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## ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, SEPTEMBER, 1933.

Asbestos shipments by Canadian producers in September advanced to 18,564 tons, the highest monthly total on record since December, 1930, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During August, 16,393 tons were shipped and in September, 1932, shipments amounted to 11,001 tons. Shipments during the nine months ending September reached a total of 98,120 tons, or 17.5 per cent above the tonnage shipped in the corresponding period of 1932.

Customs' records show that the exports of asbestos from Canada in September amounted to 16,252 tons as compared with 17,645 tons in the preceding month. The United States received 81.2 per cent of the September exportations.

Asbestos products imported into Canada in September were valued at \$51,854, an increase of 48.0 per cent over the August valuation of \$35,032. Receipts of asbestos brake and clutch lining were appraised at \$15,903, made up of 95.6 per cent from the United States and the remainder from Great Britain. Imports of a sbestos packing rose to 20,539 pounds worth \$6,840 from the August total of 9,363 pounds at \$3,175. Other asbestos manufactures imported in September were valued at \$29,111 of which the United States supplied 56.5 per cent; Great Britain, 34.7 per cent; Austria, 8.3 per cent, and Germany and Switzerland, the remainder.

Latest information available shows that Rhodesia produced 2,520 tons of asbestos in August as compared with 3,653 tons in July and 1,044 tons in August, 1932. Production in the Union of South Africa in August amounted to 1,699 tons; in July, 1,465 tons were produced and in August, a year ago, the output was 845 tons.

|                     | PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (Short tons) |              |              |              |         |         |         |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|--|--|--|--|
|                     | 1 9   | 3 3          | 1 9          | 9 3 2        | 1931    | 1930    | 1929    |  |  |  |  |
| Month               | By-products By-products                       |              |              |              |         |         |         |  |  |  |  |
|                     | Asbes- (sand,                                 |              | Asbes-(sand, |              | Asbes-  | Asbes-  | Asbes-  |  |  |  |  |
|                     | tos   | gravel, etc. | ) tos        | gravel, etc. | tos     | tos     | 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             |   |              | 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 - Nine Months |   |              |              |              |         |         |         |  |  |  |  |
| ending SEPTEMBER    | 98,120  | 4,301        | 83,540       | 2,768        | 122,712 | 178,843 | 228,293 |  |  |  |  |
|                     |   |              |              |              |         |         |         |  |  |  |  |

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of September (tax and bags included) as quoted in the Metal and Mineral Markets, were as follows:-Crude No. 1 ..... \$450 per ton Crude No. 2 ..... \$200 - \$225 per ton Spinning fibres ... \$80 - \$125 per ton Magnesia and compressed sheet fibres \$80 - \$90 per ton

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

|   | A     | UGI               | UST                        | SE    | PTI               | EMBER                     |
|---|-------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------|-------------------|---------------------------|
|   | short | ton               | £                          | short | ton               | £                         |
| From - Union of South Africa and<br>South West Africa Territory<br>Rhodesia |       | 799<br>947<br>774 | 15,449<br>16,120<br>11,863 |       | 821<br>844<br>749 | 9,015<br>16,282<br>10,415 |
| TOTAL   | 2     | ,520              | 43,432                     | 2     | ,414              | 35,712                    |

