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Canadian Production of Asbestos High in 1926

Asbestos production in Canada during 1926 reached the grand total of 279,403 tons with a valuation of \$10,099,423, according to finally revised statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In 1925, the shipments (exclusive of the by-product sand and gravel) amounted to 273,524 tons at \$8,977,546. The average value received by the operators in 1926 was \$36.15 per ton as compared with \$32.82 per ton in the preceding year.

Asbestos rock mined during the year totalled 4,483,375 tons, of which quantity 4,002,626 tons were handled by the mills.

Exports of asbestos (including sand and waste) in 1926, totalled 277,991 tons, or 19,974 tons in excess of the tonnage exported in 1925. Shipments to Great Britain amounted to 9,304 tons, to the United States 224,334 tons, and to Germany 14,193 tons. Exportations of asbestos to Australia, Belgium and France increased materially.

Production of asbestos in South Africa and Cyprus increased in 1926; the former country shipping 14,096 tons and the latter, 6,941 tons. The Rhodesian output declined from 34,349 tons in 1925 to 33,344 tons in 1926. Mine operators in the United States shipped 1,358 tons during the year under review.

In the asbestos mining industry in Canada in 1926 the capital employed by the eight producing firms was reported at \$34,905,096. Employment was furnished 141 salaried employees, 1,521 mine workers and 1,135 mill workers; their combined earnings amounted to \$3,544,097. A ten hour day was usual throughout most of the field. Fuel and electricity cost \$1,012,232, including \$600,860 for 64,462,880 kilowatt hours of electricity. The 409 electric motors in use during the year had a total rating of 28,133 h.p.

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

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OUTPUT AND SHIPMENTS OF CANADIAN ASBESTOS IN 1926.

Classification	Sold or Shipped		Total Sales Value at Mill	Average value per ton
	Total Output	Quantity		
	Tons	Tons		
Crude No. 1.....	842	1,108	410,373	370.37
Crude No. 2.....	2,952	3,494	802,304	229.62
Other crudes.....	328	446	92,394	207.16
Spinning stocks.....	13,839	15,182	1,885,835	124.22
Shingle stocks.....	39,678	36,497	2,139,780	58.63
Mill board and paper stocks.....	101,293	86,746	2,940,675	33.90
Fillers, floats and other short fibres.....	141,272	135,930	1,828,062	13.45
TOTAL.....	300,204	279,403	10,099,423	36.15
Sand and gravel (x).....	15,672	15,672	10,257	0.65
GRAND TOTAL.....	315,876	295,075	10,109,680

(x) In 1926, this production has been included under the Sand and Gravel Industry.

IMPORTS INTO CANADA AND EXPORTS OF ASBESTOS in 1926.

	Tons	Value \$
IMPORTS -		
Asbestos in any form other than crude, and all manufactures of, n.o.p.....	-	472,513
Asbestos packing.....	93	93,122
TOTAL.....	-	565,635
EXPORTS -		
Asbestos.....	141,760	8,669,810
Asbestos sand and waste.....	136,231	1,992,480
Asbestos manufactures, including asbestos roofing.....	-	43,011
TOTAL.....	-	10,705,301

Principal Statistics of the Asbestos Industry in Canada, 1925 and 1926.

	1925	1926
No. of firms.....	14	8
Capital employed..... \$	38,133,046	\$ 34,905,096
Number of Employees:		
On Salary.....	117	141
On Wages.....	2,465	2,656
TOTAL.....	2,582	2,797
Salaries and Wages:		
Salaries..... \$	280,035	\$ 328,813
Wages..... \$	2,717,022	\$ 3,215,284
TOTAL..... \$	2,997,107	\$ 3,544,097
Cost of fuel and electricity..... \$	923,239	\$ 1,012,232
Selling value of Products..... \$	8,988,360	\$ 10,109,680



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