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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - JANUARY, 1935.

Shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers during January amounted to 10,506 tons, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In December, 1934, 10,616 tons were shipped and in January, 1934, the total was 8,502 tons.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in January totalled 11,068 tons as compared with 15,031 tons in the preceding month and 11,129 tons in January, 1934. Approximately 84 per cent of the January, 1935, exports were to the United States.

Asbestos products imported into Canada in January were valued at \$39,117; the December imports were worth \$59,151. Brake and clutch lining importations were appraised at \$14,133 or 23.4 per cent above the December total. Imports of asbestos packing declined to 5,880 pounds valued at \$2,685 from the preceding month's total of 8,860 pounds at \$3,741. Other asbestos products to a value of \$22,299 were imported into Canada in January; the United States supplied 58.3 per cent of these imports; Great Britain, 39.7 per cent, and Germany, France, Austria and Italy, the remainder. In December the imports of other asbestos products were worth \$43,959 of which the United States supplied 70.8 per cent.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

Month	1 9 3 5 (a)		1 9 3 4 (a)		1 9 3 3	
	As- bestos	(b) By- products	As- bestos	(b) By- products	As- bestos	(b) By- products
January	10,506	31	8,502	92	6,063	64
February			9,256	2	5,586	1
March			12,629	384	5,558	126
April			10,611	276	8,322	256
May			13,171	510	11,331	248
June			13,719	343	12,690	230
July			12,042	505	14,805	288
August			15,922	613	16,703	181
September			14,814	275	18,914	2,907
October			18,391	486	19,893	2,017
November			20,240	314	20,849	62
December			10,616	177	17,653	65
TOTAL			159,913	3,977	158,367	6,445

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

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

Crude No. 1	\$ 500 per ton	Shingle stocks	\$ 45 - \$75 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		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, December, 1934, and January, 1935:-

	DECEMBER, 1934		JANUARY, 1935.	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa	965	14,424	895	11,235
Southern Rhodesia	1,384	28,720	770	16,204
Other British countries	1,968	27,018	86	1,175
Foreign countries	109	1,528	95	1,666
TOTAL	4,426	71,690	1,846	30,280

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