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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, JANUARY, 1933.

Canadian producers reported an output of 5,951 tons of asbestos in January as compared with 14,478 tons in December and 10,249 tons in January, 1932, according to a statement issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

Asbestos exportations from Canada amounted to 9,063 tons valued at \$268,878; in the preceding month 11,866 tons worth \$346,278 were exported. Shipments to the United States accounted for 74 per cent of the January exports.

Asbestos products imported into Canada in January were appraised at \$24,110 as against the December import valuation of \$26,162. Importations of brake and clutch linings were valued at \$5,638 or 26 per cent below the December total of \$7,588. Receipts of asbestos packing rose to 8,464 pounds at \$3,942 from the December imports of 6,493 rounds worth \$2,781. Other asbestos products imported in January were valued at \$14,530; the United States supplied 75 per cent of these imports, Great Britain 24 per cent, and Germany the remainder.

Imports of asbestos, raw, fibre and waste, into Great Britain in January totalled 1,248 tons made up of 534 tons from Rhodesia, 373 tons from Canada and 341 tons from other countries. The United States customs' records show imports of unmanufactured asbestos at 5,151 tons in January as compared with 6,903 tons in December. The January importations were obtained from Canada.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (Short tons)

	December 1932	January 1933	January 1932	TWELVE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER	
				1931	1932
Crude No. 1	17	0 0 0			143
Crude No. 2	15	* * *			314
Uther crudes					35
Spinning stocks	425				5,875
Shingle stocks	4,115				21,068
Paper stocks	2,724	7 0 E			19,839
Waste, stucco or plaster	1,777				25,510
Refuse or shorts	5,405				50,082
TOTAL	14,478	5,951	10,249	164,296	122 366
By-products (sand, gravel, etc.) 32	64	402	• • •	3 373

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

Crude No. 1	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
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