 12,446 tons in May, 1931, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the first five months of 1932 amounted to 45,605 tons or 31.5 per cent below the total for the corresponding period of the previous year.

Towards the close of the month, quotations for crude No. 1, spinning fibres, magnesia and compressed sheet fibres, shingle stocks, cement stocks and floats showed increases over the prices prevailing during the past three months.

Asbestos exports during May reached a total of 8,538 tons, an increase of 38.2 per cent over the April total but a decline of 34.5 per cent from the May, 1931 exportations. Imports of asbestos into Canada were appraised at \$55,403 as against the May 1931 valuation of \$69,136. The current month's importations of brake and clutch lining were valued at \$23,057 of which the United States supplied 81.4 por cent and Great Britain the remainder. Asbestos packing imports amounted to 10,936 pounds worth \$6,078. Other asbestos manufactures imported into Canada were valued at \$26,268, made up of 80.0 per cent from the United States, 11.1 per cent from Great Britain, and 8.9 per cent from Austria.

PRODUCTION OF	F ASBESTOS I	N CANADA	(short		
	April	May	May 1931	FIVE MONTHS ENDING MAY	
	1932	1932		1931	1932
Crude No. 1	9	1			51
Crude No. 2		5			117
Other crudes					
Spinning stocks	487	424			2,409
Shingle and paper stocks	3,303	2,886			13,297
Waste, stucco or plaster	1,981	3,367			13,842
Refuse or shorts	3,043	3,259			15,889
TOTAL	8,830	9,942	12,446	66,552	45,605
By-products (sand, gravel, etc.)	307	581			1,647

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

Crude No. 1 \$400 to \$450 per ton Crude No. 2 \$200 per ton Spinning fibres \$ 80 - \$125 per ton Magnesia and compressed sheet fibres \$ 75 - \$85 per ton

Shingle stocks \$ 45 - \$ 80 per ton Paper stocks \$ 272- \$ 35 per ton Cement stock \$ 18 - \$ 22 per ton Floats \$ 15 per ton

