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ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - SEPTEMBER, 1936.

Canadian producers reported shipments of asbestos amounting to 31,067 tons in September; during the preceding month 25,128 tons were shipped while in September, 1935, the total was 20,373 tons, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the nine months ending September, 204,325 tons of asbestos were shipped as against 141,811 tons, a year ago.

Canada exported 28,730 tons of asbestos in September; the United States received 81.5 per cent of this tonnage. In August, 24,738 tons were exported of which 88.0 per cent was consigned to the United States.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada in September were valued at \$61,629 as compared with the preceding month's valuation of \$83,328. Brake and clutch lining importations in September increased 70.9 per cent in value to \$26,510. Asbestos packing receipts were recorded at 6,297 pounds worth \$1,597; in August, 12,048 pounds at \$4,644 were imported. Other asbestos products to a value of \$33,522 were brought into Canada in September; the United States supplied 61.6 per cent of these importations and Great Britain, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (short tons)

Month	1936(a)		1935		1934	
	As- bestos	(b) By- products	As- bestos	(b) By- products	As- bestos	(b) By- products
January	17,016	37	10,521	31	8,293	108
February	17,038	...	11,861	46	9,028	2
March	16,225	187	11,833	98	12,318	451
April	19,605	390	14,723	308	10,350	324
May	27,361	599	18,589	410	12,847	599
June	23,136	568	15,338	238	13,382	403
July	27,749	292	15,420	526	11,746	594
August	25,128	170	23,153	329	15,530	720
September	31,067	292	20,373	196	14,450	323
October			27,144	486	17,939	571
November			25,565	226	19,742	369
December			15,947	131	10,355	208
TOTAL - Calendar Year			210,467	3,025	155,980	4,672
TOTAL - NINE Months ending SEPTEMBER	204,325	2,535	141,811	2,182	107,944	3,524

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of September (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	Floats	\$16 - \$18.50 per ton
		Shorts	\$11 - \$14.50 per ton.

Imports of Asbestos, raw and fibre, into Great Britain, AUGUST and SEPTEMBER, 1936.

	AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
	Short ton	£	Short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa	1,253	16,588	858	11,734
Southern Rhodesia	1,480	30,407	1,649	33,551
Other British countries	1,105	15,769	732	10,169
Foreign countries	304	4,110	161	2,031
TOTAL	4,142	66,874	3,400	57,485

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