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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, SEPTEMBER, 1932.

Asbestos shipments by Canadian producers in September advanced 10.9 per cent to 11,001 tons as compared with the August total of 9,918 tons according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In September, 1931, the Canadian production amounted to 15,957 tons.

Quotations for asbestos showed little variation in September; the August prices prevailing for all grades except "shorts." For this grade the price range was from \$10 to \$12.50 per ton as compared with the August quotations of \$10 to \$14 per ton.

Customs' records show that the exports of Canadian asbestos during September reached a total of 9,954 tons as against 8,617 tons exported in the previous month. Shipments to the United States accounted for 85.1 per cent of the September exports.

Asbestos products imported into Canada were valued at \$29,282; in August the imports were worth \$36,521. The value of asbestos brake and clutch lining imported in September was \$8,215, of which the United States supplied 80.7 per cent and Great Britain, 19.3 per cent. Receipts of asbestos packing amounted to 5,277 pounds worth \$2,166 as against 7,247 pounds at \$3,761 imported in August. Imports of other asbestos manufactures were appraised at \$18,901 and consisted of 63.4 per cent from the United States, 34.7 per cent from Great Britain, 1.4 per cent from Germany and 0.5 per cent from Austria.

In common with other important asbestos producing countries, the Rhodesian output of asbestos has shown a considerable decline in 1932; production during August was recorded at 1,044 tons or 26.1 per cent below the tonnage produced a year ago. During the eight months ending August, Rhodesia produced 9,209 tons, a decline of 56.8 per cent from the output in the corresponding period of 1931.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (Short tons)

	AUGUST 1932	SEPTEMBER 1932	SEPTEMBER 1931	NINE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER	
				1931	1932
Crude No. 1	6	12	...	...	73
Crude No. 2	12	50	...	...	220
Other crudes .....	...	6	...	...	10
Spinning stocks	672	511	...	...	4,292
Shingle stocks	1,112	1,856	...	...	11,890
Paper stocks	1,438	1,722	...	...	13,310
Waste, stucco or plaster ..	1,873	1,268	...	...	20,473
Refuse or shorts	4,805	5,576	...	...	33,272
TOTAL	9,918	11,001	15,957	122,712	83,540
By-products (sand, gravel, etc.)	263	203	...	...	2,768

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

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

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