

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - OCTOBER, 1939

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that Canadian producers shipped 44,622 tons of asbestos in October compared with 38,124 tons in September and 34,246 tons in October, 1938. Shipments during the first ten months of the current year aggregated 291,510 tons; this represented an increase of 20 per cent over the tonnage shipped a year ago.

A 31.8 per cent advance was recorded in the exports of asbestos during the month, when 43,183 tons were shipped from Canada as against 32,760 tons in September. Exports during the period January to October totalled 266,143 tons or 14.6 per cent above the quantity exported in the corresponding months of 1938.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada in October were appraised at \$113,057 and were made up of:

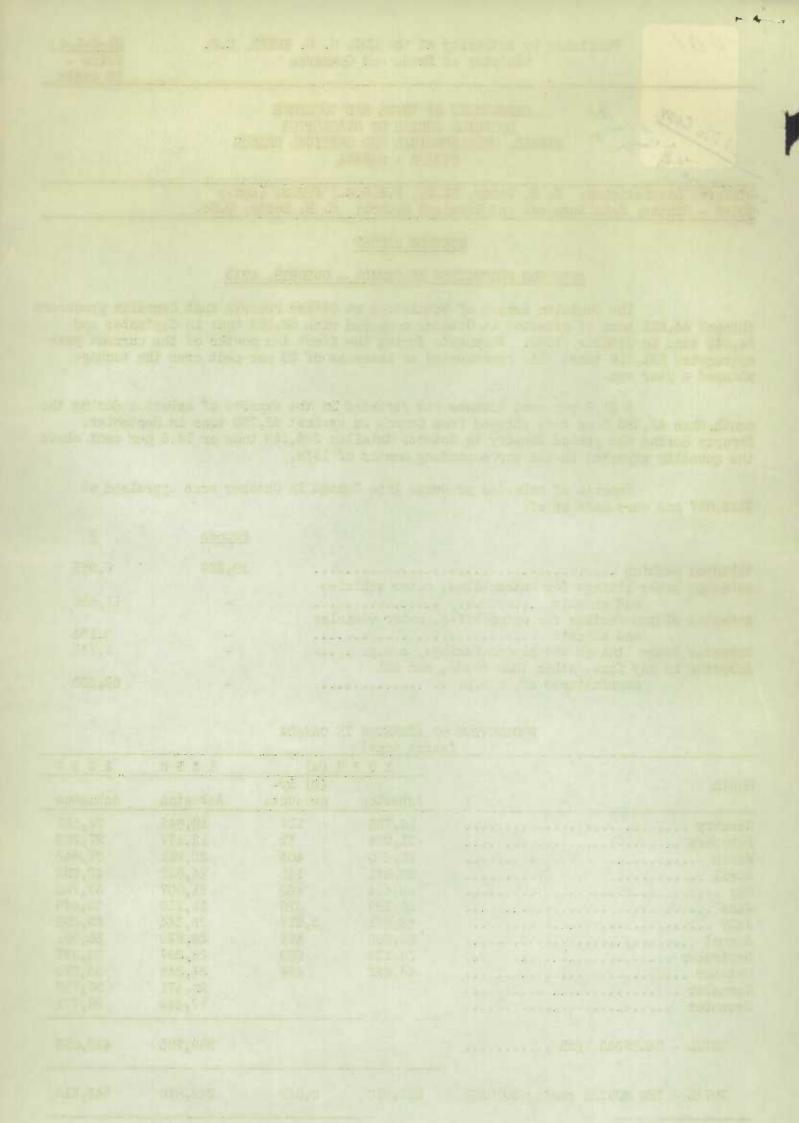
	Pounds	E.
Asbestos packing	10,639	6,965
Asbestos brake linings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis		11,609
Asbestos clutch facings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis	-	3,133
Asbestos brake linings and clutch facings, n.o.p Asbestos in any form, other than crude, and all	-	1,742
manufactures of, n.o.p.		89,608

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA

	short tons)				
	1939 (a)		1938	1937	
Month		(b) By-			
	Asbestos	products	Asbestos	Asbestos	
January	18,780	117	16,845	22,521	
February	21,224	32	12,177	27,382	
March	22,680	403	22,281	32,843	
April	23,921	145	24,642	42,392	
May	29,414	460	31,007	37,748	
June	28,188	326	25,219	35,446	
July	28,671	3,517	23,344	35,298	
August	35,886	494	24,820	36,991	
September	38,124	669	28,297	39,327	
October	44,622	494	34,246	33,570	
November			29,471	37,737	
December	annen annen fra sterriter in finnen		17,444	28,771	
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR			289,793	410,026	
TOTAL - TEN MONTHS ending OCTOBER	291,510	6,657	242,878	343,518	

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.



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

Crude No. 1 \$700 - 3	\$750 per ton	Shingle stocks			
Crude No. 2 and sundry		Paper stocks	\$40 -	\$45 per ton	L
crudes \$150 - 3	\$350 per ton	Cement stocks			
Spinning fibres \$110 - :	\$200 per ton	Floats	\$18 -	\$20 per ton	L
Magnesia and compressed		Shorts	\$12 -	\$16.50	
sheet fibres \$110 - 3	\$200 per ton			per ton	L

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