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MONTHLY REPORT

FELDSPAR and SALT PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MAY, 1939.

FELDSPAR - Shipments of feldspar by Canadian producers amounted to 803 tons in May; during the preceding month, 609 tons were shipped while in May, 1938, shipments totalled 1,128 tons, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first five months of the current year, 3,729 tons of feldspar were shipped compared with 4,578 tons a year ago.

Exports of feldspar from Canada in May rose to 406 tons from the April total of 245 tons. Nepheline-syenite exports were recorded at 2,190 tons or 33.5 per cent above the tonnage exported in the previous month.

Ground feldspar importations into Canada were slightly higher amounting to 52 tons at \$896 in May compared with 36 tons worth \$244 in April. Imports during the period January to May aggregated 229 tons appraised at \$3,534.

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	803	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 - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	3,729	4,578	7,013

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SALT - Canadian producers shipped 25,732 tons of salt in May; in the previous month 18,818 tons were shipped. Shipments during the five months ending May totalled 79,949 tons compared with 90,511 tons a year ago.

Salt exports from Canada in May amounted to 787 tons; the United States received 63.3 per cent of this quantity and New Zealand, 18.2 per cent. During the first five months of 1939 exports aggregated 4,005 tons.

Imports of salt into Canada in May were 104.9 per cent higher than in the preceding month; the totals were 10,356 tons at \$43,807 and 5,054 tons at \$16,638, respectively. The May importations included 2,971 tons of salt for sea or gulf fisheries; 4,810 tons of salt in bulk, n.o.p., and 2,575 tons of salt in bags, barrels and other coverings. Forty-eight per cent of the May receipts were obtained from the United States, 28 per cent from the British West Indies, and 24 per cent from Great Britain.

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	13,408
April	18,818	27,419	25,908
May	25,732	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 - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	79,949	90,511	86,927

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