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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MARCH, 1936.

Shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers in March amounted to 16,225 tons; in February 17,038 tons were shipped while in March, a year ago, 11,816 tons were shipped. During the first quarter of 1936 the Canadian shipments totalled 50,279 tons or 47.2 per cent above the tonnage shipped in the corresponding months of 1935.

Exports of asbestos from Canada rose to 19,510 tons in March from the preceding month's total of 17,191 tons. Shipments to the United States accounted for 80.8 per cent of the March exports.

An increase of 55.4 per cent in value was recorded in the Canadian imports of asbestos products in March; the month's valuation was \$79,813 as against \$51,369 in February. Receipts of brake and clutch lining in March were appraised at \$24,828 or 10.1 per cent above the preceding month's total of \$22,550. Asbestos packing importations amounted to 10,865 pounds worth \$6,222 as against 11,782 pounds at \$4,940 imported in February. Other asbestos products imported into Canada in March were valued at \$48,763; these imports were obtained from the following countries: Great Britain, 53.7 per cent; the United States, 44.5 per cent, and France, Austria and Germany, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA

Month	(short tons)		(short tons)		(short tons)	
	1936 (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 .....	17,038	...	11,844	46	9,028	2
March .....	16,225	187	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 - Three months ending MARCH	50,279	224	34,166	175	29,639	561

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

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 to \$150 per ton	Cement stocks .....	\$ 19 - \$23 per ton
Magnesia and com- pressed sheet		Floats .....	\$ 16 - \$18.50 per ton
fibres .....	\$100 - \$110 per ton	Shorts .....	\$ 11 - \$14.50 per ton

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

	FEBRUARY		MARCH	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa .....	851	8,666	1,167	15,184
Southern Rhodesia .....	1,532	33,305	1,804	32,587
Other British countries .....	226	2,459	108	872
Foreign countries .....	288	4,692	63	1,290
TOTAL .....	2,897	49,122	3,142	49,933

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