

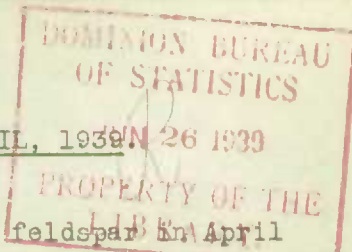
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MONTHLY REPORT

FELDSPAR and SALT PRODUCTION IN CANADA - APRIL, 1939



FELDSPAR - Canadian producers reported shipments of feldspar in April amounting to 609 tons compared with the March total of 650 tons and the April, 1938, shipments of 586 tons, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the period January to April of the current year, 2,926 tons were shipped; in the corresponding months of 1938 shipments totalled 3,450 tons.

The Canadian exports of feldspar in April were slightly lower than those in March; the totals were - 245 tons and 295 tons, respectively. Exportations of nepheline-syenite amounted to 1,640 tons as against 2,995 tons in the preceding month.

Imports of ground feldspar into Canada in April were recorded at 36 tons worth \$244; the March imports were higher at 45 tons with a valuation of \$762. No crude feldspar was imported in April; during the previous month, 55 tons at \$274 were imported.

PRODUCTION OF FELDSPAR IN CANADA

Month	1939(a)	1938(a)	1937
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January .....	762	1,341	1,087
February .....	905	705	1,563
March .....	650	818	2,094
April .....	609	586	1,053
May .....		1,128	1,216
June .....		1,008	2,231
July .....		886	2,498
August .....		1,506	2,118
September .....		1,477	2,249
October .....		1,217	1,693
November .....		1,146	1,505
December .....		916	2,039
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR .....		12,734	21,346
TOTAL - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL .....	2,926	3,450	5,797

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SALT - Commercial salt shipments by Canadian producers rose to 18,818 tons from the preceding month's total of 13,862 tons. In April, a year ago, 27,419 tons were shipped. Sales during the four months ending April aggregated 54,217 tons; this represented a 16.4 per cent decline from the quantity sold a year ago.

Exports of salt from Canada during the month amounted to 763 tons of which 75.4 per cent was consigned to the United States and 16.7 per cent to New Zealand. Exportations during the first four months of the current year totalled 3,217 tons.

Salt importations in April advanced to 5,054 tons appraised at \$16,638; the March receipts amounted to 4,144 tons worth \$15,318. Italy supplied 44.3 per cent of the April importations; the United States, 36.2 per cent; British West Indies, 10.6 per cent, and Great Britain, 8.9 per cent. The April imports were made up of 2,651 tons of salt for sea or gulf fisheries, 1,914 tons of salt in bulk, n.o.p., and 489 tons of salt in bags, barrels and other coverings.

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PRODUCTION OF COMMERCIAL SALT IN CANADA

Month	1939(a)	1938(a)	1937
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January .....	10,535	11,575	11,824
February .....	10,982	12,205	11,622
March .....	13,882	13,650	13,406
April .....	18,818	27,419	25,908
May .....		25,662	24,167
June .....		28,515	24,658
July .....		20,350	23,317
August .....		22,730	19,866
September .....		25,939	25,734
October .....		33,169	27,475
November .....		34,319	32,106
December .....		13,193	13,425
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR .....		268,726	253,808
TOTAL - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL .....	54,217	64,849	62,760

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