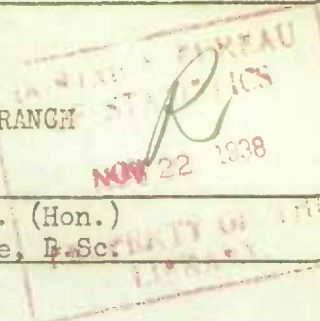


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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - SEPTEMBER, 1938.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that the shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers rose to 28,297 tons in September from the previous month's total of 24,820 tons. In September, 1937, shipments totalled 39,327 tons. During the nine months ending September, 208,632 tons were shipped compared with 309,948 tons a year ago and 204,325 tons in the corresponding period of 1936.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in September amounted to 24,563 tons; in August, 24,276 tons were exported. Approximately 57.7 per cent of the September exports were consigned to the United States, 14.9 per cent to Great Britain, and 10.5 per cent to Germany.

The value of asbestos imports into Canada advanced to \$76,500 in September from the August total of \$56,244. The September importations were made up of the following -

| | | |
|---|-----------------------|--------|
| Asbestos packing | 4,534 pounds worth \$ | 2,836. |
| Asbestos brake linings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis | \$ | 12,681 |
| Asbestos clutch facings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis | \$ | 1,277 |
| Asbestos brake linings and clutch facings, n.o.p. | \$ | 1,042 |
| Asbestos in any form, other than crude, and all manufactures of, n.o.p. . | \$ | 58,664 |

The United States supplied 50.5 per cent of the imports brought into Canada under the last-mentioned item, Great Britain, 38.7 per cent, British South Africa and Belgium, each 5.2 per cent, and Germany, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

| Month | 1 9 3 8 (a) | | 1937 | 1936 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|
| | As- bestos | (b) By- products | Asbestos | Asbestos |
| January | 16,845 | 113 | 22,521 | 17,016 |
| February | 12,177 | 99 | 27,382 | 17,033 |
| 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 | 25,123 |
| September | 28,297 | 513 | 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 - NINE MONTHS ending SEPTEMBER | 208,632 | 2,406 | 309,948 | 204,325 |

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.



Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of SEPTEMBER (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 | | |

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

| | AUGUST | | SEPTEMBER | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|---------|-----------|--------|
| | Short ton | £ | Short ton | £ |
| From - | | | | |
| Union of South Africa | 1,273 | 22,109 | 759 | 13,866 |
| Southern Rhodesia | 1,487 | 42,956 | 772 | 18,774 |
| Other British countries | 2,180 | 36,546 | 3,216 | 46,519 |
| Foreign countries | 275 | 4,630 | 32 | 1,302 |
| TOTAL | 5,215 | 106,241 | 4,779 | 80,461 |

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