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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - DECEMBER, 1936.

Shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers during December were recorded at 21,485 tons as compared with 37,086 tons in the preceding month and 15,947 tons in December, 1935, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the calendar year 1936 Canadian shipments totalled 301,127 tons or 43.1 per cent above the 1935 total.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in December amounted to 33,598 tons; during the previous month 33,071 tons were exported. The United States received 64.6 per cent of the December exports.

Canada imported asbestos products to a value of \$83,495 in December as against the November import valuation of \$68,855. Receipts of brake and clutch lining during December were appraised at \$26,298; in the previous month these imports were worth Asbestos packing importations totalled 10,826 pounds valued at \$4,436 as compared with 11,593 pounds at (4,232 imported in November. Other asbestos productived during December were worth \$52,761. Great Britain accounted for 54.6 per Other asbestos products cent of these imports; the United States, 40.3 per cent; British South Africa, 2.3 per cent; Belgium, 2.2 per cent, and Austria and Germany, the remainder.

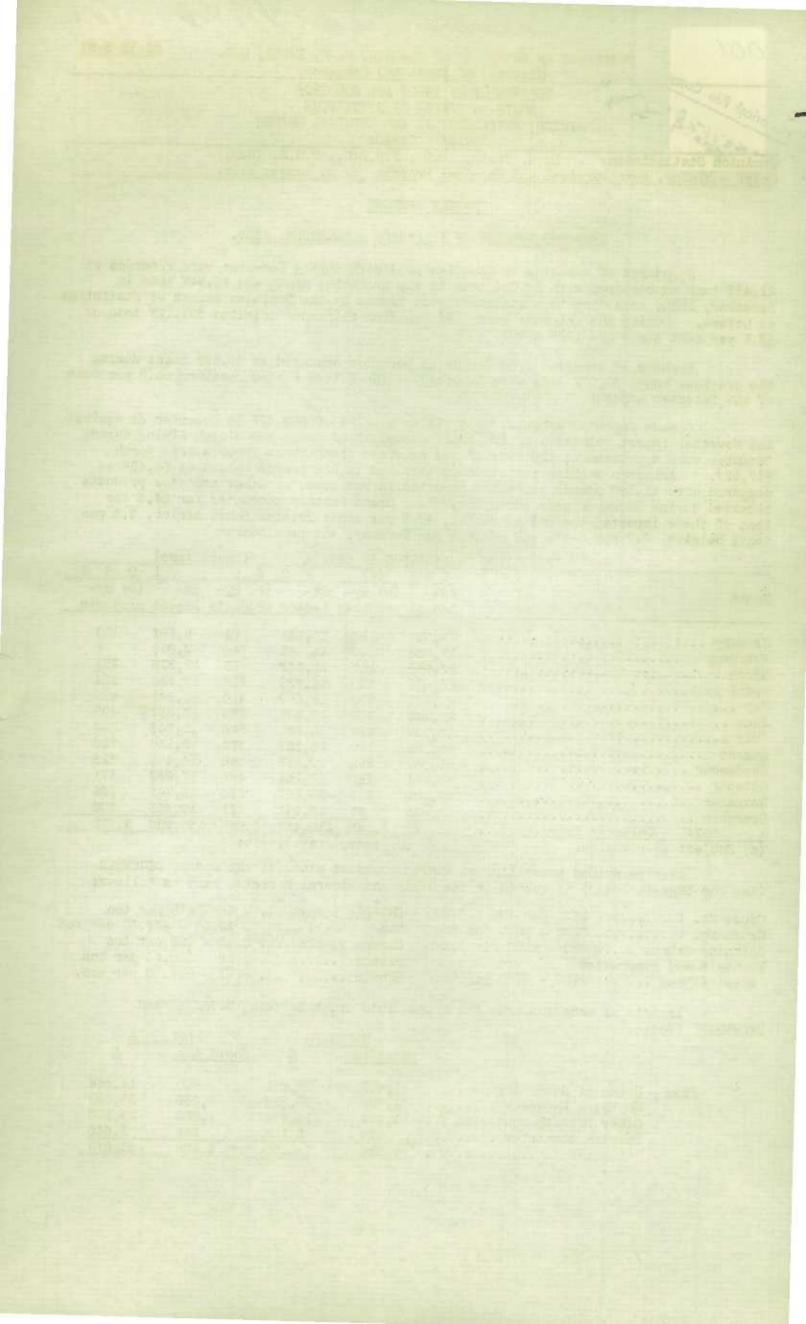
PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (Short to						
	1 9 3	6 (a)	1 9	3 5	1	9 3 4
Month	As-	(b) By-	As-	(b) By-	As-	(b) By-
	bestos	products	bestos	products	bestos	products
January	17,016	37	10,521	31	8,293	108
February		• • •	11,861	46	9,028	2
March		187	11,833	98	12,318	451
April		390	14,723	308	10,350	324
May		599	18,589	410	12,847	599
June	23,136	568	15,338	238	13,382	403
July		292	15,420	526	11,746	594
August		170	23,153	329	15,530	720
September		292	20,373	196	14,450	323
October		282	27,144	486	17,939	571
November		301	25,565	226	19,742	369
December	03 105	67	15,947	131	10,355	208
TOTAL - Calendar Year		3,185	210,467	3,025	155,380	4,672
(a) Subject to revision.	()) Sand,	gravel,	etc.		

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of DECEMBER (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 Spinning fibres \$90 - \$150 per ton Paper stocks \$ 32.50 - \$37.50 per ton Cement stocks \$ 19 - \$23 per ton Floats \$ 16 - \$18.50 per ton Magnesia and compressed Shorts 11 - \$14.50 per ton. sheet fibres \$100 - \$110 per ton

Imports of asbestos, raw and fibre, into Great Britain, NOVEMBER and DECEMBER, 1936:

	NOVEN	IBER	DECEMBER		
	Short ton	3	Short ton	2	
From - Union of South Africa	1,407	17,652	960	11,444	
Southern Rhodesia		39,586	2,239	50,999	
Other British countries	1,459	16,824	1,824	23,190	
Foreign countries	160	2,128	345	5,646	
TOTAL	4,816	76,190	5,368	91,279	



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 \$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 sheet fibres \$100-\$110 per ton
 Shorts \$11 - \$14.50 per ton

Imports of asbestos, raw and fibre, into Great Britain, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1937:

	FEBRU	ARY	MARCH		
	Short ton	£	Short ton	2	
From - Union of South Africa	837	12,809	992	12,996	
Southern Rhodesia	1,721	34,504	1,402	26,887	
Other British countries	196	1,858	556	8,365	
Foreign countries	204	4,014	239	3,559	
TOTAL	2,958	53,185	3,189	51,807	

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