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MONTHLY REPORT

FELDSPAR AND SALT PRODUCTION IN CANADA - APRIL, 1937.

FELDSPAR - Canadian producers shipped 1,048 tons of feldspar during April as compared with 2,061 tons in March and 825 tons in April, 1936, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first four months of 1937, shipments aggregated 5,824 tons; in the corresponding period a year ago 3,541 tons were shipped.

Ground feldspor importations in April were recorded at 104 tons appraised at \$1,728; in March, 46 tons worth \$758 were imported. Customs records show that 437 tons of ground feldspor at \$7,883 were imported during the first four months of the current year as against 156 tons valued at \$3,041, a year ago.

PRODUTTION 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	1,048	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 - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL	5,824	3,541	2,879

(a) Subject to revision.

SALT - Commercial salt shipments from Canadian plants in April were recorded at 26,101 tons; in the preceding month 13,504 tons were shipped, while in April, a year ago, 16,064 tons were shipped. Shipments during the four months ending April totalled 63,221 tons as compared with 52,150 tons a year ago.

Exports of salt from Canada in April declined to 293 tons from the March total of 808 tons.

Imports of salt in April advanced to 8,161 tone appraised at \$26,734; the preceding month's importations amounted to 7,005 tons at \$19,734. Receipts of table salt in April were recorded at 4 tons, of salt for sea or gulf fisheries, 2,880 tons, of salt in bulk, n. o. p., 4,073 tons and of other salt in bage, harmels and other coverings, 1,204 tons. The United States accounted for 60.3 per cent of the April importations, Great Britain, 15.0 per cent, French Africa, 13.5 per cent and British West Indies, 11.2 per cent.

⁽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 TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR	11,910 11,706 13,504 26,101	11,013 11,662 13,411 16,064 27,016 19,257 20,962 19,726 19,726 19,404 22,496 30,205 14,305	11,189 10,905 13,860 21,509 22,857 16,510 23,841 15,786 18,225 20,400 26,505 13,323
TOTAL - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL	63,221	52,150	57,463

⁽a) Subject to revision.

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