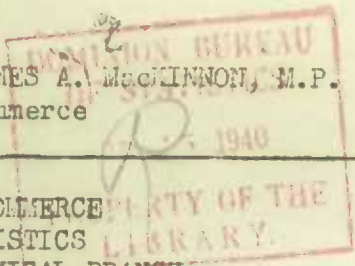


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MONTHLY REPORT

FELDSPAR AND SALT PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MARCH, 1940

FELDSPAR - Shipments of feldspar by Canadian producers in March declined to 1,159 tons from the preceding month's total of 3,238 tons, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In March, 1939 the Canadian shipments were lower at 650 tons. During the first quarter of the current year, 6,104 tons were shipped compared with 2,317 tons in the corresponding months of 1939.

Exports of feldspar from Canada in March amounted to 622 tons; in February, 1,613 tons were exported. Nepheline-syenite exports during the month under review totalled 3,202 tons.

Ground feldspar importations in March were recorded at 54 tons worth \$972; in the preceding month, 57 tons at \$1,086 were imported.

PRODUCTION OF FELDSPAR IN CANADA

Month	1940(a)	1939(a)	1938
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January	1,707	762	1,480
February	3,238	905	778
March	1,159	650	903
April		609	647
May		803	1,245
June		968	1,113
July		921	978
August		614	1,663
September		1,221	1,631
October		1,535	1,344
November		1,926	1,265
December		2,017	1,011
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		12,931	14,058
TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH.	6,104	2,517	3,161

(a) Subject to revision.

SALT - Canadian producers sold 13,319 tons of commercial salt in March; in the preceding month, 12,188 tons were sold while in March, 1939 sales amounted to 13,862 tons. During the first three months of 1940, sales aggregated 38,000 tons or 7.3 per cent above the total for the first quarter of 1939.

A decline of 31.5 per cent was shown in the exports of salt from Canada in March; the month's total was 37 tons compared with 55 tons in February. Exportations during the first quarter of this year amounted to 825 tons.

Imports of salt into Canada in March totalled 7,242 tons worth \$25,854; in February, 5,594 tons at \$23,891 were imported. The March receipts included 3,885 tons of salt for sea or gulf fisheries worth \$11,174; 3,238 tons of salt in bulk, n.o.p. at \$13,541 and 119 tons of salt in bags, barrels and other coverings at \$1,139.

CHAPTER I
GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION AND PHYSICAL FEATURES

The county is situated in the north-western part of the State, and is bounded on the north by the State of New York, on the east by the State of Virginia, on the south by the State of North Carolina, and on the west by the State of Tennessee.

The county is a part of the Appalachian Mountain range, and is characterized by its rugged and mountainous terrain. The highest point in the county is Mount ...

The climate of the county is temperate, with a long and cold winter and a short and hot summer. The average annual precipitation is about ...

The principal rivers of the county are the ... and the ... The ... is a tributary of the ...

The county is rich in mineral resources, and is particularly noted for its deposits of ... and ...

The population of the county is ... and is engaged in various occupations, including agriculture, stock raising, and mining.

The county is divided into ... and ... The ... is the largest town in the county.

The county is a part of the ... and is one of the most fertile and productive in the State.

The county is a part of the ... and is one of the most beautiful and picturesque in the State.

PRODUCTION OF COMMERCIAL SALT IN CANADA

Month	1940(a)	1939(a)	1938
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January	12,493	10,535	11,575
February	12,188	10,982	12,205
March	13,319	13,882	13,650
April		18,813	27,419
May		25,732	25,662
June		26,288	28,515
July		22,925	20,350
August		21,073	22,730
September		26,322	25,939
October		33,278	33,169
November		30,612	34,319
December		13,035	13,574
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		253,482	269,107
TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH	38,000	35,399	37,430

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