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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - AUGUST, 1938

Shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers amounted to 24,820 tons in August compared with 23,344 tons in the preceding month and 36,991 tons in August, 1937, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first eight months of this year, 180,335 tons were shipped; in the corresponding period of 1937 shipments totalled 270,621 tons.

Canada exported 24,276 tons of asbestos in August; during July, 24,799 tons were exported. The United States received 61.8 per cent of the August exports and Germany, 14.7 per cent.

A decline of 9.6 per cent was recorded in the value of the Canadian imports of asbestos during August; the month's valuation was \$56,244 while the July total was \$62,234. Asbestos packing receipts were lower at 5,323 pounds worth \$2,849 compared with the July imports of 8,167 pounds at \$3,731. Asbestos brake linings for automobile to a value of \$16,360 were imported; the July import valuation was \$18,877. Importations of asbestos clutch facings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis declined in value to \$2,813 from the preceding month's total of \$4,689. Other asbestos brake linings and clutch facings imported in August were appraised at \$382. Receipts of other asbestos products in August were valued at \$33,840 and consisted of 69.7 per cent from the United States, 28.0 per cent from Great Britain, and the remainder from Belgium and Germany.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA (short tons)

Month	1938 (a)		1937	1936
	Asbestos	(b) By-products	Asbestos	Asbestos
January	16,845	113	22,521	17,016
February	12,177	99	27,382	17,038
March	22,281	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			39,327	31,067
October			33,570	38,231
November			37,737	37,086
December			28,771	21,645
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR			410,026	301,287
TOTAL - EIGHT MONTHS ending AUGUST.	180,335	1,893	270,621	173,258

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of AUGUST (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		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		

IMPORTS OF ASBESTOS, RAW AND FIBRE, INTO GREAT BRITAIN, JULY and AUGUST, 1938.

From	JULY		AUGUST	
	Short ton	£	Short ton	£
Union of South Africa	852	19,114	1,273	22,109
Southern Rhodesia	1,381	39,881	1,487	42,956
Other British countries	2,732	42,828	2,180	36,546
Foreign countries	292	6,028	275	4,630
TOTAL	5,257	107,851	5,215	106,241

