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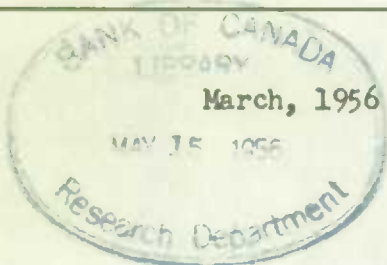
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Shipments of asbestos from Canadian mines during March, 1956, totalled 76,768 tons compared with 67,853 tons in the previous month and with 78,524 tons in March, 1955.

Table 1 - Producers' Shipments of Asbestos

Grade	Shipments (including any for own use)			
	March		Year to date	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
Quebec -				
Crude - No. 1, No. 2, Other	22	27	105	159
Milled - Group 3 (Spinning)	2,209	1,930	6,171	5,532
Group 4 (Shingle)	11,473	11,665	32,995	32,368
Group 5 (Paper)	8,964	8,950	20,274	19,811
Group 6 (Stucco)	10,846	14,034	30,932	35,587
Group 7 (Refuse)	39,294	34,674	101,156	93,240
Group 8 (Sand)	3,021	1,539	7,975	5,444
Total all grades	75,829	72,819	199,608	192,141
CANADA	78,524	76,768	208,010	203,492

Table 2 - Exports of Asbestos

Grade	February		Year to date	
	1955		1955	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
Crude	31	45	77	68
Milled fibres	20,500	18,983	38,718	44,331
Waste, refuse, shorts	41,133	41,819	79,044	82,109
Total	61,664	60,847	117,839	126,508

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