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## MONTHLY REPORT

## ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - APRIL, 1939.

Asbestos shipments by Canadian producers amounted to 23,921 tons in April compared with 22,680 tons in the previous month and 24,642 tons in April, 1938, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the first four months of 1939 aggregated 86,605 tons; in the corresponding months, a year ago, 75,945 tons were shipped.

The Canadian exports of asbestos in April declined to 16,058 tons from the preceding month's total of 21,446 tons. The United States received 69.6 per cent of the April exportations; Japan, 17.4 per cent; Italy, 4.8 per cent; Australia, 3.4 per cent, and Poland and Danzig, Great Britain, New Zealand, France, Portugal, Germany, the Netherlands and Ireland, the remainder.

Asbestos products were imported into Canada in April to a value of \$61,254; this represented a 26.9 per cent decline from the March total. The April importations were as follows:-

	Pounds	\$
Asbestos packing	10,924	6,546
Asbestos brake linings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis		14,333
Asbestos clutch facings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis		2,202
Asbestos brake linings and clutch facings, n.o.p	• • •	230
Asbestos in any form, other than crude, and all manufactures of, n.o.p.		37,943

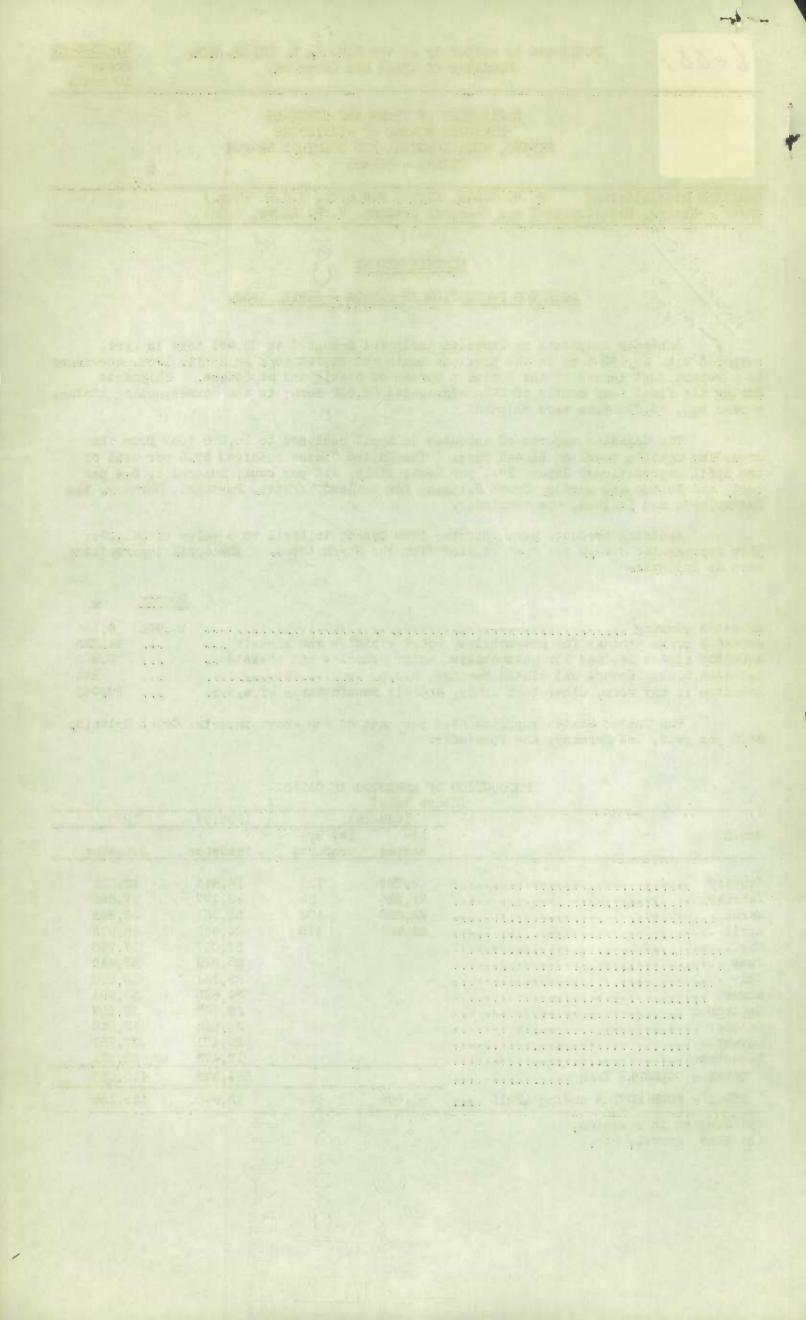
The United States supplied 67.3 per cent of the above imports; Great Britain, 32.5 per cent, and Germany, the remainder.

## PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA

(Short tons)							
	1939 (a)		1938(a)	1937			
Month	As-	(b) By-					
	bestos	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			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	28,771			
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR			289,822	410,026			
TOTAL - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL	86,605	697	75,945	125,138			

<sup>(</sup>a) Subject to revision.

<sup>(</sup>b) Sand, gravel, etc.



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

Crudo 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	

IMPORTS OF ASBESTOS, RAW AND FIBRE, INTO GREAT BRITAIN, MARCH AND APRIL, 1939.

	MARCH		APRIL	
	Short tons	£	Short tons	£
From -				
Union of South Africa	488	9,533	1,126	26,132
Southern Rhodesia	1,900	52,303	1,404	32,354
Canada	91	2,182	105	855
Other British countries	3	345	19	525
Foreign countries	238	3,423	142	3,138
TOTAL	2,720	67,786	2,796	63,004

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