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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - JULY, 1937.

Shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers in July amounted to 35,194 tons; in the preceding month 35,341 tons were shipped while in July, 1936, shipments were lower at 27,749 tons, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the seven months ending July, 232,939 tons were shipped as compared with 148,130 tons a year ago.

Canada exported 32,843 tons of asbestos in July; during June, 33,731 tons were exported. The United States received 71.4 per cent of the July exports.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada in July increased 32.8 per cent in value to \$120,413 over the previous month's total. Brake and clutch lining importations were valued at \$34,524 as against \$33,496 in June. Receipts of asbestos packing rose to 23,006 pounds worth \$7,205 from the preceding month's imports of 7,858 pounds at \$3,447. Imports of other asbestos products into Canada were appraised at \$78,684 and consisted of 61.3 per cent from the United States, 37.9 per cent from Great Britain and the remainder from Belgium and Germany.

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	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	35,194	244	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			37,036	301	25,565	226
December			21,645	67	15,947	131
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR			301,287	3,185	210,467	3,025
TOTAL - SEVEN MONTHS ending JULY.	232,939	1,993	148,130	2,073	98,235	1,657

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of July (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, JUNE AND JULY, 1937.

From -	JUNE		JULY	
	Short ton	£	Short ton	£
Union of South Africa	1,204	14,709	678	10,601
Southern Rhodesia	1,737	34,801	2,965	54,416
Other British countries	1,608	17,459	1,981	30,869
Foreign countries	138	5,490	215	3,124
TOTAL	4,687	72,459	5,839	99,010



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