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ASBESTOS, 1927.

Asbestos production in Canada during 1927 was only slightly greater than in 1926, but higher prices raised the total valuation to 5.1 per cent over the total figures for the preceding year, according to finally revised statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments in 1927 amounted to 274,778 tons valued at \$10,621,013 as against 273,524 tons at \$8,977,546 shipped in 1926. The average value received by the operators in 1927 was \$38.65 per ton as compared with \$36.15 per ton in the previous year.

Asbestos rock mined during 1927 totalled 4,834,761 tons of which quantity 3,820,024 tons were milled.

Exports of asbestos (including sand and waste) in 1927 amounted to 263,290 tons consisting of 14,496 tons to Great Britain; 196,308 tons to the United States; 19,829 tons to Germany; and smaller tonnages to Australia, Belgium, France, Italy, Japan and the Netherlands.

Production of asbestos in South Africa and Cyprus continued to increase in 1927, but the Rhodesian output remained at approximately the same level as in 1926. The output from the Union of South Africa deposits totalled 22,133 tons; from Rhodesia, 33,176 tons; from Cyprus, 12,544 tons; and from the United States, 2,986 tons.

Capital employed in the asbestos mining industry in Canada by the seven operating firms was reported at \$35,316,821. Employees engaged in this industry numbered 2,976, including 141 on salary and 2,835 on wages; their total earnings amounted to \$3,761,192. Fuel and electricity costs reached the sum of \$1,046,541, including \$632,429 for 60,900,833 kilowatt hours of electricity.

Ten plants in Canada manufactured 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 1927.

Classification	SOLD		OR	SHIPPED	
	Total Output	Quantity	Total Sales value at mill	Average value per ton	
	Tons	Tons	\$	\$	
Crude No. 1.....	527	1,107	468,980	423.65	
Crude No. 2.....	2,835	3,014	752,277	249.59	
Other crudes.....	370	667	151,231	226.73	
Spinning stocks.....	12,273	14,348	1,855,425	129.32	
Shingle stocks.....	45,784	44,573	2,889,124	64.81	
Mill board and paper stocks.....	59,490	60,396	2,284,021	37.82	
Fillers, floats and other short fibres	148,430	150,673	2,219,955	14.73	
TOTAL.....	269,709	274,778	10,621,013	38.65	
Sand and gravel.(x).....	20,280	20,280	12,407	0.61	
GRAND TOTAL.....	289,989	295,058	10,633,420	-	

(x) This production is included under the Sand and Gravel Industry.

IMPORTS INTO CANADA AND EXPORTS OF ASBESTOS, 1927.

	Tons	Value \$
IMPORTS -		
Asbestos in any form other than crude, and all manufactures of, n.o.p.....	...	562,794
Asbestos packing.....	114	109,088
TOTAL.....	...	671,882
EXPORTS -		
Asbestos.....	133,225	8,697,376
Asbestos sand and waste.....	130,065	2,037,935
Asbestos manufactures, including asbestos roofing	...	66,334
TOTAL.....	...	10,801,645

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE ASBESTOS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1926 and 1927.

	1926	1927
Number of firms.....	8	7
Capital employed.....	\$ 34,905,096	\$ 35,316,821
Number of employees:-		
On salary.....	141	141
On wages.....	2,656	2,835
Total.....	2,797	2,976
Salaries and wages:-		
Salaries.....	\$ 328,813	\$ 349,434
Wages.....	\$ 3,215,284	\$ 3,411,758
Total.....	\$ 3,544,097	\$ 3,761,192
Cost of fuel and electricity.....	\$ 1,012,232	\$ 1,046,541
Selling value of products.....	\$ 10,109,680	\$ 10,633,420



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