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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MARCH, 1935.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers in March amounted to 11,816 tons; during the preceding month 11,844 tons were shipped and in March, 1934, shipments were recorded at 12,629 tons. During the first quarter of 1935, shipments totalled 34,166 tons or 12.4 per cent above the tonnage shipped in the corresponding period of 1934.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in March were recorded at 12,403 tons as compared with 9,910 tons exported in the preceding month. Approximately 88 per cent of the March exportations were consigned to the United States.

The value of asbestos products imported into Canada increased 22.2 per cent in March to \$66,713 from the February total of \$54,609. Receipts of brake and clutch linings in March were valued at \$20,427 as against \$23,328 in the preceding month. Asbestos packing importations amounted to 10,905 pounds worth \$4,344; in February 9,685 pounds at \$4,928 were imported. Other asbestos products imported into Canada during March were appraised at \$41,942, consisting of products to the value of \$28,733 from the United States, \$12,177 from Great Britain and \$1,032 from Germany. The February imports of other asbestos products were valued at \$26,353 of which the United States supplied 62.9 per cent, Great Britain, 35.0 per cent and Germany, the remainder.

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 .....	11,816	98	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 - Three months ending MARCH .....	34,166	175	30,387	478	17,207	191

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of March (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 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, February and March, 1935-

	FEBRUARY		MARCH	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa .....	1,115	11,726	912	10,189
Southern Rhodesia .....	598	10,176	1,222	25,994
Other British countries ....	280	4,207	71	1,547
Foreign countries .....	20	226	26	711
TOTAL .....	2,013	26,335	2,231	38,441

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