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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - DECEMBER, 1934.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers in December declined to 10,616 tons as compared with 17,653 tons a year ago. In November, 1934, shipments were recorded at 20,240 tons. During the calendar year shipments totalled 195,913 tons or 1 per cent above the tonnage shipped in 1933.

Canadian asbestos exported in December amounted to 15,031 tons; in the preceding month 18,504 tons were exported. The United States provided a market for 54.6 per cent of the December exports.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada were valued at \$59,151 in December as against the November valuation of \$54,359. Receipts of asbestos brake and clutch lining were appraised at \$11,451 or 23.5 per cent above the November total. Asbestos packing imports declined to 8,860 pounds worth \$3,741 from the November total of 21,649 pounds at \$6,631. Importations of other asbestos products rose in value to \$43,959 as compared with the previous month's valuation of \$38,455. The United States supplied 70.8 per cent of the December imports of other asbestos products, Great Britain, 27.8 per cent, and France and Germany, the remainder.

Month	PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (C) (short tons)							
	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	20,240	314	20,849	62	11,616	14,221	18,344	27,911
December	10,616	177	17,653	65	14,589	10,637	18,754	19,731
TOTAL	159,913	3,977	158,367	6,445	122,977	164,296	242,114	306,055

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

(C) Please file for reference as the data for the period 1929 to 1932 will not be shown in the future in monthly reports.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of December (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		Floats	\$ 16 - \$18.50 per ton
sheet fibres	\$ 90 - \$100 per ton	Shorts	\$ 11 - \$14.50 per ton

Imports of asbestos, raw and fibre into Great Britain, November and December, 1934:-

	NOVEMBER, 1934		DECEMBER, 1934.	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa	341	5,545	965	14,424
Southern Rhodesia	1,028	21,181	1,384	28,720
Other British countries	824	12,374	1,968	27,018
Foreign countries	123	1,416	109	1,528
TOTAL	2,316	40,516	4,426	71,690

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