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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - SEPTEMBER, 1939.

Shipments of asbestos during September rose to 38,124 tons; according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During August, 35,886 tons were shipped while in September, 1938 shipments totalled 28,297 tons. An increase of 18.3 per cent was recorded in the shipments during the first nine months of 1939 compared with the tonnage shipped a year ago; the totals were 246,888 tons and 208,632 tons, respectively.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in September amounted to 32,760 tons; in the preceding month, 29,733 tons were exported. Fifty-five per cent of the September exports were consigned to the United States, 15.3 per cent to Japan, 15.1 per cent to Great Britain and the remainder to France, Belgium, Australia, Denmark, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Italy, Germany and Cuba.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada in September were appraised at \$97,692 and were made up of:

	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>\$</u>
Asbestos packing	7,244	4,599
Asbestos brake linings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis		11,778
Asbestos clutch facings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis	1,485
Asbestos brake linings and clutch facings, n.o.p.	1,229
Asbestos in any form, other than crude, and all manufactures of, n.o.p.	78,601

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

Month	1 9 3 9 (a)	(b) By-	1 9 3 8	1 9 3 7
	Asbestos	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	38,124	669	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 - NINE MONTHS ending SEPTEMBER	246,888	6,163	208,632	309,948

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Sand, gravel, etc.

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of September (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
sheet fibres	\$110 - \$200 per ton		per ton

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