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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, APRIL, 1933.

Canadian producers shipped 8,168 tons of asbestos in April as compared with shipments of 5,455 tons in March and 9,561 tons in April, 1932, according to the latest report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first four months of 1933 the Canadian production of asbestos amounted to 25,056 tons; in the corresponding period of the previous year, 36,967 tons were produced.

In April Canada exported 4,995 tons of asbestos valued at \$175,199; during the preceding month 6,559 tons worth \$207,515 were exported. The United States provided a market for 69.7 per cent of the April exports.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada in April were appraised at \$27,213, a 22.2 per cent decline from the March valuation of \$35,000. Asbestos brake and clutch lining imports were valued at \$13,143 as against \$15,809 in the previous month. Receipts of asbestos packing reached a total of 14,581 pounds worth \$4,491; Great Britain supplied 85.9 per cent of this material and the United States, the remainder. Importations of other asbestos manufactures declined 40.8 per cent to a value of \$9,579 in April; these imports were obtained from the following countries: the United States, 83.9 per cent, and Great Britain, 16.1 per cent.

Asbestos, raw and fibre, and waste, including asbestic, imports into Great Britain in April amounted to 1,764 tons, consisting of 1,045 tons from Rhodesia, 323 tons from the Union of South Africa and South West Africa, and 396 tons from other countries. In March, Great Britain imported 1,724 tons.

According to the United States customs' records 3,957 tons of asbestos were cleared through United States ports during April. These imports were drawn from the following sources: Canada, 97.0 per cent; Italy, 2.8 per cent, and Great Britain, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (short tons)							
Month	1933		1932		1931	1930	1929
	Asbestos	By-products (sand, gravel, etc.)	Asbestos	By-products (sand, gravel, etc.)	Asbestos	Asbestos	Asbestos
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 .....			9,554	550	12,446	22,914	28,458
June .....			8,936	348	13,237	23,899	27,140
July .....			7,164	338	13,745	16,973	28,368
August .....			9,918	263	13,221	18,249	29,254
September ...			11,001	203	15,957	20,629	27,891
October .....			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 .....			122,866	3,373	164,296	242,114	306,055
TOTAL - Five months ending April.	25,056	447	36,967	1,066	54,106	76,179	87,182

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 .....	\$18 - \$20 per ton
Magnesia and compressed sheet fibres .....	\$80 - \$90 per ton	Floats .....	\$15 per ton
		Shorts .....	\$10 - \$12.50 per ton.

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