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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MAY, 1936.

Asbestos shipments by Canadian producers in May reached a total of 27,361 tons, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In April, 19,605 tons were shipped while in May, 1935, shipments amounted to 18,562 tons. During the five months ending May, 97,245 tons of Canadian asbestos were shipped as compared with 67,430 tons in the corresponding period of 1935.

Exports of asbestos from Canada rose to 21,667 tons in May from the preceding month's total of 15,467 tons. Approximately 74.1 per cent of the May exports was consigned to the United States.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada in May were valued at \$74,096 or 8.2 per cent below the previous month's valuation. Brake and clutch lining importations were appraised at \$32,013 as against the April total of \$37,839. Asbestos packing receipts declined to 12,237 pounds worth \$4,925 from the April imports of 26,869 pounds at \$8,803. Importations of other asbestos products in May were valued at \$37,158; the United States contributed 50.3 per cent of these imports, Great Britain, 49.2 per cent, and Belgium and Austria, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA

(short tons)

Month	1 9 3 6 (a)		1 9 3 5 (a)		1 9 3 4	
	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	12,313	451
April	19,605	390	14,702	308	10,350	324
May	27,361	599	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 - Five Months ending MAY ...	97,245	1,213	67,430	893	52,836	1,484

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of May (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, APRIL and MAY, 1936.

	A P R I L		M A Y	
	short ton	£	short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa	1,714	20,775	877	13,031
Southern Rhodesia	1,867	37,956	1,636	31,752
Other British countries	291	3,639	767	9,518
Foreign countries	152	2,691	34	619
TOTAL	4,024	65,061	3,314	54,920



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