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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, MARCH, 1933.

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Asbestos shipments by Canadian producers totalled 5,455 tons in March, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In February, 5,482 tons were shipped and in March, a year ago, shipments amounted to 9,451 tons.

In March, Canada exported 6,559 tons of asbestos worth \$207,515 as compared with the preceding month's exports of 4,527 tons at \$144,140. Approximately 76.7 per cent of the March exports were consigned to the United States.

Asbestos products imported into Canada in March were valued at 435,000 or 9.6 per cent above the February total of \$31,934. Receipts of asbestos brake and clutch lining were evaluated at \$15,809; of which the United States supplied 77.1 per cent and Great Britain, 22.9 per cent. Imports of asbestos packing amounted to 7,250 pounds appraised at \$3,007; in February, 9,451 pounds at \$4,514 were imported. Other aspestos manufactures to a value of \$16,184 were brought into Canada in March; these imports were obtained from the following sources: the United States, 53.0 per cent; Great Britain, 44.2 per cent; Belgium, 2.1 per cent; and Germany, 0.7 per cent.

Imports of asbestos, raw, fibre and waste, into Great Britain in March reached a total of 1,724 tons, made up of 611 tons from Rhodesia, 450 tons from the Union of South Africa and South-West Africa Territory, and 663 tons from other countries.

The United States customs' records show imports of asbestos totalling 4,398 tons in March; during the preceding month 4,607 tons were imported. The March tonnage was received from the following countries: - Canada, 88.9 per cent; the Union of South Africa and other British South Africa, 6.9 per cent; Italy, 3.5 per cent, and Germany, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA

(Short tons)						
	FEBRUARY	MARCH	MARCH	THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH		
	1933	1933	1932	1932	1933	
Crude No. 1			20	41		
Crude No. 2			42	105		
ther crudes						
pinning stocks			548	1,503	• • •	
Shingle stocks			1,103	3,745		
Paper stocks			1,090	4,079		
aste, stucco or plaster			3,793	7,830		
Refuse or shorts			2,855	10,103		
TOTAL	5,482	5,455	9,451	27,406	16,888	
y-products (sand, gravel, etc.).	1	126	151	759	191	

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

Crude No. 1 \$400 - \$450 per ton	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
Magnesia and compressed	Floats
sheet fibres \$80 - \$90 per ton	Shorts

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