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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, MAY, 1933.

Asbestos production in Canada during May advanced to 11,121 tons from the preceding month's total of 8,168 tons according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In May, 1932 Canadian producers shipped 9,554 tons. During the first five months of 1933, Canadian shipments totalled 36,177 tons or 22.2 per cent below the tonnage shipped in the corresponding period of last year.

Exports of asbestos from Canada during May reached a total of 10,497 tons worth \$362,050 as compared with 4,995 tons at \$175,199 apported in April. Sixty-five per cent of the May exports were consigned to the United States.

Canada imported asbestos products worth \$44,532 in May, an increase of 63.6 per cent over the preceding month's import valuation of \$27,213. Receipts of asbestos brake and clutch lining were valued at \$21,206 or 61.3 per cent above the April value of \$13,143. Asbestos packing imports declined to 6,949 pounds appraised at \$3,456 from the April importations of 14,581 pounds at \$4,491. An advance of 107 per cent was recorded in the value of other manufactured asbestos products imported; the May valuation was \$19,870 and the April, \$9,579. The importations during May were obtained from the following countries: the United States, 56.6 per cent, Great Britain, 40.0 per cent, Austria, 2.7 per cent and the remainder, from Germany and Belgium.

Great Britain imported 2,809 tons of asbestos, raw and fibre, and waste, including asbestic, during May; these imports included 1,070 tons from the Union of South Africa and South West Africa, 822 tons from Rhodesia, and 917 tons from other countries. The total imports of asbestos into Great Britain in April amounted to 1,764 tons.

The United States imported 7,363 tons of asbestos in May; of those imports Canada supplied 7,052 tons, Italy, 210 tons, British South Africa, 96 tons and Germany, 5 tons.

		PRODUCTION	OF ASBES	STOS IN CANADA	(short t	ons)	
	19	3 3	19	3 2	1931	1930	1929
Month	Asbes-	By-products (sand, gravel, etc.)	Asbes-	By-products (sand, gravel, etc.)	Asbestos	Asbestos	Asbestos
January February March April May June July August September October November TOTAL - Calendar Year TOTAL - Five mont	5,951 5,482 5,455 8,168 11,121	64 1 126 256 248	10,249 7,706 9,451 9,561 9,554 8,936 7,164 9,918 11,001 13,232 11,616 14,478	402 206 151 307 550 348 338 263 203 396 177 32	12,901 13,487 13,454 14,264 12,446 13,237 13,745 13,221 15,957 16,726 14,221 10,637	17,020 16,021 19,448 23,690 22,914 23,899 16,973 18,249 20,629 26,173 18,344 18,754	17,882 22,421 22,109 24,770 28,458 27,140 28,368 29,254 27,891 30,120 27,911 19,731
ending May		695	46,521	1,616	66,552	99,093	115,640

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of May (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	Floats \$15 per ton				
sheet fibres \$80 - \$90 per ton	Shorts \$10 - \$12.50 per ton.				



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