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## MONTHLY REPORT

## GYPSUM PRODUCTION IN CANADA - DECEMBER, 1939

The Canadian production of gypsum in December amounted to 139,363 tons according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In November, 185,995 tons were produced while in December, 1938 the output was 82,028 tons. During the calendar year 1939, Canada produced 1,429,790 tons compared with 1,008,799 tons a year ago. The 1939 total set up a new high record for the industry in Canada.

Exports of crude gypsum in December totalled 166,670 tons; in November, 140,661 tons were exported, and during the calendar year exports amounted to 1,260,231 tons. Plaster of Paris exportations declined to 7 tons from the preceding month's total of 47 tons.

Receipts of ground gypsum were recorded at 47 tons worth \$2,156 as against 131 tons at \$4,138 imported in November. Plaster of Paris imports rose to 134 tons valued at \$3,118 from the November total of 76 tons at \$1,960.

## PRODUCTION OF GYPSUM IN CANADA, 1937 - 1939, and EXPORTS DURING 1939

Month	1 9 3 9 (a)			1938	1937
	Produc- tion	E X P O	R T S Plaster of Paris	Produc- tion	Produc- tion
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
January	18,463	90,683	147	6,202	8,495
February	5,331		126	5,587	4,828
March	12,987	6,000	194	6,926	23,185
April	67,617	24,120	138	49,334	65,523
lay	116,696	71,645	102	109,923	113,456
June	138,076	125,307	141	157,490	161,929
July	160,002	96,165	8	136,907	125,674
August	191,637	93,660	72	143,370	116,598
Sentember	196,321	238,960	163	118,550	146,598
October	197,302	206,360	194	95,561	114,459
November	185,995	140,661	7	96,921	95,123
December	139,363	166,670	7	82,028	71,339
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR	1,429,790	1,260,231	1,339	1,008,799	1,047,187

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