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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - OCTOBER, 1936.

Shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers in October advanced to 38,231 tons from the September total of 31,067 tons and the October, 1935 total of 27,144 tons, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. An increase of 43.6 per cent was recorded in the tonnage shipped during the first ten months of 1936 as compared with the total for the corresponding period of 1935; the quantities were 242,556 tons and 168,955 tons, respectively.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in October rose to 34,714 tons from the preceding month's exportations of 26,730 tons. The United States received 82.5 per cent of the Canadian exports in October.

Asbestos products imported into Canada in October were valued at \$94,983 as compared with the September valuation of \$61,629. Receipts of brake and clutch lining were appraised at \$36,005 or 35.8 per cent above the previous month's total. Asbestos packing imports were higher in October and amounted to 10,081 pounds worth \$4,393. Importations of other asbestos products into Canada in October were worth \$54,585, made up of 50.9 per cent from the United States, 49.0 per cent from Great Britain and the remainder from Germany.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (short tons)						
Month	1936 (a)		1935		1934	
	As- bestos	(b) By- products	As- bestos	(b) By- products	As- bestos	(b) By- products
January	17,016	37	10,521	31	8,293	108
February	17,038	...	11,861	46	9,028	2
March	16,225	187	11,833	98	12,318	451
April	19,605	390	14,723	308	10,350	324
May	27,361	599	18,589	410	12,847	599
June	23,136	568	15,338	238	13,382	403
July	27,749	292	15,420	526	11,746	594
August	25,128	170	23,153	329	15,530	720
September	31,067	292	20,373	196	14,450	323
October	38,231	282	27,144	486	17,939	571
November			25,565	226	19,742	369
December			15,947	131	10,355	208
TOTAL - Calendar Year			210,467	3,025	155,980	4,678
TOTAL - TEN Months ending October ...	242,556	2,817	168,955	2,668	125,883	4,095

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Sand, gravel, etc.

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

Crude No. 1	\$550 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 - \$150 per ton	Cement stocks	\$19 - \$23 per ton
Magnesia and compressed		Floats	\$16 - \$18.50 per ton
sheet fibres	\$100-\$110 per ton	Shorts	\$11 - \$14.50 per ton

Imports of Asbestos, raw and fibre, into Great Britain, SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER,

	1936 SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
	Short ton	£	Short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa	858	11,734	1,686	26,504
Southern Rhodesia	1,649	33,551	1,061	20,312
Other British countries	732	10,169	1,585	17,051
Foreign countries	161	2,031	172	2,579
TOTAL	3,400	57,485	4,504	66,446

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