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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - JUNE, 1938.

Shipments of Canadian asbestos during June amounted to 25,219 tons compared with 21,007 tons in the preceding month and 35,341 tons in June, 1937, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first six months of the current year, 132,171 tons were shipped; a year ago shipments totalled 197,745 tons while in the corresponding months of 1936 the total was 120,381 tons.

Canada exported 26,540 tons of asbestos in June; in May, 30,893 tons were exported. The United States received 45.6 per cent of the June exports, France, 11.7 per cent, and Belgium, 10.5 per cent.

The Canadian imports of asbestos products in June were valued at \$70,849 compared with the preceding month's total of \$82,069. Asbestos packing importations declined to 5,137 pounds at \$3,169 from the May receipts of 24,152 pounds at \$10,317. Asbestos brake linings for automobiles imported in June were worth \$17,955; in May these imports were valued at \$21,009. Receipts of asbestos clutch facings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis were appraised at \$3,553 or 37.8 per cent below the May valuation. Other asbestos brake linings and clutch facings to a value of \$1,012 were imported in June. The value of the imports of other asbestos products in June rose 8.4 per cent to \$45,160 and included 76.4 per cent from the United States, 21.2 per cent from Great Britain, and the remainder from Germany and Belgium.

Month	PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (short tons)					
	1938 (a)		1937 (a)		1936	
	As- bestos	(b) By- products	As- bestos	(b) By- products	As- bestos	(b) By- products
January	16,845	113	22,454	88	17,016	37
February	12,177	99	27,301	167	17,038	...
March	22,281	199	32,746	131	16,225	187
April	24,642	197	42,267	305	19,605	390
May	31,007	262	37,636	545	27,361	599
June	25,219	319	35,341	513	23,136	568
July			35,194	244	27,749	292
August			36,881	348	25,128	170
September			39,211	454	31,067	292
October			33,471	627	38,231	282
November			37,625	308	37,086	301
December			23,686	310	21,645	67
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR			408,813	4,040	301,287	3,185
TOTAL - SIX MONTHS ending JUNE.	132,171	1,189	197,745	1,749	120,381	1,781

(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 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, MAY and JUNE, 1938.

From -	MAY		JUNE	
	Short ton	£	Short ton	£
Union of South Africa	821	17,042	1,323	30,248
Southern Rhodesia	1,126	35,834	1,470	42,369
Other British countries	3,538	55,327	2,023	33,152
Foreign countries	27	158	193	3,703
TOTAL	5,512	108,361	5,009	109,472

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