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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - OCTOBER, 1937.

Canadian producers reported shipments of asbestos amounting to 33,471 tons in October compared with 39,211 tons in the preceding month and 38,231 tons in October, 1936, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the first ten months of 1937 totalled 342,502 tons; in the corresponding period a year ago, 242,556 tons were shipped.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in October advanced to 36,929 tons from the September total of 34,069 tons. Shipments to the United States accounted for 67.6 per cent of the October exportations.

Canada imported asbestos products to a value of \$102,429 in October against the preceding month's import valuation of \$109,635. Brake and clutch lining importations were valued at \$25,341 against \$35,263 in September. Receipts of asbestos packing declined to 6,421 pounds worth \$3,923 from the previous month's total of 8,662 pounds at \$4,360. Other asbestos products appraised at \$73,165 were imported in October; these imports were obtained from the following sources - Great Britain, 59.3 per cent; the United States, 41.6 per cent, and Germany and France, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (short tons)

Month	1937(a)			1936			1935		
	As- bestos	(b) By- products		As- bestos	(b) By- products		As- bestos	(b) By- products	
January	22,454	83		17,016	37		10,521	31	
February	27,301	167		17,038	...		11,861	46	
March	32,746	131		16,225	187		11,833	98	
April	42,267	305		19,605	390		14,723	308	
May	37,636	545		27,361	599		18,589	410	
June	35,341	513		23,136	568		15,338	238	
July	35,194	244		27,749	292		15,420	526	
August	36,881	348		25,128	170		23,153	329	
September	39,211	454		31,067	292		20,373	196	
October	33,471	627		38,231	282		27,144	486	
November				37,086	301		25,565	226	
December				21,645	67		15,947	131	
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR				301,287	3,185		210,467	3,025	
TOTAL - TEN MONTHS ending OCTOBER.	342,502	3,422		242,556	2,817		168,955	2,668	

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of October (tax and bags included) as quoted in Metal and Mineral Markets, were as follows -

Crude No. 1	\$550 - \$600 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 - \$170 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, SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER, 1937.

	SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER	
	Short ton	£	Short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa	1,885	30,777	1,090	14,698
Southern Rhodesia	2,083	49,093	1,697	32,026
Other British countries	1,514	21,238	1,776	23,658
Foreign countries	187	3,039	170	2,011
TOTAL	5,669	104,147	4,733	72,393

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