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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - JANUARY, 1936.

Shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers in January, 1936, rose to 17,016 tons from the preceding month's total of 15,924 tons and the January, 1935, shipments of 10,506 tons, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in January amounted to 14,567 tons as compared with 11,068 tons a year ago. The United States received 69.9 per cent of the January, 1936, exports of Canadian asbestos.

Asbestos products imported into Canada in January were valued at \$50,459; the imports during January, 1935, were appraised at \$39,117. Receipts of brake and clutch lining in January advanced 69.2 per cent in value to \$23,919 from the total for the corresponding month of 1935. Asbestos packing imports totalled 13,487 pounds worth \$4,192 as compared with 5,880 pounds at \$2,685 imported a year ago. Other asbestos products imported in January were valued at \$22,348; the United States supplied 57.3 per cent of these imports; Great Britain, 40.6 per cent; and Belgium and British South Africa, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

Month	1935(a)		1935(a)		1934	
	As- bestos	(b) By- products	As- bestos	(b) By- products	As- bestos	(b) By- products
January	17,016	37	10,506	31	8,293	108
February			11,844	46	9,028	2
March			11,816	98	12,318	451
April			14,702	308	10,350	324
May			18,562	410	12,847	599
June			15,316	238	13,382	403
July			15,398	526	11,746	594
August			23,119	329	15,530	720
September			20,344	196	14,450	323
October			27,105	486	17,939	571
November			25,528	226	19,742	369
December			15,924	181	10,355	208
TOTAL			210,164	3,075	155,980	4,672

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of January (tax and bags included) as quoted in the Metal and Mineral Markets, were as follows:-

Crude No. 1	\$ 500 per ton	Shingle stocks	\$ 45 to \$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		Floats	\$ 16 - \$18.50 per ton
sheet fibres	\$ 90 - \$100 per ton	Shorts	\$ 11 - \$14.50 per ton

Imports of asbestos, raw and fibre, into Great Britain, December, 1935 and January, 1936:-

	DECEMBER, 1935		JANUARY, 1936	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa	513	7,411	981	12,729
Southern Rhodesia	1,669	33,515	795	11,957
Other British countries ..	937	11,309	252	2,969
Foreign countries	104	3,161	274	3,845
TOTAL	3,223	57,396	2,302	31,500



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