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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, FEBRUARY, 1934.

Asbestos production in Canada during February advanced to 9,256 tons from the preceding month's total of 8,502 tons and the February, 1933, output of 5,482 tons, according to a statement issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the two months ending February, 1934, the Canadian output totalled 17,758 tons as compared with 11,433 tons in the corresponding period of 1933.

Canada exported 8,976 tons of asbestos in February; during the preceding month 11,129 tons were exported and in February, 1933, exports amounted to 4,527 tons. Shipments to the United States accounted for 86.5 per cent of the February, 1934, exportations.

Asbestos products to a value of \$44,439 were imported into Canada as against the January valuation of \$43,228. Brake and clutch lining imports in February were appraised at \$12,914; in January the value was \$10,486. Imports of asbestos packing during February amounted to 5,882 pounds worth \$3,055; the preceding month's total was 9,171 pounds valued at \$3,792. Other asbestos manufactures imported into Canada in February were worth \$28,470 as compared with \$28,950 in January.

		PRO	DUCTION	OF ASBES	TOS IN (CANADA	(Short t	ons)	
	193	4 (a)	193	3 (a)	19	3 2	1931	1930	1929
Month	Asbes-	By-	As-	(b)By-	Asbes-	(b)By-	Asbes-	Asbes-	Asbes-
	tos	products	bestos	products	tos	products	tos	tos	tos
January	8,502	92	5,951	64	10,249	402	12,901	17,020	17,882
February	9,256	2	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 - Calend	dar Year	r	155,433	6,449	122,977	3,373	164,296	242,114	306,055
TOTAL - Two months ending									
February	17,758	94	11,433	65	17,955	608	26,388	33,041	40,303
(a) Subject to	o revis	ion. (b) Sand,	gravel,	etc.				

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

	Shingle stock \$ 45 - \$65 per ton Paper stock \$ 32.50 -\$37.50 per ton
Spinning fibres \$ 90 - \$135 per ton	Cement stock 2 19 - 23 per ton
Magnesia and compressed	Floats
sheet fibres 90 - \$100 per ton	Shorts 11 - (14.50 per ton

Imports of asbestos, raw and fibre into Great Britain, January and February, 1934:-

	JANUARY,	1934	FEBRUARY,	1934
	Short ton	£	Short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa and				
South-West Africa Territory	490	12,256	232	5,934
Rhodesia		20,855	653	11,997
Other British countries		7,148	71	877
Other foreign countries		1,385	22	505
TOTAL	2,093	41,644	978	19,313



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