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ASBESTOS, 1929.

Asbestos production in Canada during 1929 set up a new high record, according to finally revised statistics just issued by the mining, metallurgical and chemical branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments in 1929 amounted to 306,055 tons valued at \$13,172,581, an increase of 12.1 per cent in quantity and 17.2 per cent in value as compared with the production in the previous year of 273,033 tons worth \$11,238,360. The average value received by the operators was \$43.04 per ton; in 1928 the average was \$41.16 per ton. Asbestos rock mined during the year totalled 6,208,970 tons of which quantity 4,384,120 tons were milled.

Canada's exports of asbestos (including sand and waste) in 1929 reached a grand total of 292,030 tons made up of 5,845 tons to Great Britain, 232,464 tons to the United States, 14,942 tons to Belgium, 13,996 tons to Germany, 10,698 tons to Japan, and smaller tonnages to Australia, British India, Cuba, Denmark, France, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, Newfoundland, New Zealand, Spain and Sweden.

The 7 firms operating in the asbestos mining industry in Canada reported fixed and current assets at \$33,248,957. Employment was furnished 3,391 employees, including 197 on salary and 3,194 on wages; their combined earnings amounted to \$4,410,535. Fuel and electricity used during the year necessitated an expenditure of \$1,335,610, of which amount \$788,590 represented the cost of 71,387,897 kilowatt hours of electricity.

Asbestos production in Rhodesia, ⁱⁿ the Union of South Africa and ⁱⁿ the United States increased in 1929. The output from deposits in Rhodesia totalled 42,634 tons, from the Union of South Africa, 33,024 tons, and from the United States, 3,155 tons. A 13.4 per cent decrease was recorded in the production of asbestos in Cyprus; the total for the year was 15,791 tons as compared with 18,241 tons in 1928.

Twelve 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 1929 production from these plants was valued at \$2,286,638.

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OUTPUT AND SHIPMENTS OF CANADIAN ASBESTOS, 1929.

Classification	TOTAL OUTPUT tons	SOLD OR SHIPPED		
		Quantity tons	Total sales value at mill \$	Average value per ton \$
Crude No. 1.....	883	802	447,259	557.68
Crude No. 2.....	2,864	2,625	870,888	331.77
Other crudes.....	1,053	931	168,226	180.69
Spinning stocks.....	19,615	17,545	3,110,848	177.31
Shingle stocks.....	74,038	34,177	2,572,216	75.26
Mill board and paper stocks.....	91,892	91,157	3,515,209	38.56
Fillers, floats and other short fibres.....	160,859	158,818	2,487,935	15.66
TOTAL.....	311,204	306,055	13,172,581	43.04
Sand and gravel (x).....	18,976	18,976	7,303	0.38

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

IMPORTS INTO CANADA AND EXPORTS OF ASBESTOS, 1929.

	Tons	Value \$
<u>IMPORTS -</u>		
Asbestos packing.....	114	116,207
Asbestos in any form other than crude, and all manu- factures of, n.o.p.....	...	897,229
TOTAL.....	...	1,013,436

<u>EXPORTS -</u>		
Asbestos.....	143,725	10,127,208
Asbestos sand and waste.....	148,305	2,507,474
Asbestos manufactures, including asbestos roofing.....	...	113,952
TOTAL.....	...	12,748,634

PRINCIPAL STATISTICS OF THE ASBESTOS INDUSTRY IN CANADA, 1928 and 1929.

	1928	1929
Number of firms.....	7	7
Capital employed.....\$	35,705,212	33,248,957
Number of employees:-		
On salary.....	147	197
On wages.....	3,023	3,194
Total.....	3,170	3,391
Salaries and wages:-		
Salaries.....\$	372,070	419,799
Wages.....\$	3,617,574	3,990,736
Total.....\$	3,989,644	4,410,535
Cost of fuel and electricity.....\$	1,177,715	1,335,610
Selling value of products.....\$	11,251,829	13,179,884

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