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MONTHLY REPORT

FELDSPAR and SALT PRODUCTION IN CANADA - AUGUST, 1939.

FELDSPAR - Feldspar shipments by Canadian producers declined to 614 tons in August from the July total of 921 tons and the August, 1938 total of 1,663 tons, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the eight months ending August totalled 6,232 tons or 29.2 per cent below the tonnage shipped, a year ago.

Exports of feldspar from Canada amounted to 505 tons compared with 725 tons in the preceding month. Nepheline-syenite exportations rose to 2,000 tons; in July, 1,540 tons were exported.

Four tons of ground feldspar valued at \$118 were imported in August as against 101 tons at \$1,650 in July. Imports during 1939, to the end of August, aggregated 384 tons with a valuation of \$6,131.

PRODUCTION OF FELDSPAR IN CANADA

Month	1939(a)	1938	1937
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January	762	1,480	1,087
February	905	778	1,563
March	650	903	2,094
April	609	647	1,053
May	803	1,245	1,216
June	968	1,113	2,231
July	921	978	2,498
August	614	1,663	2,118
September		1,631	2,249
October		1,344	1,693
November		1,285	1,505
December		1,011	2,039
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		14,058	21,346
TOTAL-EIGHT MONTHS ending AUGUST	6,232	8,807	13,860

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SALT- Shipments of commercial salt from Canadian plants were recorded at 21,073 tons in August; the preceding month's total was 22,925 tons while in August, a year ago, 22,730 tons were shipped. During the first eight months of the current year, shipments totalled 150,235 tons; this represented a 7.3 per cent decline from the total for the corresponding period of 1938.

Canada exported 1,800 tons of salt in August compared with 538 tons in July; during the year to date, 7,637 tons were exported.

An increase of 24 per cent was shown in the imports of salt into Canada in August; receipts totalling 15,650 tons as against 12,626 tons in the previous month. The August importations consisted of 5,009 tons of salt for sea or gulf fisheries worth \$16,144; 7,260 tons of salt in bulk, n.o.p. at \$22,204 and 3,381 tons of salt in bags, barrels and other coverings valued at \$25,495.

PRODUCTION OF COMMERCIAL SALT IN CANADA

Month	1939(a)	1938	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	25,732	25,662	24,167
June	26,288	28,515	24,658
July	22,925	20,350	23,317
August	21,073	22,730	19,866
September		25,939	25,734
October		33,169	27,475
November		34,319	32,106
December		13,574	13,425
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		269,107	253,808
TOTAL - EIGHT MONTHS ending AUGUST	150,235	162,106	154,768

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