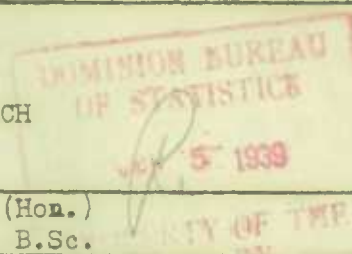


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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - FEBRUARY, 1939.

Canadian producers shipped 21,224 tons of asbestos in February, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In January, 18,780 tons were shipped while in February, 1938, shipments amounted to 12,177 tons. During the first two months of the current year Canadian shipments totalled 40,004 tons compared with 29,022 tons, a year ago.

Canada exported 16,638 tons of asbestos in February; the United States received 78.8 per cent of these exports; Japan, 12.8 per cent; Australia, 3.2 per cent, and China, Italy, Germany, Great Britain, New Zealand, France, and the Straits Settlements, the remainder. During January the Canadian exports totalled 17,044 tons, of which the United States received 79.5 per cent.

Customs' records show that Canada imported asbestos products to a value of \$57,018 in February compared with the January valuation of \$47,612. The February receipts were as follows:-

	Pounds	\$
Asbestos packing	8,354	5,429
Asbestos brake linings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis	10,594
Asbestos clutch facings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis	1,842
Asbestos brake linings and clutch facings, n.o.p.	178
Asbestos in any form, other than crude, and all manufactures of, n.o.p.	38,975

The United States supplied 60.9 per cent of the above imports; Great Britain, 36.9 per cent, 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	21,224	32	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			34,246	33,570
November			29,471	37,737
December			17,473	28,971
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR			289,822	410,026
TOTAL - TWO MONTHS ending FEBRUARY	40,004	149	29,022	49,903

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of February (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, JANUARY and FEBRUARY, 1939.

	JANUARY		FEBRUARY	
	Short tons	£	Short tons	£
From -				
Union of South Africa ...	687	13,764	344	9,408
Southern Rhodesia	2,886	64,669	2,184	61,813
Canada	87	2,954	20	229
Other British countries .	347	15,420	12	820
Foreign countries	46	746	23	165
TOTAL	4,053	97,553	2,583	72,435

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