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CANADIAN PRODUCTION OF ASBESTOS IN 1925 EXCEEDS
ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS

A new high record was established in the Canadian production of asbestos in 1925. Total shipments for the year were 290,389 short tons, valued at \$8,988,360, as compared with 225,744 tons at \$6,710,830 in 1924, according to finally revised statistics on the industry, just issued by the Mining Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

Exports of asbestos (including sand and waste) in 1925, totalled 258,017 tons, or 53,268 tons in excess of the quantity exported in 1924. Shipments to Great Britain amounted to 8,709 tons, to United States 209,879 tons, and to Germany, 11,120 tons. Exports of asbestos to Australia, Belgium, France, Italy and the Netherlands increased materially.

Sales of Rhodesian and South African asbestos in 1925 were considerably greater than in the previous year. The Russian output also increased, while the Cyprus production remained at the same level as in 1924. Canada produces about 85 per cent of the total world's supply of asbestos.

In the asbestos mining industry in Canada during 1925 the amount of capital employed by the fourteen producing firms was \$38,133,046. Employment was furnished 117 salaried employees, 1,315 mine workers and 1,150 mill workers and their combined earnings amounted to \$2,997,107. A ten-hour day was usual throughout most of the field. Fuel and electricity cost \$923,239 including \$546,175 for 60,506,285 kilowatt hours of electricity. Plant equipment included 406 electric motors having a combined rating of 28,621 h.p.

Six plants in Canada manufacture asbestos products, including the following commodities: asbestos paper and mill board;

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asbestos roofing of all kinds; asbestos rigid shingles; asbestos building materials; asbestos cellular, and sponge-felted pipe insulation; insulating sheets and blocks; asbestos brake linings and clutch facings (woven on special looms); and asbestos packings for steam, oil and hydraulic operations.

OUTPUT AND SHIPMENTS OF CANADIAN ASBESTOS IN 1925

Classification	Total Output	Quantity	Sold or Shipped	
			Total Sales value at mill	Average Value per ton
	Tons	Tons		
Crude No. 1.....	806	1,046	381,926	365.13
Crude No. 2.....	2,701	3,777	778,895	206.22
Other crudes.....	260	348	49,030	140.90
Spinning stocks.....	13,509	16,070	1,710,379	106.43
Shingle stocks.....	25,301	30,010	1,523,980	50.78
Mill board and paper stocks.....	94,350	93,937	2,915,046	31.03
Fillers, floats and other short fibres.	128,382	128,338	1,618,290	12.61
TOTAL.....	265,309	273,524	8,977,546	32.82
Sand, gravel and crushed rock.....	16,409	16,865	10,814	0.64
GRAND TOTAL....	281,718	290,389	8,988,360	30.95

IMPORTS INTO CANADA AND EXPORTS OF ASBESTOS, 1925

	Tons	Value \$
IMPORTS		
Asbestos in any form other than crude, and all manufactures of, n.o.p.	350,600
Asbestos packing.....	111	98,169
TOTAL.....	...	448,769
EXPORTS		
Asbestos.....	136,750	8,090,106
Asbestos sand and waste.....	121,267	1,592,286
Asbestos manufactures.....	...	55,572
TOTAL.....	...	9,737,964

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE ASBESTOS MINING INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1924-1925.

	1924	1925
No. of firms	15	14
Capital employed.....	\$43,216,966	\$38,133,046
Number of employees:		
On salary.....	125	117
On wages.....	2,472	2,455
Total.....	2,597	2,582
Salaries and wages:		
Salaries.....	\$288,459	\$280,085
Wages.....	\$2,688,845	\$2,717,022
Cost of fuel and electricity.....	\$760,046	\$923,239
Selling value of products.....	\$6,710,830	\$8,988,560

