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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - JANUARY, 1939

Shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers amounted to 18,780 tons in January compared with 17,473 tons in the preceding month and 16,345 tons in January, 1938, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

Exports of asbestos in January were recorded at 17,044 tons, of which the United States received 79.5 per cent; Japan, 9.9 per cent; Australia, 4.0 per cent; China, 3.9 per cent, and Italy, Great Britain, France, Germany, Brazil and Colombia, the remainder. During December, Canada exported 26,631 tons.

Asbestos products imported into Canada in January were appraised at \$47,612; the value of the preceding month's importations was \$53,304. The January imports were as follows:-

	Pounds	\$
Asbestos packing	5,795	2,803
Asbestos brake linings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis..	...	5,175
Asbestos clutch facings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis.	...	2,711
Asbestos brake linings and clutch facings, n.o.p.	96
Asbestos in any form, other than crude, and all manufactures of, n.o.p.	36,827

The United States supplied 55.2 per cent of the above imports; Great Britain, 43.5 per cent, and Belgium and Germany, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

Month	1939(a)		1938(a)	1937
	As- bestos	(b) By- products	Asbestos	Asbestos
January	18,780	117	16,845	22,521
February			12,177	27,382
March			22,281	32,843
April			24,642	42,392
May			31,007	37,748
June			25,219	35,446
July			23,344	35,298
August			24,820	36,991
September			28,297	39,327
October			34,346	33,570
November			29,471	37,737
December			17,473	28,771
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR			289,822	410,026

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



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Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of January
(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, DECEMBER AND THE CALENDAR YEAR
1938, and JANUARY, 1939.

	1938		1939		JANUARY, 1939	
	DECEMBER		CALENDAR YEAR			
	Short		Short		Short	
	tons	£	tons	£	tons	£
From -						
Union of South Africa .	670	16,384	11,695	239,441	687	13,764
Southern Rhodesia	1,530	32,575	17,740	457,940	2,886	64,669
Canada	1,683	23,836	24,576	370,237	87	2,954
Other British countries)					347	15,420
Foreign countries	395	6,742	2,961	50,845	46	746
TOTAL	4,278	79,537	56,972	1,118,463	4,053	97,553

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