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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MAY, 1935.

Asbestos production in Canada during May advanced to 18,562 tons from the April total of 14,702 tons and the May, 1934, shipments of 13,171 tons, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Canadian shipments during the five months ending May totalled 67,430 tons or 24.5 per cent above the tonnage shipped in the corresponding period of 1934.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in May were recorded at 16,132 tons as compared with 9,588 tons in April and 12,633 tons in May, 1934. Shipments to the United States accounted for 71.2 per cent of the May, 1935, exports.

The value of asbestos products imported into Canada in May declined to \$51,818 from the preceding month's total of \$57,700. Imports of brake and clutch lining during May were appraised at \$19,417 or 9.1 per cent below the April valuation. Asbestos packing importations amounted to 17,113 pounds at \$6,500; in April, 13,380 pounds worth \$8,867 were imported. Other asbestos products imported into Canada in May were valued at \$25,901, of which 63.4 per cent came from the United States, 34.8 per cent from Great Britain and the remainder from Austria, Germany and Jugoslavia.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

Month	1935 (a)		1934 (a)		1933	
	Asbestos	(b) By-products	Asbestos	(b) By-products	Asbestos	(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	14,702	308	10,611	276	8,322	256
May	18,562	410	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 - Five months ending MAY	67,430	893	54,169	1,264	36,860	695
(a) Subject to revision.			(b) Sand, gravel, etc.			

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of May (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, April and May, 1935 -

	A P R I L		M A Y	
	Short ton	£	Short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa	911	8,976	1,287	13,052
Southern Rhodesia	657	14,549	1,060	23,550
Other British countries	122	1,093	768	9,404
Foreign countries	447	6,405	157	2,962
TOTAL	2,127	31,023	3,272	48,968

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