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Shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers in November reached the highest point on record since November, 1933; the totals were 20,240 tons and 20,849 tons, respectively. In October, 18,391 tons were shipped. The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that during the eleven months ending November, 149,297 tons of asbestos were shipped as compared with 140,714 tons in the corresponding period of 1933.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in November rose to 18,504 tons from the preceding month's total of 16,225 tons. The United States purchased 65.5 per cent of the Canadian exports in November and Great Britain, 12.9 per cent.

The value of asbestos products imported into Canada in November increased 23.7 per cent to \$54,359 as compared with \$43,961 in October. Asbestos brake and clutch lining receipts in November were appraised at \$9,273 or 8.5 per cent below the previous month's valuation. Imports of asbestos packing amounted to 21,649 pounds worth \$6,631; in October 8,831 pounds at \$4,054 were imported. Other asbestos manufactures imported during November were valued at \$38,455, consisting of 57.9 per cent from the United States, 38.7 per cent from Great Britain, 2.3 per cent from British South Africa and the remainder from Austria, Germany and France.

Month	PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (short tons)							
	1 9 3 4 (a)		1 9 3 3		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	20,240	314	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 - Eleven months ending NOVEMBER	149,297	3,800	140,714	6,380	108,388	153,659	223,360	286,324
(a) Subject to revision. (b) Sand, gravel, etc.								

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of November (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, October and November, 1934:-

	OCTOBER, 1934		NOVEMBER, 1934.	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa	272	4,771	341	5,545
Southern Rhodesia	1,231	27,080	1,028	21,181
Other British countries ...	923	15,433	824	12,374
Foreign countries	185	2,667	123	1,416
TOTAL	2,611	49,951	2,316	40,516

