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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, AUGUST, 1933.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers in August amounted to 16,393 tons, the highest monthly total on record since October, 1931. In July, 14,531 tons were produced and in August, 1932, the production was 9,918 tons. During the eight months ending August, Canada's shipments of asbestos totalled 79,556 tons as compared with 72,539 tons in the corresponding period of 1932.

Asbestos exports from Canada advanced to 17,645 tons in August from the July total of 13,490 tons. The United States continued to supply the principal market for Canadian asbestos by purchasing 82.5 per cent of the tonnage exported in August.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada in August advanced 1.4 per cent in value to \$35,032 as compared with the preceding month's valuation. Asbestos brake and clutch lining imports were valued at \$15,027 in August; the United States supplied 67.2 per cent of these importations and Great Britain the remainder. Asbestos packing imports rose to 9,363 pounds worth \$3,175; in July, 4,185 pounds at \$2,134 were imported. Other asbestos manufactures to a value of \$16,830 were brought into Canada in August.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (short tons)

| Month | 1 9 3 3 | | 1 9 3 2 | | 1931 | 1930 | 1929 |
|--|---------------|--|---------------|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Asbes- tos | By-products (sand, gravel, etc.) | Asbes- tos | By-products (sand, gravel, etc.) | 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 | 8,166 | 256 | 9,561 | 307 | 14,264 | 23,690 | 24,770 |
| May | 11,121 | 248 | 9,554 | 550 | 12,446 | 22,914 | 23,458 |
| 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 | | | 11,001 | 203 | 15,957 | 20,629 | 27,891 |
| October | | | 13,232 | 396 | 13,726 | 26,173 | 30,120 |
| November | | | 11,616 | 177 | 14,221 | 18,344 | 27,911 |
| December | | | 14,478 | 52 | 10,637 | 18,754 | 19,731 |
| TOTAL - Calendar Year | | | 122,366 | 3,373 | 164,296 | 242,114 | 306,055 |
| TOTAL - Eight months ending August. | 79,556 | 1,394 | 72,539 | 2,565 | 106,755 | 158,214 | 200,402 |

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of August (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, waste (including asbestic) into Great Britain, July and August, 1933:-

| | J U L Y | | A U G U S T | |
|--|-----------|--------|-------------|--------|
| | Short ton | £ | Short ton | £ |
| From - Union of South Africa and South West Africa Territory .. | 838 | 16,790 | 799 | 15,449 |
| Rhodesia | 938 | 16,121 | 947 | 16,120 |
| Other countries | 347 | 12,695 | 774 | 11,863 |
| TOTAL | 2,123 | 45,606 | 2,520 | 43,432 |

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