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According to finally revised statistics just issued by the mining, metallurgical and chemical branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa, asbestos production in Canada during 1928 was slightly less than in 1927, but higher prices raised the total valuation 5.8 per cent over the total figures for the preceding year. Shipments in 1928 of 273,033 tons were valued at \$11,238,360 as against 274,778 tons at \$10,621,013 shipped in 1927. The average value received by the operators in 1928 was \$41.16 per ton as compared with \$38.65 per ton in the previous year. Asbestos rock mined during 1928 totalled 5,171,060 tons of which quantity 4,118,044 tons were milled.

Exports of asbestos (including sand and waste) in 1928 amounted to 264,921 tons, consisting of 8,850 tons to Great Britain; 207,182 tons to the United States; 17,049 tons to Germany; and smaller tonnages to Australia, Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Japan, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Spain.

Production of asbestos in Cyprus, Rhodesia and South Africa increased in 1928. The output from deposits in Cyprus totalled 18,241 tons, from Rhodesia, 39,960 tons; and from the Union of South Africa, 24,053 tons.

Capital employed in the asbestos mining industry in Canada by the 7 operating firms was reported at \$35,705,212. Employees engaged in this industry numbered 3,170 including 147 on salary and 3,023 on wages; their total earnings amounted to \$3,989,644. Fuel and electricity cost \$1,177,715, including \$687,892 for 62,593,252 kilowatt hours of electricity.

Ten plants in Canada manufactured asbestos products including: 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. In 1928 production from these plants was valued at \$2,050,432.

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OUTPUT AND SHIPMENTS OF CANADIAN ASBESTOS, 1928.

Classification	TOTAL OUTPUT	SOLD	OR	SHIPPED
		Quantity	Total Sales	Average
		Tons	value at mill \$	value per ton \$
Crude No. 1.....	705	893	477,640	534.87
Crude No. 2.....	2,784	2,757	818,174	296.76
Other crudes.....	507	516	65,868	127.65
Spinning stocks.....	14,051	13,570	2,017,884	148.70
Shingle stocks.....	41,975	34,961	2,580,160	73.80
Mill board and paper stocks.....	71,141	78,403	3,038,227	38.73
Fillers, floats and other short fibres.....	142,701	141,893	2,240,407	15.79
TOTAL.....	273,865	273,033	11,238,360	41.16
Sand and gravel (x).....	23,441	22,787	13,469	0.59

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

IMPORTS INTO CANADA AND EXPORTS OF ASBESTOS, 1928.

	Tons	Value \$
IMPORTS -		
Asbestos packing.....	101	108,044
Asbestos in any form other than crude, and all manufactures of, n.o.p.....	...	727,843
TOTAL.....	...	835,887
EXPORTS -		
Asbestos.....	129,192	8,802,558
Asbestos sand and waste.....	135,729	2,177,729
Asbestos manufactures, including asbestos roofing.....	...	65,895
TOTAL.....	...	11,046,182

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE ASBESTOS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1927 and 1928.

	1927	1928
Number of firms.....	7	7
Capital employed.....	\$ 35,316,821	\$ 35,705,222
Number of employees:-		
On salary.....	141	147
On wages.....	2,835	3,023
Total.....	2,976	3,170
Salaries and wages:-		
Salaries.....	\$ 349,434	\$ 372,070
Wages.....	\$ 3,421,758	\$ 3,617,574
Total.....	\$ 3,771,192	\$ 3,989,644
Cost of fuel and electricity.....	\$ 1,046,541	\$ 1,177,715
Selling value of products.....	\$ 10,633,420	\$ 11,251,829

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