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MONTHLY REPORT

CEMENT, CLAY PRODUCTS AND LIME PRODUCTION - MARCH, 1937.

CEMENT - Shipments of Portland cement by Canadian producers in March rose to 209,743 barrels from the preceding month's total of 101,171 barrels and the March, 1936, total of 167,129 barrels, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first quarter of the current year, 408,190 barrels of Portland cement were shipped as compared with 358,243 barrels in the corresponding period of 1936.

In March, Canada exported 1,530 barrels of cement; during the previous month 44 barrels were exported. Peru and Bermuda were the principal importers of Canadian cement in March.

The Canadian imports of cement in March advanced to 2,126 barrels worth \$12,049 from the February importations of 525 barrels at \$2,862. The March receipts consisted of 1,231 barrels from Great Britain and 895 barrels from the United States.

PRODUCTION OF CEMENT IN CANADA

Month	1937(a)	1936(a)	1935
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
January	97,276	96,512	53,953
February	101,171	94,602	71,404
March	209,743	167,129	131,907
April		293,538	246,340
May		418,839	391,123
June		559,321	434,706
July		539,145	457,175
August		601,387	479,402
September		701,763	480,844
October		566,940	517,219
November		309,103	266,346
December		155,686	117,667
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		4,503,965	3,648,086
TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH	408,190	358,243	257,264

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CLAY PRODUCTS - Clay and clay products sold by Canadian producers in March were valued at \$178,431 as against the previous month's valuation of \$127,313 and the March, 1936, total of \$163,873. Sales during January, February and March aggregated \$441,392 or 15.2 per cent above the total for the corresponding period of 1936,

Customs' records show that Canada exported, in March, clay and its products to a value of \$33,189; the February exports were worth \$28,349. India, the United States, Portuguese Africa, Brazil, Australia, and New Zealand were the principal countries to which these commodities were shipped in March.

Imports of clay and its products into Canada in March were valued at \$802,799 as compared with the preceding month's import valuation of \$589,786. The March importations were obtained principally from the following countries: the United States, 51.5 per cent; Great Britain, 39.8 per cent; Japan, 7.1 per cent and Germany, 1.1 per cent.

PRODUCTION OF CLAY PRODUCTS FROM DOMESTIC CLAYS IN CANADA

Month	1937(a)	1936(a)	1935
	\$	\$	\$
January	135,648	117,050	88,155
February	127,313	102,230	97,962
March	176,431	163,873	151,010
April	289,272	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		269,144	270,903
December		200,772	181,468
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		3,190,576	3,012,563
TOTAL - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL	730,664	609,875	547,591

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LIME - Lime shipments from Canadian kilns in April reached a total of 47,750 tons; during the previous month 46,583 tons were shipped while in April, 1936, shipments amounted to 36,296 tons. An advance of 35.4 per cent was recorded in the tonnage of lime shipped during the first four months of 1937 as compared with the corresponding period of 1936; the quantities were 172,689 tons and 127,564 tons, respectively.

Exports of lime from Canada declined to 36 tons in April from the March total of 2,171 tons; in April, a year ago, 1,019 tons were exported.

Canada imported 88 tons of lime worth \$861 in April as compared with 123 tons at \$1,289 imported in March.

PRODUCTION OF LIME IN CANADA

Month	1937(a)	1936(a)	1935
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January	38,377	30,206	29,337
February	39,979	28,133	29,070
March	46,583	32,929	32,867
April	47,750	36,296	35,285
May		39,239	34,457
June		37,294	32,769
July		36,927	34,018
August		36,598	33,455
September		40,100	35,005
October		45,170	38,731
November		42,613	37,534
December		41,967	32,891
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		447,472	405,419
TOTAL - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL ..	172,689	127,564	126,559

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