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MONTHLY REPORT

CEMENT, CLAY PRODUCTS AND LIME PRODUCTION - DECEMBER, 1936.

CEMENT - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that Canadian producers shipped 155,686 barrels of Portland cement in December as compared with 309,103 barrels in the preceding month and 117,667 barrels in December, 1935. During the calendar year 1936 Canadian shipments advanced 23.5 per cent to 4,503,965 barrels from the 1935 total of 3,648,086 barrels.

Customs' records show that 8,220 barrels of Portland cement were exported from Canada in December; during the previous month 8,851 barrels were exported. During the calendar year 1936 Canada exported 68,929 barrels of Portland cement as against 55,607 barrels in 1935.

Imports of cement into Canada in December totalled 2,944 berrels valued at \$6,149; in November, 3,271 barrels at \$2,007 were imported. The December importations were obtained from the following sources: Great Britain, 1,593 barrels; the United States, 743 barrels; Belgium, 541 barrels, and Germany, 67 barrels.

PRODUCTION OF CEMENT IN CANADA

Month	1936(a)	1935	1934
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
January	96,512	53,953	68,957
February	94,602	71,404	66,739
March	167,129	131,907	107,695
April	293,538	246,340	210,715
May	418,839	391,123	382,523
June	559,321	434,706	522,143
July	539,145	457,175	566,133
August	601,387	479,402	569,215
September	701,763	480,844	500,342
October	566,940	517,219	482,149
November	309,103	266,346	223,909
December	155,686	117,667	82,706
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR	4,503,965	3,648,086	3,783,226

⁽a) Compiled from monthly reports received from operators and, therefore, subject to revision.

CLAY PRODUCTS - Canadian producers reported sales of clay and clay products in December to a value of \$200,772 as compared with November total of \$269,144 and the December, 1935, total of \$181,468. During the calendar year 1936 sales were valued at \$3,190,576; the 1935 total valuation was \$3,012,563.

Exports of clay and clay products from Canada in December advanced to a value of \$55,856 or 97.4 per cent above the November export valuation. New Zealand, the United States and South Africa were the principal importers of these commodities in December.

Imports of clay and clay products into Canada in December were appraised at \$656,245; this represented a decline of 4.5 per cent in value from the preceding month's importations. Great Britain supplied 48.1 per cent of the December imports, the United States, 43.2 per cent, Japan, 4.4 per cent, Germany, 3.0 per cent, and Czechoslovakia, Belgium, Palestine, China, France, Hong Kong, Finland, Italy, Netherlands, Mexico and Alaska, the remainder.

 PROLUCTION OF CLAY PROLUCTS FROM LCYESTIC CLAYS IN CANADA

Month	1937(a)	1936(a)	1935
	\$	\$	-
January	135.648	117,050	88,155
February		102,230	97,962
March		163,873	151,010
April		226,722	210,464
May		306,825	286,246
June		343,591	317,127
July		373,476	348,978
August		377,096	343,351
September		368,652	342,450
October		341,145	374,449
November		229,144	270,903
December		200,772	181,468
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		3,190,576	3,012,563

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LIME - Canadian producers reported shipments of lime from their kilns, in January, amounting to 38,377 tons; in December, 41,967 tons were shipped while in January, 1936, shipments totalled 30,206 tons.

Exports of lime from Canada in January rose to 404 tons from the December total of 392 tons. The January exports were consigned to the United States, Peru, Colombia, Newfoundland and Jamaica.

Importations of lime into Canada advanced to 137 tons worth \$1,139 from the December total of 111 tons at \$1,082. During January, 1936, lime imports amounted to 43 tons valued at \$503.

PRODUCTION OF LIME IN CANADA

Month	1937(a)	1936(a)	1935
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January	38,377	30,206	29,337
February		28,133	29,070
March		32,929	32,867
April		36,296	35,285
May		39,239	34,457
une		37,294	32,769
uly		36,927	34,018
ugust		36,598	33,455
September	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	40,100	35,005
ctober		45,170	38,731
lovember		42,613	37,534
ecember		41,967	32,891
	LENDAR YEAR	447,472	405,419

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