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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, JANUARY, 1934.

Canadian producers reported an output of 8,502 tons of asbestos in January; in the previous month 17,326 tons were produced and in January, 1933, the total was 5,951 tons, according to a statement issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

Exports of Canadian asbestos in January totalled 11,129 tons as compared with 17,521 tons exported in the preceding month. Approximately 65.3 per cent of the January exports were consigned to the United States.

Canada imported asbestos products in January to a value of \$43,228; the December importations were appraised at \$39,909. Receipts of brake and clutch lining in January were valued at \$10,486 as against \$11,131 in the preceding month. Asbestos packing imports declined to 9,171 pounds worth \$3,792 from the December total of 14,970 pounds worth \$4,921. Importations of other asbestos manufactures were valued at \$28,950 or 21.3 per cent above the December value of \$23,857.

Month	PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA						(Short tons)		
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	Asbes- tos	(b)By- products	Asbes- tos	(b)By- products	Asbes- tos	(b)By- products	Asbes- tos	Asbes- tos	Asbes- tos
January	8,502	92	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			19,524	2,017	13,232	396	16,726	26,173	30,120
November			20,463	62	11,616	177	14,221	18,344	27,911
December			17,326	69	14,589	32	10,637	18,754	19,731
TOTAL			155,433	6,449	122,977	3,373	164,296	242,114	306,055

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Sand, gravel, etc.

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

Crude No. 1	\$450 per ton	Shingle stock	\$7.45 - \$65 per ton
Crude No. 2	\$200 - \$225 per ton	Paper stock	\$32.50 - \$37.50 per ton
Spinning fibres ..	\$90 - \$135 per ton	Cement stock	\$19 - \$23 per ton
Magnesia and compressed		Floats	\$16 - \$18.50 per ton
sheet fibres	\$90 - \$100 per ton	Shorts	\$11 - \$14.50 per ton

Imports of asbestos, raw and fibre, and waste (including asbestic) into Great Britain, December, 1933, and January, 1934:-

	<u>DECEMBER, 1933</u>		<u>JANUARY, 1934.</u>	
	<u>Short ton</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Short ton</u>	<u>£</u>
From - Union of South Africa and South-West Africa Territory.	400	5,150	490	12,256
Rhodesia	174	4,122	1,037	20,855
Other British countries			433	7,148
Other foreign countries	2,233	26,191	133	1,385
TOTAL	2,807	35,463	2,093	41,644

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