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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MAY, 1937.

Shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers in May totalled 37,636 tons as compared with the preceding month's output of 42,267 tons and the May, 1936, total of 27,361 tons, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the five months ending May, Canadian shipments aggregated 162,404 tons; a year ago, 97,245 tons were shipped.

Customs' records show that Canada exported 41,350 tons of asbestos in May as against 28,807 tons exported in the preceding month. The United States received 60.6 per cent of the May shipments from Canada.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada in May were valued at \$98,076 as against the April valuation of \$80,100. Brake and clutch lining importations in May rose in value to \$44,540 from the April total of \$18,271. Receipts of asbestos packing in May declined to 9,582 pounds worth \$4,381 from the April imports of 13,301 pounds at \$5,495. Imports of other asbestos products into Canada in May were appraised at \$49,155 and consisted of 47.0 per cent from the United States, 45.7 per cent from Great Britain, 3.9 per cent from Belgium, 3.3 per cent from British South Africa, and the remainder from Germany and Austria.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (short tons)

Month	1 9 3 7 (a)		1 9 3 6 (a)		1 9 3 5	
	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 .....	42,267	305	19,605	390	14,723	308
May .....	37,636	545	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 - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY .....	162,404	1,236	97,245	1,213	67,527	893

(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 - \$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 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, APRIL and MAY, 1937

From -	A P R I L		M A Y	
	Short ton	£	Short ton	£
Union of South Africa .....	842	12,282	1,275	19,233
Southern Rhodesia .....	2,591	53,626	1,843	37,873
Other British countries .....	410	6,374	2,388	27,053
Foreign countries .....	160	6,703	366	4,896
TOTAL .....	4,003	78,985	5,872	89,055

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