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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, JUNE, 1934.

Asbestos production in Canada during June amounted to 13,719 tons, an advance of 4.2 per cent over the May total of 13,171 tons and 8.1 per cent over the June, 1933, output of 12,690 tons, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. The total production during the first six months of 1934 was 67,888 tons as compared with 49,550 tons in the corresponding period of 1933.

Canada exported 12,846 tons of asbestos during June; in the preceding month 12,635 tons were exported. Approximately 62 per cent of the June exports were consigned to the United States.

Asbestos products imported into Canada during June were valued at \$64,346 as against the May valuation of \$74,121. Receipts of asbestos brake and clutch lining declined in value to \$28,003 from the May total of \$29,145. Asbestos packing importations showed a falling-off; the June imports amounted to 10,443 pounds worth \$4,056 while in May, 24,714 pounds with a value of \$8,715 were imported. Imports of other asbestos products were appraised at \$32,287; the United States supplied 64.5 per cent of these importations and Great Britain 34.1 per cent, the remainder was obtained from Germany and Belgium.

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	9,286	2	5,586	1	7,706	13,487	16,021	22,421
March	12,629	384	5,588	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			14,805	289	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	27,691
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 - Six months ending								
JUNE	67,888	1,607	49,550	925	55,457	79,789	122,992	142,780

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

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of June (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 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, May and June, 1934:-

	M A Y, 1934		J U N E, 1934	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa	167	4,210	424	6,672
Southern Rhodesia	1,369	22,677	1,418	25,712
Other British countries	564	6,272	264	5,103
Other foreign countries	311	4,381	500	7,118
TOTAL	2,411	37,540	2,606	44,605

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