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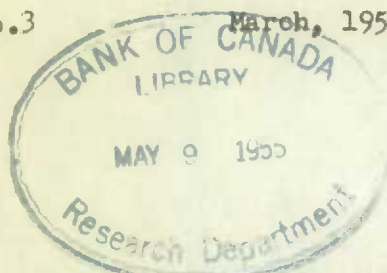
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Shipments of asbestos from Canadian mines during March, 1955, totalled 78,524 tons compared with 68,520 tons in the previous month and with 74,775 tons in March, 1954.

Table 1 - Producers' Shipments of Asbestos

Grade	Shipments (including any for own use)			
	March		Year to date	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
Quebec -				
Crude - No. 1, No. 2, Other	76	22	115	105
Milled - Group 3 (Spinning)	1,838	2,209	6,114	6,171
Group 4 (Shingle)	14,897	11,473	35,165	32,995
Group 5 (Paper)	6,888	8,964	17,849	20,274
Group 6 (Stucco)	14,661	10,846	35,555	30,932
Group 7 (Refuse)	31,332	39,294	84,947	101,156
Group 8 (Sand)	2,633	3,021	7,693	7,975
Total all grades	72,325	75,829	187,438	199,608
CANADA	74,775	78,524	193,204	208,010

Table 2 - Exports of Asbestos

Grade	March		Year to date	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Crude	78	38	112	115
Milled fibres	23,431	21,838	57,158	60,556
Waste, refuse, shorts	48,373	51,749	121,861	130,793
Total	71,882	73,625	179,131	191,464

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