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Canada produces a wide range of heavy clay products. Building brick, structural tile and drain tile are produced in many centres and plant capacity is sufficient to meet all requirements. The Canadian demand for sewer pipe is supplied by eight plants located in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario, Alberta, and British Columbia. Five Canadian plants produce an appreciable quantity of stoneware and earthenware. No whiteware is produced in Canada although there is a large demand for this commodity. Ceramic floor tile is made by one Canadian producer. Refractory products, such as firebrick, fireclay blocks and shapes, stove linings, etc., are produced from fireclay and silica by Canadian manufacturers.

During 1930, Canada's sales of clay products were valued at \$10,593,578, a decline of 23.8 per cent from the 1929 total and 14.4 per cent from the 1928 sales. Ontario produced 49 per cent of the total 1930 production; Quebec, 23 per cent; Alberta, 9 per cent; British Columbia, 7 per cent; Nova Scotia, 5 per cent; Saskatchewan, 3 per cent; Manitoba, 2 per cent; and New Brunswick, 2 per cent.

Owing to the seasonal nature of the market for clay products, monthly production fluctuates widely; in February, 1930, sales were valued at \$434,441, the low point for the year, during the following five months a marked advance was recorded and the sales peak for the year of \$1,174,617 was reached in July. A gradual decline was shown during the last four months. In 1931, the falling-off in new construction work had a serious effect on production and sales were at a much lower level than in 1930. During the first eight months of the year, the Canadian production was valued at \$5,955,192; in the corresponding period of last year the value was 16.3 per cent higher or \$6,926,629. In August, Canadian producers sold clay products to a value of \$885,244 as compared with \$919,005 in the previous month, and \$1,143,778 in August, 1930.

Canadian producers exported clay and its products valued at \$13,451 during August; the United States and Sweden supplied the principal markets for these commodities.

Imports of clay and its products into Canada during August were valued at \$643,376. These importations were obtained principally from Great Britain, the United States, Japan, Czecho-Slovakia, Germany and France.

PRODUCTION OF CLAY PRODUCTS.

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August, 1930 .....	\$ 1,143,778
Eight months ending August, 1931 .....	\$ 5,955,192
Eight months ending August, 1930 .....	\$ 6,926,629
Eight months ending August, 1929 .....	\$ 9,370,407

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