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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, APRIL, 1934.

Asbestos production in Canada during April amounted to 10,611 tons, in the preceding month 12,629 tons were produced and in April, 1933, the output was 8,322 tons, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

Canada exported 9,280 tons of asbestos in April as compared with 13,377 tons in March. Seventy-eight per cent of the April exports were consigned to the United States.

Asbestos products imported into Canada in April were valued at \$46,572 or 31.7 per cent below the March valuation of \$68,234. Brake and clutch lining imports in April declined 5.6 per cent in value to \$20,376 from the March total of \$21,583. Receipts of asbestos packing were recorded at 8,111 pounds worth \$3,542 as against 13,505 pounds at \$5,777 in March. Other asbestos products to a value of \$22,654 were imported in April; the United States supplied 74.1 per cent of these, Great Britain, 25.2 per cent, and Switzerland and Germany the remainder. In March the value of other asbestos products was \$40,874 and the United States contributed 50.9 per cent, Great Britain, 46.7 per cent, and Germany the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (short tons)								
Month	1934 (a)		1933 (c)		1932	1931	1930	1929
	Asbestos	By-products (b)	Asbestos	By-products (b)	Asbestos	Asbestos	Asbestos	Asbestos
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 .....			11,331	248	9,554	12,446	22,914	28,458
June .....			12,690	230	8,936	13,237	23,899	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 - Four months ending APRIL .....	40,998	754	25,549	447	36,967	54,106	76,179	87,182

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

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

Imports of asbestos, raw and fibre, into Great Britain, March and April, 1934:-

	<u>MARCH, 1934</u>		<u>APRIL, 1934.</u>	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa and				
South-West Africa Territory ....	1,081	14,364	961	9,388
Rhodesia .....	535	9,388	989	17,350
Other British countries .....	279	4,435	307	4,285
Other foreign countries .....	150	2,078	27	230
TOTAL .....	2,045	30,265	2,284	31,253

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