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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, MARCH, 1934.

Canadian producers reported a production of 12,629 tons of asbestos in March as compared with 9,256 tons in February and 5,558 tons in March, 1933, according to a statement issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the first quarter totalled 30,387 tons or 76.6 per cent above the tonnage shipped in the corresponding period of 1933.

Exports of Canadian asbestos advanced to 13,377 tons in March from the preceding month's total of 8,976 tons. In March, 1933, asbestos exports were recorded at 6,559 tons.

Canada imported asbestos products valued at \$68,234 in March as against the February valuation of \$44,439. Receipts of brake and clutch lining in March were appraised at \$21,583 made up of 82.9 per cent from the United States and the remainder from Great Britain. In February the import valuation was \$12,914. Asbestos packing importations amounted to 13,505 pounds worth \$5,777 as compared with 5,882 pounds at \$3,055 imported in February. Imports of other asbestos manufactures during March were valued at \$40,874 consisting of 50.9 per cent from the United States, 46.7 per cent from Great Britain and the remainder from Germany. In February Canada imported other asbestos manufactures to a value of \$28,470 of which the United States supplied 59.3 per cent and Great Britain, 40.7 per cent.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (short tons)								
Month	1 9 3 4 (a)		1 9 3 3 (c)		1932	1931	1930	1929
	Asbes- tos	By-(b) products	As- bestos	By-(b) 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 .....			8,322	256	9,561	14,264	23,690	24,770
May .....			11,331	248	9,554	12,446	22,914	28,458
June .....			12,690	230	8,936	13,237	23,699	27,140
July .....			14,805	288	7,164	13,745	16,973	28,368
August .....			16,703	181	9,918	13,221	18,249	29,254
September .....			18,914	2,907	11,001	15,957	20,629	27,891
October .....			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 - Three months ending March .....	30,387	478	17,207	191	27,406	39,842	52,489	62,412

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

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

Crude No. 1 .....	\$ 450 per ton	Shingle stock .....	\$ 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, into Great Britain, February and March, 1934:-

	FEBRUARY, 1934		MARCH, 1934.	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa and				
South-West Africa Territory ..	232	5,934	1,081	14,364
Rhodesia .....	653	11,997	535	9,388
Other British countries .....	71	877	279	4,435
Other foreign countries .....	22	505	150	2,078
TOTAL .....	978	19,313	2,045	30,265

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