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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA, SEPTEMBER, 1934.

Shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers amounted to 14,814 tons in September as compared with 15,922 tons in August and 18,914 tons in September, 1933, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the nine months ending September, 110,666 tons of asbestos were shipped by Canadian producers; in the corresponding months of 1933 shipments totalled 99,972 tons.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in September advanced to 14,849 tons from the August total of 13,931 tons. The United States received 62.9 per cent of the September exports, Belgium, 13.3 per cent, France, 10.1 per cent, Great Britain, 6.7 per cent, and Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, Australia and Poland, the remainder.

Imports of asbestos declined 18.2 per cent in value in September to \$56,281 from the August valuation of \$68,821. Asbestos brake and clutch lining importations were appraised at \$17,149 as against \$26,709 in the preceding month. Asbestos packing receipts rose to 26,976 pounds worth \$11,199 from the August total of 14,742 pounds at \$4,380. Importations of other asbestos manufactures were valued at \$27,933 or 26.0 per cent below the value of the August imports.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

Month	1934 (a)		1933		1932	1931	1930	1929
	As- bestos	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	110,611	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	12,042	505	14,805	288	7,164	13,745	16,973	28,368
August	15,922	613	16,703	181	9,918	13,221	18,249	29,254
September	14,814	275	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 - Nine Months ending SEPTEMBER	110,666	3,000	99,972	4,301	83,540	122,712	178,843	228,293

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

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of September (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 stocks	\$ 32.50 - \$37.50 per ton
Spinning fibres ...	\$ 90 - \$135 per ton	Cement stock	\$ 19 - \$23 per ton
Magnesia and compressed sheet fibres	\$ 90 - \$100 per ton	Floats	\$ 16 - \$18.50 per ton
		Shorts	\$ 11 - \$14.50 per ton

Imports of asbestos, raw and fibre, into Great Britain, August and September, 1934:-

	AUGUST, 1934		SEPTEMBER, 1934	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa	719	11,801	727	12,325
Southern Rhodesia	953	19,751	1,058	18,316
Other British countries	686	6,186	817	12,043
Other foreign countries	35	967	691	9,688
TOTAL	2,393	38,705	3,293	52,372

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