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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - FEBRUARY, 1937.

Shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers in February advanced to 27,301 tons from the preceding month's total of 22,454 tons, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In February, 1936 shipments amounted to 17,038 tons. During the first two months of the current year, 49,755 tons of asbestos were shipped as compared with 34,054 tons shipped in the corresponding period of 1936.

Exports of asbestos from Canada during February were recorded at 24,543 tons; in the preceding month 19,594 tons were exported. Shipments to the United States accounted for 85.9 per cent of the February exports.

Canada imported asbestos products valued at \$71,202 in February as against the January import valuation of \$81,094. Receipts of brake and clutch lining during February were appraised at \$19,679 or 45.6 per cent below the January total. Asbestos packing importations rose to 6,653 pounds worth \$3,611 from the January imports of 5,902 pounds at \$3,206. The value of other asbestos products imported in February amounted to \$47,912; the United States supplied 61.0 per cent of this total, Great Britain, 38.8 per cent and Austria and Germany, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (Short tons)

Month	1937 (a)			1936 (a)			1935		
	As- bestos	(b) products	By-	As- bestos	(b) products	By-	As- bestos	(b) products	By-
January .....	22,454	88		17,016	37		10,521	31	
February .....	27,301	167		17,038	...		11,861	46	
March .....				16,225	187		11,833	98	
April .....				19,605	390		14,723	308	
May .....				27,361	599		18,589	410	
June .....				23,136	568		15,338	238	
July .....				27,749	292		15,420	526	
August .....				25,128	170		23,153	329	
September .....				31,067	292		20,373	196	
October .....				38,231	282		27,144	486	
November .....				37,086	301		25,565	226	
December .....				21,485	67		15,947	131	
TOTAL - Calendar Year .....				301,127	3,185		210,467	3,025	
Total - Two months ending February	49,755	255		34,054	37		22,382	77	

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of FEBRUARY (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, JANUARY and FEBRUARY, 1937:

	JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
	Short ton	£	Short ton	£
From - Union of South Africa ....	441	4,554	837	12,809
Southern Rhodesia .....	1,437	32,292	1,721	34,504
Other British countries ..	328	7,868	196	1,858
Foreign countries .....	222	3,650	204	4,014
TOTAL .....	2,428	48,364	2,958	53,185

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