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MONTHLY REPORT

FELDSPAR and SALT PRODUCTION IN CANADA - FEBRUARY, 1939.

FELDSPAR - Feldspar shipments by Canadian producers amounted to 905 tons in February, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In January, 762 tons were shipped while in February, 1938, shipments totalled 705 tons. During the first two months of the current year shipments aggregated 1,767 tons compared with 2,046 tons a year ago.

Canada exported 455 tons of feldspar in February; during the preceding month 403 tons were exported. Exports of nepheline-syenite were recorded at 1,850 tons as against 1,600 tons in January.

Imports of ground feldspar rose to 93 tons at \$1,544 from the January total of 4 tons worth \$88. Receipts of crude feldspar in February amounted to 145 tons valued at \$724.

PRODUCTION OF FELDSPAR IN CANADA

Month	1939(a)	1938(a)	1937
	Tons	Tons	Tons
anuary	762	1,341	1,087
ebruary	905	705	1,563
arch		818	2,094
pril		586	1,053
ay		1,128	1,216
une		1,008	2,231
uly		886	2,498
ugust		1,506	2,118
eptember		1,477	2,249
ctober		1,217	1,693
ovember		1,146	1,505
ecember		916	2,039
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		12,734	21,346
TOTAL - TWO MONTHS ending FEBRUARY	1,667	2,046	2,650

⁽a) Subject to revision.

SALT - Commercial salt sales by Canadian producers totalled 10,982 tons in February; during January, 10,535 tons were sold while in February, 1938, sales amounted to 12,205 tons. During January and February, 1939, sales were recorded at 21,517 tons or 9.5 per cent below the tonnage sold a year ago.

Exports of salt from Canada in February declined to 828 tons from the January total of 863 tons and the February, 1938, exportations of 622 tons.

Canada imported salt to a total of 5,057 tons worth \$15,693 in February compared with 2,566 tons at \$9,973 imported in January. The February imports consisted of 1,836 tons of salt for sea or gulf fisheries, 3,075 tons of salt in bulk, n.o.p., and 146 tons of salt im bags, barrels or other coverings. The United States supplied 62.5 per cent of the February receipts, the British West Indies, 36.3 per cent, and Great Britain, 1.2 per cent.

PRODUCTION OF COMMERCIAL SALT IN CANADA

Month	1939(a)	1938(a)	1937
	Tons	Tons	Tons
	10,535	11,575 12,205 13,650 27,419 25,662 28,515 20,350 22,730 25,939 33,169 34,319	11,824 11,622 13,406 25,908 24,167 24,658 23,317 19,866 25,734 27,475 32,106
		13,193 268,726	13,425 253,808
TOTAL - TWO MONTHS ending FEBRUARY	21,517	23,780	23,446

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