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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - DECEMBER, 1938.

The Canadian shipments of asbestos in December amounted to 17,473 tons according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In November, 29,471 tons were shipped while in December, 1937, shipments totalled 28,771 tons. During the calendar year 1938 Canadian producers shipped 289,822 tons compared with 410,026 tons in 1937 and 301,237 tons in 1936.

Customs' records show that Canada exported 26,661 tons of asbestos in December; during the preceding month, 30,012 tons were exported. The United States received 58.3 per cent of the December exports; Germany, 14.7 per cent; Japan, 8.4 per cent; Belgium, 5.0 per cent; Great Britain, 4.0 per cent, and other countries, 9.6 per cent.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada were valued at \$55,304 compared with the previous month's import valuation of \$38,193. The December imports were as follows:-

	Pounds	\$
Asbestos packing .....	1,658	1,341
Asbestos brake linings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis ...		8,542
Asbestos clutch facings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis ...		1,705
Asbestos brake linings and clutch facings, n.o.p. ....		142
Asbestos in any form, other than crude, and all manufactures of, n.o.p. . . . .		41,574

The United States supplied 59.3 per cent of the above imports; Great Britain, 39.7 per cent, and Belgium, Germany and France, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA  
(short tons)

Month	1938 (a)	(b) By-products	1937	1936
	Asbestos		Asbestos	Asbestos
January .....	16,845	113	22,521	17,016
February .....	12,177	99	27,382	17,038
March .....	22,261	199	32,843	16,225
April .....	24,642	197	42,392	19,605
May .....	31,007	262	37,748	27,361
June .....	25,219	319	35,446	23,136
July .....	23,344	191	35,298	27,749
August .....	24,820	513	36,991	25,128
September ..	28,297	513	39,327	31,067
October .....	34,246	596	33,570	38,231
November .....	29,471	320	37,737	37,086
December .....	17,473	146	28,771	21,645
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR .....	289,822	3,468	410,026	301,237

- (a) Subject to revision.  
(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

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Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of December (tax and bags included) as quoted in Metal and Mineral Markets, were as follows -

Crude No. 1 .....	\$700 - \$750 per ton	Shingle stocks .....	\$57 - \$78 per ton
Crude No. 2 and sundry		Paper stocks .....	\$40 - \$45 per ton
crudes .....	\$150 - \$350 per ton	Cement stocks .....	\$21 - \$25 per ton
Spinning fibres .....	\$110 - \$200 per ton	Floats .....	\$18 - \$20 per ton
Magnesia and compressed		Shorts .....	\$12 - \$16.50 per ton
sheet fibres .....	\$110 - \$200 per ton		

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IMPORTS OF ASBESTOS, RAW AND FIBRE, INTO GREAT BRITAIN, / NOVEMBER, DECEMBER and the CALENDAR YEAR 1938.

	NOVEMBER		DECEMBER		CALENDAR YEAR 1938	
	Short tons	£	Short tons	£	Short tons	£
From -						
Union of South Africa ..	876	16,753	670	16,384	11,695	239,441
Southern Rhodesia .....	1,886	47,037	1,530	32,575	17,740	457,940
Other British countries.	3,971	54,242	1,683	23,836	24,576	370,237
Foreign countries .....	680	9,325	395	6,742	2,961	50,845
TOTAL .....	7,413	127,357	4,278	79,537	56,972	1,118,463



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