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ASBESTOS

Shipments of asbestos from Canadian mines during January, 1956, totalled 58,871 tons compared with 81,828 tons in the previous month and with 60,966 tons in January, 1955.

Table 1 - Producers' Shipments of Asbestos

	Shipments (including any for own use)				
Grade	January		Year-end		
	1955	1956	1954	1955	
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
Quebec -					
Grude - No. 1, No. 2, Other	20	29	654	571	
Milled - Group 3 (Spinning)	1,579	1,598	30,434	35,595	
Group 4 (Shingle)	10,469	9,672	167,105	199,473	
Group 5 (Paper)	5,072	4,561	99,129	116,702	
Group 6 (Stucco)	8,899	9,787	169,057	172,324	
Group 7 (Refuse)	29,526	27,498	396,318	468,954	
Group 8 (Sand)	2,648	2,125	31,061	26,522	
Total all grades	58,213	55,270	893,758	1,020,141	
CANADA	60,966	58,871	923,581	1,061,951	

Table 2 - Exports of Asbestos

Grade	December		Year to date		
	1954	1955	1954	1955	
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
Grude	69	84	641	586	
Milled fibres	38,165	46,737	312,844	365,980	
Waste, refuse, shorts	51,558	60,074	574,243	635,261	
Total	89,792	106,895	887,728	1,001,827	

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