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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - JUNE, 1937.

Canadian producers shipped 35,341 tons of asbestos in June, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In May, 37,636 tons were shipped while in June, 1936, shipments amounted to 23,136 tons. During the first half of the current year 197,745 tons of Canadian asbestos were shipped as compared with 120,381 tons a year ago.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in June were recorded at 33,731 tons or 18.4 per cent below the tonnage exported in the preceding month. Sixty-five per cent of the June exports were consigned to the United States.

Asbestos products imported into Canada in June were valued at \$90,640; the preceding month's imports were worth \$98,076. Receipts of brake and clutch lining during June were appraised at \$33,496; this represented a decline of 24.8 per cent from the previous month's valuation. Asbestos packing imports were recorded at 7,858 pounds at \$3,447 as compared with 9,582 pounds worth \$4,381 imported in May. Other asbestos products importations in June were valued at \$53,697 and included 57.0 per cent from the United States, 42.9 per cent from Great Britain, and the remainder from Germany and Belgium.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (short tons)							
Month	1 9 3 7 (a)		1 9 3 6 (a)		1 9 3 5		
	As-	(b) By-	As-	(b) By-	As-	(b) By-	
	bestos	products	bestos	products	bestos	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	35,341	513	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			37,986	301	25,565		226
December			21,485	67	15,947		131
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR			301,127	3,185	210,467		3,025
TOTAL - SIX MONTHS ending JUNE .	197,745	1,749	120,381	1,781	82,865		1,131
(a) Subject to revision.				(b) Sand, gravel, etc.			

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of June (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, MAY and JUNE, 1937.

From -	M A Y		J U N E	
	Short ton	£	Short ton	£
Union of South Africa	1,275	19,233	1,204	14,709
Southern Rhodesia	1,843	37,873	1,737	34,801
Other British countries ...	2,388	27,053	1,608	17,459
Foreign countries	366	4,896	138	5,490
TOTAL	5,872	89,055	4,687	72,459

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