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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, MAY, 1934.

Canadian producers reported an output of 13,171 tons of asbestos in May as compared with 10,611 tons in April and 11,331 tons in May, 1933, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the five months ending May the total production amounted to 54,169 tons or 47 per cent above the tonnage produced in the corresponding period of 1933.

Exports of asbestos from Canada advanced to 12,633 tons from the preceding month's total of 9,280 tons. The United States received 71.2 per cent of the tonnage exported during May.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada in May were valued at \$74,121; the April valuation was \$46,572. Asbestos brake and clutch lining importations rose in value to \$29,145 from the April total of \$20,376. Receipts of asbestos packing were recorded at 24,714 pounds worth \$8,715; in April 8,111 pounds at \$3,542 were imported. Other manufactures of asbestos imported were appraised at \$36,261 or 60.1 per cent above the total for the preceding month.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA

(short tons)										
	1934	1934(a)		1933 (c)		1931	1930	1929		
Month	Asbes-	Ву-(b)	Labes-	By-(b)	118-	As-	h8-	As-		
	tos	products	tos	products	bestos	bestos	bestos	bestos		
Tamuaww	8 502	92	6,063	64	10,249	12,901	17,020	17,882		
January		2	5,586	1	7,706	13,487	16,021	22,421		
March		384	5,558	126	9,451	13,454	19,448	22,109		
April		276	8,322	256	9,561	14,264	23,690	24,770		
May		510	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		
lugust			16,703	181	9,918	13,221	18,249	29,254		
September			18,914	2,907	11,001	15,957	20,629	27,891		
ctober			19,893	2,017	13,232	16,726	26,173	30,120		
lovember			20,849	62	11,616	14,221	18,344	27,911		
ecember			17,653	65	14,589	10,637	18,754	19,731		
OTAL - Calendar	The second secon	1	58,367	6,445	122,977	164,296	242,114	306,055		
TOTAL - Five month										
ending MAY		1,264	36,860	695	46,521	66,552	99,093	115,640		
(a) Subject to re			grave.	L. etc.	(c) Re	vised.				

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

	Shingle stocks \$45 - \$65 per ton Paper stock \$32.50 - \$37.50 per ton
Spinning fibres \$90 - \$135 per ton	Cement stock \$19 - \$23 per ton
	Floats
sheet fibres \$90,- \$100 per ton	Shorts\$11 - \$14.50 per ton.

Imports of asbestos, raw and fibre, into Great Britain, April and May,

1934:-	APRII short ton	£ 1934	MAY, short ton	
From - Union of South Africa and South-West Africa				
Territory	961	9,388 17,350	167 1,369	4,210 22,677
Rhodesia	989 307	4,285	564	6,272
Other foreign countries	2,284	230 31,253	311 2,411	4,381



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