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MONTHLY REPORT

CEMENT, CLAY PRODUCTS and LIME - OCTOBER, 1938

CEMENT - Canadian producers reported shipments of Portland cement in October totalling 710,135 barrels compared with 701,327 barrels in the preceding month and 774,385 barrels in October, 1937, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the first ten months of 1938 amounted to 4,935,100 barrels; a year ago, 5,566,702 barrels were shipped while in the corresponding months of 1936 shipments totalled 4,088,830 barrels.

The exports of Portland cement from Canada in October rose to 10,286 barrels from the September total of 7,042 barrels. Exportations during the current year, to date, aggregated 57,115 barrels as against 46,269 barrels during the corresponding period a year ago.

Imports of cement into Canada in October were recorded at 5,561 barrels worth \$9,657 and consisted of 4,535 barrels at \$4,387 received from Belgium, 531 barrels at \$2,169 from the United States, and 495 barrels worth \$2,601 from Great Britain.

PRODUCTION(a) OF CEMENT IN CANADA

Month	1938(b)	1937	1936
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
January	132,263	97,737	97,698
February	143,446	101,651	95,765
March	233,299	210,738	169,184
April	364,096	373,603	297,146
May	545,310	559,937	423,988
June	749,047	756,253	566,197
July	644,424	836,669	545,773
August	711,753	913,533	608,780
September	701,327	942,196	710,390
October	710,135	774,385	573,909
November		414,803	287,595
December		187,466	132,293
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		6,168,971	4,508,718
TOTAL - TEN MONTHS ending OCTOBER	4,935,100	5,566,702	4,088,830

(a) Quantity shipped plus cement used by producer and includes only Portland cement made from Canadian raw materials.

(b) Subject to revision.

CLAY PRODUCTS - Sales of clay and clay products (produced from domestic clays) were valued at \$491,787 in October; the September sales were worth \$485,824 and the October, 1937, value of sales was \$498,750. A decline of 7.3 per cent was recorded in the sales of these commodities during the first ten months of 1938 compared with the total for the corresponding period of 1937; the values were \$3,515,173 and \$3,792,165, respectively.

Customs' records show that Canada exported clay and its products to a value of \$33,644 in October; in the preceding month, the export valuation was \$28,207. During the year to date the Canadian exports of these commodities were valued at \$422,469; this represented a decrease of 15.6 per cent from the total for the period January to October, 1937.

Imports of clay and its products into Canada in November were 23.4 per cent higher in value at \$687,543. Great Britain supplied 59.9 per cent of the November importations, the United States, 32.2 per cent, Japan, 2.7 per cent, and other countries, 5.2 per cent.

PRODUCTION(a) OF CLAY PRODUCTS FROM DOMESTIC CLAYS IN CANADA

Month	1938(b)	1937	1936
	\$	\$	\$
January	145,451	145,002	127,339
February	147,515	136,463	111,216
March	198,082	191,150	178,277
April	264,639	309,848	246,651
May	379,824	405,229	333,795
June	428,527	517,141	373,793
July	468,608	542,545	406,304
August	504,871	517,652	410,243
September	485,824	528,676	401,056
October	491,787	498,759	371,131
November	402,885	470,211	292,802
December		254,183	218,420
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		4,516,859	3,471,027
TOTAL - ELEVEN MONTHS ending NOVEMBER ..	3,918,063	4,262,676	3,252,607

(a) Value of sales plus the value of any clay products used by producer.

(b) Subject to revision.

LIME - Shipments of lime from Canadian kilns in November amounted to 44,427 tons; in October, 46,595 tons were shipped while in November, 1937, shipments amounted to 47,532 tons. A decline of 14.8 per cent was recorded in the tonnage of lime shipped during the period January to November, 1938, compared with the corresponding period of 1937; the totals were 436,589 tons and 512,210 tons, respectively.

Exports of lime were 26.3 per cent higher in November at 596 tons. During the first eleven months of 1938 exportations totalled 5,698 tons as against 9,601 tons a year ago.

A 9.9 per cent decline was shown in the imports of lime in November when 372 tons at \$2,684 were brought into Canada compared with 413 tons worth \$2,625 imported in October.

PRODUCTION(a) OF LIME IN CANADA

Month	1938(b)	1937	1936
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January	32,633	40,439	31,771
February	32,424	42,082	29,558
March	38,755	48,027	34,883
April	39,174	49,259	38,407
May	41,756	51,162	41,182
June	40,021	48,680	39,189
July	39,122	47,317	38,968
August	41,208	45,589	38,091
September	40,474	43,537	42,011
October	46,595	48,586	46,132
November	44,427	47,552	45,247
December		37,143	42,957
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		549,353	468,401
TOTAL - ELEVEN MONTHS ending NOVEMBER ..	436,589	512,210	425,444

(a) Quantity shipped plus lime used by producer.

(b) Subject to revision.



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