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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - FEBRUARY, 1935.

Canadian producers shipped 11,844 tons of asbestos during February as compared with 10,506 tons in the preceding month and 9,256 tons in February, 1934, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first two months of 1935 shipments totalled 22,350 tons or 25.9 per cent above the tonnage shipped in the corresponding period of 1934.

Customs' records show that 9,910 tons of asbestos were exported from Canada during February; in the previous month 11,068 tons were exported. The United States purchased 82.1 per cent of the February, 1935, exports.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada in February were valued at \$54,609 as against \$39,117 in January and \$44,439 in February, 1934. The value of brake and clutch lining imports advanced to \$23,328 from the January total of \$14,133. Asbestos packing importations also increased; the February receipts amounted to 9,685 pounds worth \$4,928 and the January, 5,880 pounds at \$2,685. Imports of other asbestos products during February were appraised at \$26,353, of which the United States supplied 62.9 per cent; Great Britain, 35.0 per cent; and Germany, the remainder. The January imports of other asbestos products were worth \$22,299, made up of 58.3 per cent from the United States, 39.7 per cent from Great Britain and the remainder from Germany, France, Austria and Italy.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

Month	1935 (a)		1934 (a)		1933	
	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	11,844	46	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 - Calendar Year			159,913	3,977	158,367	6,445
TOTAL - Two months ending FEBRUARY	22,350	77	17,758	94	11,649	65

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of February (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	\$ 280 - \$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, January and February, 1935-

	JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa	895	11,235	1,115	11,726
Southern Rhodesia	770	16,204	598	10,176
Other British countries	86	1,175	280	4,207
Foreign countries	95	1,666	20	226
TOTAL	1,846	30,280	2,013	26,335



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