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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MARCH, 1937.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that Canadian producers shipped 32,746 tons of asbestos in March as compared with 27,301 tons shipped in the preceding month and 16,225 tons in March, 1936. Shipments during the first quarter of 1937 totalled 82,501 tons; in the corresponding months of the previous year 50,279 tons were shipped.

Canada exported 33,893 tons of asbestos in March as against 24,543 tons in February. The United States received 87.6 per cent of the March exports. During the first three months of 1937 exports aggregated 78,030 tons or 52.2 per cent above the tonnage exported a year ago.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada in March were appraised at \$95,045; this represented a 33.5 per cent increase over the total for the preceding month. Brake and clutch lining importations in March were valued at \$39,083 as compared with the February valuation of \$19,679. Receipts of asbestos packing in March advanced to 20,666 pounds worth \$8,618 from the February total of 6,653 pounds at \$3,611. Other asbestos products imported into Canada in March were valued at \$47,344 and consisted of 54.6 per cent from the United States, 43.9 per cent from Great Britain, 0.9 per cent from Germany and 0.6 per cent from Austria.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (short tons)

Month	1937 (a)			1936 (a)			1935		
	As- bestos	(b) By- products		As- bestos	(b) By- products		As- bestos	(b) By- products	
January .....	22,454	88		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 .....				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 - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH .....	82,501	386		50,279	224		34,215	175	

(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-\$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, MARCH and APRIL, 1937:

	<u>MARCH</u>		<u>APRIL</u>	
	<u>Short ton</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Short ton</u>	<u>£</u>
From - Union of South Africa .....	992	12,996	842	12,282
Southern Rhodesia .....	1,402	26,887	2,591	53,626
Other British countries .....	556	8,365	410	6,374
Foreign countries .....	239	3,559	160	6,703
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TOTAL .....	3,189	51,807	4,003	78,985
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TABLE 1. Summary of the results of the 1981 Census of Canada, by province and territory. The table shows the total population, the population in urban areas, and the population in rural areas, for each province and territory. The data is presented in thousands of persons.

Province/Territory	Total Population	Population in Urban Areas	Population in Rural Areas
Alberta	2,414,700	1,814,700	600,000
Saskatchewan	950,000	750,000	200,000
Manitoba	1,150,000	900,000	250,000
Ontario	10,000,000	7,500,000	2,500,000
Quebec	6,500,000	5,000,000	1,500,000
Atlantic Provinces	2,500,000	1,500,000	1,000,000
Nunavut	30,000	20,000	10,000
Yukon	30,000	20,000	10,000
Northwest Territories	40,000	30,000	10,000
<b>Total Canada</b>	<b>29,000,000</b>	<b>21,000,000</b>	<b>8,000,000</b>