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MONTHLY REPORT

ASBESTOS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MARCH, 1940

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that the Canadian shipments of asbestos in March advanced to 24,921 tons from the preceding month's total of 21,326 tons and the March, 1939 total of 22,680 tons. During the first quarter of the current year, 72,898 tons were shipped compared with 62,684 tons a year ago.

Exports of asbestos from Canada in March totalled 22,726 tons, of which the United States received 65.8 per cent. During February, Canada exported 24,944 tons.

Imports of asbestos products into Canada in March were appraised at \$92,251 or 3 per cent below the February import valuation. The March imports were as follows:

	Pounds	\$
Asbestos packing	15,395	8,659
Asbestos brake linings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis	12,657
Asbestos clutch facings for automobiles, motor vehicles and chassis	5,640
Asbestos brake linings and clutch facings, n.o.p.	668
Asbestos in any form, other than crude, and all manufacturers of, n.o.p.	57,627

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN CANADA
(short tons)

Month	1940(a)		1939(a)		1938
	(b) Asbestos	By-Products	(b) Asbestos	By-Products	Asbestos
January	26,651	62	18,780	117	16,845
February	21,326	104	21,224	32	12,177
March	24,921	154	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	239,793
TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH	72,898	320	62,684	552	51,303

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

Average prices prevailing at Quebec asbestos mines at the end of March, (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	Flosts	\$18 - \$20 per ton
		Shorts	\$12 - \$16.50 per ton

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