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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, OCTOBER, 1933.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers amounted to 19,524 tons in October as compared with 18,564 tons shipped during the preceding month and 13,232 tons in October, 1932. During the ten months ending October, 1933, shipments reached a total of 117,644 tons or an increase of 21.6 per cent over the tonnage shipped in the corresponding period of 1932.

Exports of Canadian asbestos in October totalled 19,329 tons as against 16,252 tons in September. Approximately 74 per cent of the October exports were consigned to the United States.

The imports of asbestos products into Canada in October were valued at \$37,553, a decline of 27.6 per cent from the September valuation of \$51,854. Asbestos brake and clutch lining importations were appraised at \$10,011; the United States supplied 72.9 per cent of these imports and Great Britain the remainder. Receipts of asbestos packing declined to 11,931 pounds worth \$3,422 from the preceding month's total of 20,539 pounds at \$6,840. Imports of other asbestos manufactures were valued at \$24,120 as compared with \$29,111 in September.

The Rhodesian output of asbestos in September was recorded at 2,624 tons, an advance of 4 per cent over the August total of 2,520 tons and 120 per cent over the September, 1932, production of 1,195 tons. In the Union of South Africa, 1,365 tons were produced in September; during the preceding month the production was 1,699 tons and in September, a year ago, 1,007 tons.

Month	PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA					(Short tons)	
	1	9	3	3	1	9	3
	1931	1930	1929				
	By-products (sand, gravel etc.)		By-products (sand, gravel etc.)				
	Asbes- tos	Asbes- tos	Asbes- tos	Asbes- tos	Asbes- tos	Asbes- tos	Asbes- tos
January .....	5,951	64	10,249	402	12,901	17,020	17,882
February .....	5,482	1	7,706	206	13,487	16,021	22,421
March .....	5,455	126	9,451	151	13,454	19,448	22,109
April .....	8,168	256	9,561	307	14,264	23,690	24,770
May .....	11,121	248	9,554	550	12,446	22,914	28,458
June .....	12,455	230	8,936	348	13,237	23,899	27,140
July .....	14,531	288	7,164	338	13,745	16,973	28,368
August .....	16,393	181	9,918	263	13,221	18,249	29,254
September .....	18,564	2,907	11,001	203	15,957	20,629	27,891
October .....	19,524	2,017	13,232	396	16,726	26,173	30,120
November .....			11,616	177	14,221	18,344	27,911
December .....			14,478	32	10,637	18,754	19,731
TOTAL - Calendar Year			122,864	3,373	164,296	242,114	306,055
TOTAL - Ten Months ending October.	117,644	6,318	96,772	3,164	139,438	205,016	258,413


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

Crude No. 1 .....	\$ 450 per ton	Shingle stock .....	\$45 - \$60 per ton
Crude No. 2 .....	\$ 200 - \$225 per ton	Paper stock .....	\$30 - \$35 per ton
Spinning fibres .....	\$ 80 - \$125 per ton	Cement stock .....	\$18 - \$20 per ton
Magnesia and com- pressed sheet fibres.	\$ 80 - \$90 per ton	Floats .....	\$15 - \$18.50 per ton
		Shorts .....	\$10 - \$12.50 per ton

Imports of asbestos, raw and fibre, and waste (including asbestic) into Great Britain, September and October, 1933:-

	<u>S E P T E M B E R</u>		<u>O C T O B E R</u>	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa and				
South West Africa Territory .....	821	9,015	624	10,712
Rhodesia .....	844	16,282	352	7,946
Other countries .....	749	10,415	1,545	25,855
TOTAL .....	<u>2,414</u>	<u>35,712</u>	<u>2,521</u>	<u>44,513</u>

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