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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - JULY, 1939.

Shipments of asbestos by Canadian producers in July amounted to 28,671 tons; in June, 28,188 tons were shipped while in July, 1938, shipments totalled 23,344 tons, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. An increase of 11.2 per cent was recorded in asbestos shipments during the first seven months of 1939 compared with the total for the corresponding months of 1938; the quantities were - 172,878 tons and 155,515 tons, respectively.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in July declined to 27,447 tons from the preceding month's total of 37,090 tons. Sixty per cent of the July exports were consigned to the United States, 11 per cent to the United Kingdom, 7 per cent to Belgium, 6 per cent to Germany, 5 per cent to Japan, and 11 per cent to other countries.

Asbestos products imported into Canada in July were valued at \$86,260 or 13.4 per cent below the previous month's total. The July receipts were as follows:-

| | Pounds | \$ |
|---|--------|--------|
| Asbestos packing | 9,675 | 4,238 |
| Asbestos brake linings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis ... | | 15,910 |
| Asbestos clutch facings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis ... | | 3,624 |
| Asbestos brake linings and clutch facings, n.o.p. | | 1,978 |
| Asbestos in any form, other than crude, and all manufactures of, n.o.p. | | 60,510 |

The United States supplied 67.6 per cent of the above imports; Great Britain, 29.9 per cent, and Belgium and Germany, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

| Month | 1939(a) | | 1938 | 1937 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------|----------|
| | As- bestos | (b) By- products | Asbestos | Asbestos |
| January | 18,730 | 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 | | | 24,820 | 36,991 |
| September | | | 28,297 | 39,327 |
| October | | | 34,246 | 33,570 |
| November | | | 29,471 | 37,737 |
| December | | | 17,444 | 28,771 |
| TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR | | | 289,793 | 410,026 |
| TOTAL - SEVEN MONTHS ending JULY. | 172,878 | 5,000 | 155,515 | 233,630 |

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc..

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of JULY (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, JUNE AND JULY, 1939.

| | J U N E | | J U L Y | |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------|------------|---------|
| | Short tons | £ | Short tons | £ |
| From - | | | | |
| Union of South Africa | 925 | 23,180 | 340 | 9,526 |
| Southern Rhodesia | 1,623 | 44,641 | 2,318 | 56,036 |
| Canada | 2,138 | 31,795 | 2,563 | 36,439 |
| Other British countries | 425 | 5,048 | 136 | 1,670 |
| Foreign countries | 20 | 252 | 224 | 4,111 |
| TOTAL | 5,131 | 104,916 | 5,581 | 107,782 |



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| STATISTICAL DATA | | | |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Year | 1961 | 1962 | 1963 |
| Population | 20,000,000 | 20,500,000 | 21,000,000 |
| GDP | \$100,000,000,000 | \$105,000,000,000 | \$110,000,000,000 |
| Unemployment | 7.5% | 7.0% | 6.5% |
| Inflation | 2.0% | 2.5% | 3.0% |
| Interest Rate | 4.0% | 4.5% | 5.0% |

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