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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - FEBRUARY, 1936.

Canadian producers shipped 17,038 tons of asbestos in February as compared with 17,016 tons shipped in the preceding month and 11,844 tons in February, 1935, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

An advance of 18 per cent was recorded in the exports of asbestos from Canada in February; the month's total was 17,191 tons as against 14,567 tons in January. During the first two months of 1936 asbestos exports totalled 31,758 tons; in the corresponding period of the previous year 20,978 tons were exported.

Canada imported asbestos products to a value of \$51,369 in February; this represented an increase of 1.8 per cent over the January valuation. Brake and clutch lining importations in February were appraised at \$22,550 as compared with \$23,919 in the preceding month. Receipts of asbestos packing amounted to 11,782 pounds worth \$4,940; in January 13,487 pounds at \$4,192 were imported. Imports of other asbestos products were valued at \$23,879, made up of 61.0 per cent from the United States, 34.8 per cent from Great Britain, and the remainder from France, Austria, Belgium and Germany.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

Month	1936 (a)		1935 (a)		1934	
	As- bestos	(b) By- products	As- bestos	By-(b) products	As- bestos	By-(b) products
January	17,016	37	10,506	31	8,293	108
February	17,038	...	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 - Calendar Year			210,164	3,075	155,980	4,672
TOTAL - Two months ending FEBRUARY	34,054	37	22,350	77	17,321	110

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of February (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 to \$135 per ton	Cement stocks	\$ 19 - \$23 per ton
Magnesia and com- pressed sheet fibres .	\$ 90 - \$100 per ton	Floats	\$ 11 - \$14.50 per ton

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

	JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa	981	12,729	851	8,666
Southern Rhodesia	795	11,957	1,532	33,305
Other British countries	252	2,969	226	2,459
Foreign countries	274	3,845	288	4,692
TOTAL	2,302	31,500	2,897	49,122

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