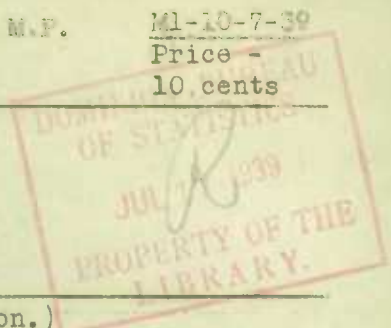


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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MAY, 1939.

Canadian producers shipped 29,414 tons of asbestos in May; during the preceding month, 23,921 tons were shipped while in May, 1938, shipments amounted to 31,007 tons; according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first five months of the current year, 116,019 tons were shipped compared with 106,952 tons a year ago and 162,886 tons in the corresponding months of 1937.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in May were recorded at 24,744 tons; in April, 18,058 tons were exported. Approximately 71 per cent of the May exports were consigned to the United States, 13.9 per cent to Great Britain, 4.4 per cent to Japan, 4.1 per cent to Australia, and the remainder to Chile, Argentina, Italy, Poland and Danzig, New Zealand, Ireland, Siam, Belgium, Ceylon, and Brazil.

Canada imported asbestos products to a value of \$103,437 in May; the April imports were valued at \$61,254. The May importations were as follows -

	Pounds	\$
Asbestos packing	9,214	4,910
Asbestos brake linings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis	20,277
Asbestos clutch facings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis	3,563
Asbestos brake linings and clutch facings, n.o.p.	1,039
Asbestos in any form, other than crude, and all manufactures of, n.o.p.	73,648

The United States supplied 57.9 per cent of the above imports; Great Britain, 30.9 per cent, and British South Africa, 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	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			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 - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	116,019	1,157	106,952	162,886

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

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of MAY (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, APRIL and MAY, 1939.

	APRIL		MAY	
	Short tons	£	Short tons	£
From -				
Union of South Africa	1,126	26,132	484	14,412
Southern Rhodesia	1,404	32,354	2,137	59,479
Canada	105	855	2,316	38,438
Other British countries	19	525
Foreign countries	142	3,138	769	12,145
TOTAL	2,796	63,004	5,706	124,474

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2005	2006	2007	2008
2009	2010	2011	2012
2013	2014	2015	2016
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2021	2022	2023	2024