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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - FEBRUARY, 1940

Canadian producers shipped 21,326 tons of asbestos during February, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In January, 26,651 tons were shipped while in February, 1939 shipments amounted to 21,224 tons. During the first two months of the current year, Canadian shipments aggregated 47,977 tons compared with 40,004 tons a year ago.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in February rose to 24,944 tons from the preceding month's total of 22,028 tons. The United States received 60.7 per cent of the February exports.

Customs' records show that Canada imported asbestos products to a value of \$95,111 in February as against the January valuation of \$101,310. The February receipts were as follows:

	Pounds	\$
Asbestos packing	9,516	5,863
Asbestos brake linings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis	16,278
Asbestos clutch facings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis	3,155
Asbestos brake linings and clutch facings, n.o.p.	2,350
Asbestos in any form, other than crude, and all manu- factures of, n.o.p.	67,460

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

Month	1 9 4 0 (a)		1 9 3 9 (a)		1 9 3 8
	Asbestos	(b) By-Products	Asbestos	(b) By-Products	Asbestos
January	26,651	62	18,780	117	16,845
February	21,326	104	21,224	32	12,177
March			22,680	403	22,281
April			23,921	145	24,642
May			29,414	460	31,007
June			28,188	326	25,219
July			28,671	3,517	23,344
August			35,886	494	24,820
September			38,124	669	28,297
October			44,622	494	34,246
November			40,568	267	29,471
December			31,946	117	17,444
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR			364,024	7,041	289,793
TOTAL - TWO MONTHS ending FEBRUARY	47,977	166	40,004	149	29,022

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

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of February, (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 crudes	\$150 - \$350 per ton	Paper stocks	\$40 - \$45 per ton
Spinning fibres	\$110 - \$200 per ton	Cement stocks	\$21 - \$25 per ton
Magnesia and compressed sheet fibres	\$110 - \$200 per ton	Floats	\$18 - \$20 per ton
		Shorts	\$12 - \$16.50 per ton



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