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MONTHLY REPORT

FELDSPAR AND SALT PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MARCH, 1937.

FELDSPAR - Feldspar shipments by Canadian producers in March were recorded at 2,061 tons according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In February, 1,538 tons were shipped, while in March, 1936, shipments amounted to 878 tons. During the first quarter of the current year, shipments totalled 4,776 tons as compared with 2,716 tons, a year ago.

Imports of ground feldspar in March declined to 46 tons worth \$758 from the preceding month's total of 146 tons at \$2,759. Importations during the first three months of 1937 aggregated 333 tons appraised at \$6,155; in the corresponding period of the previous year 152 tons at \$2,949 were imported.

PRODUCTION OF FELDSPAR IN CANADA

Month	1937(a)	1936(a)	1935
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January	1,177	901	819
February	1,538	937	635
March	2,061	878	873
April		825	552
May		1,229	1,136
June		2,565	1,907
July		2,859	2,660
August		1,910	1,923
September		2,749	1,169
October		2,245	1,701
November		1,820	3,165
December		1,500	1,202
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		(b) 20,418	17,742
TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH,	4,776	2,716	2,327

⁽a) Subject to revision.

SALT - Shipments of commercial salt by Canadian producers advanced to 13,504 tons from the previous month's total of 11,706 tons. In March, 1936, shipments totalled 13,411 tons. During the first three months of this year, 37,120 tons were shipped as against 36,086 tons a year ago.

Canada exported 808 tons of salt in March as compared with 93 tons in February and 879 tons in March, 1936.

Importations of salt into Canada in March rose to 7,005 tons worth \$19,734 from the February imports of 1,797 tons at \$7,402. The March importations were received from the following countries: the United States, 46.7 per cent; British West Indies, 34.5 per cent; French Africa, 15.7 per cent and Great Britain, 3.1 per cent. Approximately 6 tons of table salt were imported in March, together with 2,527 tons of salt for sea or gulf fisheries, 4,230 tons of salt in bulk, n. o. p., and 242 tons of other salt in bags, barrels and other coverings.

⁽b) The 1936 figures include some shipments of nepheline syenite.

PRODUCTION OF COMMERCIAL SALT IN CANADA

Month	1937(a)	1936(a)	1935
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January February March April May June July August September October November December	11,910 11,706 13,504	11,013 11,662 13,411 16,064 27,016 19,257 20,962 19,726 19,404 22,496 30,205 14,305	11,189 10,905 13,86C 21,509 22,857 16,510 23,841 15,786 18,225 20,400 26,505 13,323
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		225,521	214,910
TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH	37,120	36,086	35,954

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