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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - FEBRUARY, 1938.

Canadian producers reported shipments of asbestos amounting to 12,177 tons in February compared with 16,845 tons in January and 27,301 tons in February, a year ago, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first two months of 1938 shipments totalled 29,022 tons or 41.7 per cent below the tonnage shipped in the corresponding months of 1937.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in February declined to 13,053 tons from the preceding month's total of 17,921 tons and the February, 1937, exports of 24,543 tons.

The value of asbestos products imported into Canada in February increased 22.1 per cent to \$75,051; the January imports were worth \$61,442. Brake and clutch lining importations were appraised at \$34,846 against the previous month's import valuation of \$25,513. Asbestos packing receipts were recorded at 4,113 pounds worth \$2,438; in January, 10,097 pounds at \$3,073 were imported. Other asbestos products to a value of \$37,717 were brought into Canada in February; the United States supplied 68.6 per cent of these imports; Great Britain, 27.1 per cent, Belgium and Germany, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA. (short tons)

Month	1938 (a)			1937 (a)			1936		
	As- bestos	(b) By- products		As- bestos	(b) By- products		As- bestos	(b) By- products	
January	16,845	115		22,454	88		17,016		37
February	12,177	99		27,301	167		17,038		...
March				52,746	131		16,225		187
April				42,237	305		19,605		390
May				37,636	545		27,331		599
June				35,341	513		23,136		568
July				35,194	244		27,749		292
August				56,881	348		25,128		170
September				39,211	454		31,067		232
October				33,471	627		38,231		232
November				37,625	308		37,086		501
December				28,686	310		21,645		67
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR				408,813	4,040		301,287		3,185
TOTAL - TWO MONTHS ending February	29,022	212		49,755	255		34,054		37

(a), Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

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

Crude No. 1	\$700 - \$750 per ton	Shingle stocks	\$57 - \$77 per ton
Crude No. 2 and sundry crudes	\$150 - \$350 per ton	Paper stocks	\$40 - \$45 per ton
Spinning fibres	\$110 - \$200 per ton	Cement stocks	\$21 - \$25 per ton
Magnesia and compressed sheet fibres	\$110 - \$200 per ton	Floats	\$18 - \$20 per ton
		Shorts	\$12 - \$16.50 per ton

IMPORTS OF ASBESTOS, RAW and FIBRE, into GREAT BRITAIN - JANUARY and FEBRUARY, 1938.

	JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
	Short ton	£	Short ton	£
From -				
Union of South Africa	960	14,033	1,037	21,936
Southern Rhodesia	1,900	36,571	2,472	59,957
Other British countries	189	4,757	281	7,778
Foreign countries	522	9,617	12	739
TOTAL	3,571	66,978	3,802	90,410

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