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MONTHLY REPORT

FELDSPAR AND SALT PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MAY, 1937.

FELDSPAR - Shipments of feldspar by Canadian producers in May amounted to 1,224 tons, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In April, 1,048 tons were shipped while in May, a year ago, 1,229 tons were shipped. During the first five months of the current year, feldspar shipments totalled 7,048 tons as compared with 4,770 tons in the corresponding period of 1936.

Imports of ground feldspar into Canada in May were recorded at 97 tons worth \$1,611; in the preceding month, 104 tons at \$1,728 were imported. Ground feldspar importations during the first five months of 1937 aggregated 534 tons appraised at \$9,494 as against 207 tons at \$4,072, a year ago.

PRODUCTION OF FELDSPAR IN CANADA

Months	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	1,224	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 - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	7,048	(b) 4,770	4,015

(a) Subject to revision.

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

SALT - Canadian producers reported shipments of commercial salt amounting to 24,343 tons in May as compared with 26,101 tons in April and 27,016 tons in May, 1936. During the period January to May, shipments were recorded at 87,564 tons, or 10.6 per cent above the total for the corresponding months of 1936.

Canada exported 1,220 tons of salt in May; in the preceding month 293 tons were exported.

Customs' records show that in May Canada imported 13,367 tons of salt valued at \$48,795 as compared with the April importations of 8,161 tons at \$26,734. Table salt receipts in May amounted to 4 tons; salt for sea or gulf fisheries, 3,661 tons; salt in bulk, n.o.p., 7,521 tons, and other salt in bags, barrels and other coverings, 2,181 tons. The United States accounted for 41.1 per cent of the May imports; Great Britain, 29.3 per cent; British West Indies, 17.1 per cent; French Africa, 12.4 per cent, and Germany and Newfoundland, 0.1 per cent.

PRODUCTION OF COMMERCIAL SALT IN CANADA.

Months	1937(a)	1936(a)	1935
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January	11,910	11,013	11,189
February	11,706	11,662	10,905
March	13,504	13,411	13,860
April	26,101	16,064	21,509
May	24,343	27,016	22,857
June		19,257	16,510
July		20,962	23,841
August		19,726	15,786
September		19,404	18,225
October		22,496	20,400
November		30,205	26,505
December		14,305	13,323
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		225,521	214,910
TOTAL - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	87,564	79,166	80,320

(a) Subject to revision.

