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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - AUGUST, 1935.

Asbestos production in Canada during August rose to 23,119 tons from the July total of 15,398 tons and the August, 1934, output of 15,530 tons, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the eight months ending August totalled 121,263 tons as compared with 93,494 tons in the corresponding months of 1934.

Canada exported 18,382 tons of asbestos in August; the United States received 85.3 per cent of this tonnage. During July 14,485 tons were exported of which the United States received 78.5 per cent.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada in August were valued at \$58,980 or 7.4 per cent below the value of the preceding month's importations. A decline of 12.2 per cent was recorded in the value of brake and clutch lining imports; the August total was \$19,517 and the July value, \$22,239. Receipts of asbestos packing in August amounted to 6,363 pounds worth \$3,343 as against 6,826 pounds at \$4,349 imported in the preceding month. Importations of other asbestos products into Canada in August were appraised at \$36,120; the United States accounted for 62.6 per cent of these imports, Great Britain, 35.3 per cent, and Germany and Austria, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

Month	1935 (a)		1934		1933	
	As- bestos	(b) By- products	As- bestos	(b) By- products	As- bestos	(b) By- products
January	10,506	31	8,293	108	6,063	64
February	11,844	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	238	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			14,450	323	18,914	2,907
October			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 - Eight Months ending AUGUST ..	121,263	1,986	93,494	3,201	81,058	1,394

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of August (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, July and August, 1935-

	JULY		AUGUST	
	Short ton	£	Short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa ...	720	8,695	1,021	15,828
Southern Rhodesia	575	12,613	1,397	28,605
Other British countries .	829	8,410	497	4,518
Foreign countries	373	10,099	33	474
TOTAL	2,797	39,817	2,948	49,425

