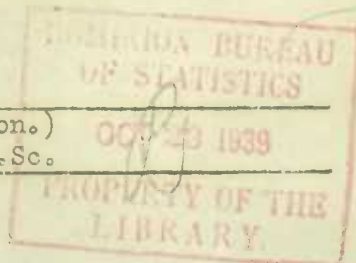


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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - AUGUST, 1939.

Canadian producers shipped 35,886 tons of asbestos in August compared with 28,671 tons in the preceding month and 24,820 tons in August, 1938, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the first eight months of the current year aggregated 208,764 tons or 15.8 per cent above the tonnage shipped, a year ago.

Canada exported 29,733 tons of asbestos in August; during July, 27,447 tons were exported. During the eight months ending August, 190,200 tons were exported from Canada.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada in August were appraised at \$109,445 and were made up of:

	Pounds	\$
Asbestos packing	7,649	2,614
Asbestos brake linings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis	21,311
Asbestos clutch facings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis	2,466
Asbestos brake linings and clutch facings, n.o.p.	530
Asbestos in any form, other than crude, and all manufactures of, n.o.p.	82,524

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

Month	1939(a)		1938	1937
	Asbestos	(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	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			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 - EIGHT MONTHS ending AUGUST	208,764	5,494	180,335	270,621

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

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

	JULY		AUGUST	
	Short tons	£	Short tons	£
From -				
Union of South Africa	340	9,526	1,112	28,285
Southern Rhodesia	2,318	56,036	2,243	61,923
Canada	2,563	36,439	2,585	38,232
Other British Countries	136	1,670	366	4,087
Foreign Countries	224	4,111	173	3,456
TOTAL	5,581	107,782	6,479	135,983



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