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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - APRIL, 1936.

Canadian producers shipped 19,605 tons of asbestos during April as compared with 16,225 tons shipped in the preceding month and 14,702 tons in April, 1935, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the four months ending April were recorded at 69,884 tons; a year ago, 48,868 tons were shipped.

Customs records show that 15,467 tons of asbestos were exported from Canada in April; during the corresponding month of 1935 exports totalled 9,588 tons. The United States received 90.5 per cent of the April, 1936, exportations.

Asbestos products imported into Canada in April were appraised at \$80,723 or 1.1 per cent above the March total of \$79,813. The value of brake and clutch lining imports in April was 52.4 per cent higher at \$37,839. Receipts of asbestos packing rose to 26,869 pounds worth \$8,803 from the March importations of 10,865 pounds at \$6,222. Other asbestos products imported into Canada in April were valued at \$34,081 of which the United States contributed 73.5 per cent; Great Britain, 23.8 per cent, and British South Africa, Germany and Belgium, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

Month	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	19,605	390	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 - Four months ending APRIL.	69,884	614	48,868	483	39,989	885

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of April (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 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, March and April, 1936 -

	M A R C H		A P R I L	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa	1,167	15,184	1,714	20,775
Southern Rhodesia	1,804	32,587	1,867	37,956
Other British countries	108	872	291	3,639
Foreign countries	63	1,290	152	2,691
TOTAL	3,142	49,933	4,024	65,061

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