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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, OCTOBER, 1934.

Canadian producers shipped 18,391 tons of asbestos in October or 24.1 per cent above the preceding month's shipments but 7.6 per cent below the tonnage shipped in October, 1933. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that 129,057 tons of asbestos were shipped during the first ten months of 1934 as compared with 119,865 tons a year ago.

Canada exported 16,225 tons of asbestos in October; this represented an increase of 9.3 per cent over the tonnage exported in the preceding month. Approximately 69 per cent of the October exports were shipped to the United States. Japan, Great Britain, Belgium, Germany, France, Australia, Spain, the Netherlands, British India, Italy, Poland and Cuba were the other countries importing Canadian asbestos.

Asbestos importations into Canada were appraised at \$43,961, a decline of 21.9 per cent from the September imports. Receipts of asbestos brake and clutch lining were valued at \$10,132 as against \$17,149 in the previous month. Asbestos packing imports amounted to 8,831 pounds worth \$4,054; in September, 26,976 pounds at \$11,199 were imported. Other asbestos manufactures imported in October were valued at \$29,775 of which the United States contributed 55.6 per cent; Great Britain, 39.0 per cent; France, 3.9 per cent, and Austria, Belgium, Germany and Yugoslavia, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

Month	1934(a)		1933		1932	1931	1930	1929
	As- bestos	(b) By- products	As- bestos	(b) By- products	As- bestos	As- bestos	As- bestos	As- bestos
January	8,502	92	6,063	64	10,249	12,901	17,020	17,882
February	9,256	2	5,586	1	7,706	13,487	16,021	22,421
March	12,629	384	5,558	126	9,451	13,454	19,448	22,109
April	10,611	276	8,322	256	9,561	14,264	23,690	24,770
May	13,171	510	11,331	248	9,554	12,446	22,914	28,458
June	13,719	343	12,690	230	8,936	13,237	23,899	27,140
July	12,042	505	14,805	288	7,164	13,745	16,973	28,368
August	15,922	613	16,703	181	9,918	13,221	18,249	29,254
September	14,814	275	18,914	2,907	11,001	15,957	20,629	27,891
October	18,391	486	19,893	2,017	13,232	16,726	26,173	30,120
November			20,849	62	11,616	14,221	18,344	27,911
December			17,653	65	14,589	10,637	18,754	19,731
TOTAL - Calendar Year			158,367	6,445	122,977	164,296	242,114	306,055
TOTAL - Ten Months ending OCTOBER	129,057	3,486	119,865	6,318	96,772	139,438	205,016	258,413
(a) Subject to revision.		(b) Sand, gravel, etc.						

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

Crude No. 1	\$ 450 per ton	Shingle stocks	\$ 45 - \$65 per ton
Crude No. 2	\$ 200 - \$225 per ton	Paper stocks	\$ 32.50 - \$37.50 per ton
Spinning fibres	\$ 90 - \$135 per ton	Cement stock	\$ 19 - \$23 per ton
Magnesia and compressed sheet fibres	\$ 90 - \$100 per ton	Floats	\$ 16 - \$18.50 per ton
		Shorts	\$ 11 - \$14.50 per ton

Imports of asbestos, raw and fibre, into Great Britain, September and October, 1934:-

	SEPTEMBER, 1934		OCTOBER, 1934	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa	727	12,325	272	4,771
Southern Rhodesia	1,058	18,316	1,231	27,080
Other British countries	817	12,043	923	15,433
Other foreign countries	691	9,688	185	2,667
TOTAL	3,293	52,372	2,611	49,951

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