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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - OCTOBER, 1935.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that Canadian producers shipped 27,105 tons of asbestos in October; in the preceding months 20,344 tons were shipped, while in October a year ago, 17,939 tons were shipped. During the ten months ending October, shipments totalled 168,712 tons as against 125,883 tons in the corresponding period of 1934.

An advance of 16.2 per cent was recorded in the exports of asbestos from Canada in October, when 23,007 tons were shipped to other countries; the September exportations amounted to 19,804 tons. Shipments to the United States and Canada accounted for 86.5 per cent of the October exports as against 72.4 per cent in September.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada in October were valued at \$72,041; this represented a decline of 10 per cent from the previous month's valuation. Receipts of brake and clutch linings were appraised at \$23,427 as compared with \$24,195 in September. Importations of asbestos packing amounted to 7,327 pounds at \$4,503; in the preceding month 8,058 pounds worth \$3,540 were brought into Canada. The Canadian imports of other asbestos products during October declined in value to \$44,111 from the September total of \$52,332. The October receipts of other asbestos products were obtained from the following countries: the United States, 60.8 per cent; Great Britain, 37.1 per cent and Belgium, France and Germany, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA  
(short tons)

Month	1935 (a)		1934		1933	
	Asbestos	By-products	Asbestos	By-products	Asbestos	By-products
January .....	10,506	31	8,293	108	6,063	64
February .....	11,344	46	9,028	2	5,586	1
March .....	11,816	98	12,318	451	5,558	126
April .....	14,702	308	10,350	324	8,322	256
May .....	18,562	410	12,847	599	11,331	248
June .....	15,316	233	13,382	403	12,690	230
July .....	15,398	526	11,746	594	14,805	288
August .....	23,119	329	15,530	720	16,703	181
September .....	20,344	196	14,450	323	18,914	2,907
October .....	27,105	486	17,939	571	19,893	2,017
November .....			19,742	369	20,849	62
December .....			10,355	208	17,653	65
TOTAL - Calendar Year ...			155,980	4,672	158,367	6,445
TOTAL - Ten Months ending OCTOBER .....	168,712	2,668	125,883	4,095	119,865	6,318

(a) Subject to revision

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of October (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 stocks .....	\$ 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, September and October, 1935:

	S E P T E M B E R		O C T O B E R	
	Short ton	£	Short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa ....	1,293	19,069	765	10,512
Southern Rhodesia .....	1,291	25,149	1,495	28,829
Other British Countries ..	936	9,494	1,434	14,132
Foreign countries .....	109	2,060	142	2,749
TOTAL .....	3,629	55,772	3,836	56,222

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