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MONTHLY REPORT

CEMENT, CLAY PRODUCTS and LIME - DECEMBER, 1938.

CEMENT - Portland cement shipments by Canadian producers in December were recorded at 174,848 barrels compared with 397,066 barrels in the preceding month and 187,466 barrels in December, 1937, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the calendar year 1938 totalled 5,507,014 barrels; a year ago, 6,168,971 barrels were shipped while in 1936 the total was 4,508,718 barrels.

An increase of 50.9 per cent was shown in the exports of cement from Canada in December compared with the preceding month's exportations; the totals were - 19,431 barrels and 12,873 barrels, respectively. During 1938 Canada exported 89,419 barrels of cement; Trinidad received 34.4 per cent of this total and Colombia, 16.7 per cent.

Imports of cement into Canada declined to 755 barrels worth \$3,418 from the November total of 3,909 barrels at \$14,484. Receipts during the year aggregated 48,498 barrels appraised at \$105,326. Belgium supplied 71.4 per cent of the year's total, the United States, 16.5 per cent; Great Britain, 12.0 per cent, and Italy and Japan, the remainder.

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 .....	397,066	414,803	287,595
December .....	174,848	187,466	132,293
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR .....	5,507,014	6,168,971	4,508,718

(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) in December were valued at \$223,242; the November sales were worth \$402,885 and the December, 1937, sales valuation was \$254,183. During 1938 the Canadian sales were valued at \$4,141,305 compared with \$4,516,859 in 1937 and \$3,471,027 in 1936.

Exports of clay and its products from Canada in December were worth \$58,260 thus making the total for the year \$546,005, or 8.5 per cent below the 1937 total.

Imports of clay and its products into Canada in December were appraised at \$457,010 compared with the November total of \$687,543. The value of the importations

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

Month	1939(b)	1938(b)	1937
	\$	\$	\$
January .....	156,028	145,451	145,002
February .....		147,515	136,463
March .....		198,082	191,150
April .....		264,680	309,848
May .....		379,824	405,229
June .....		428,527	517,141
July .....		468,608	542,545
August .....		504,371	517,652
September .....		485,824	528,676
October .....		491,787	498,759
November .....		402,835	470,211
December .....		223,242	254,183
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR .....		4,141,505	4,516,359

(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 amounted to 35,309 tons in January compared with 37,042 tons in December and 32,633 tons in January, 1938.

Exports of lime during the month under review were negligible; in December, 683 tons were exported from Canada.

Receipts of lime in January declined to 284 tons worth \$1,915 from the preceding month's total of 394 tons at \$1,994.

PRODUCTION(a) OF LIME IN CANADA

Month	1939(b)	1938(b)	1937
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January .....	35,809	32,633	40,439
February .....		32,424	42,082
March .....		33,755	48,027
April .....		39,174	49,259
May .....		41,756	51,162
June .....		40,021	48,630
July .....		39,122	47,317
August .....		41,208	45,589
September .....		40,474	43,537
October .....		46,535	48,536
November .....		44,427	47,532
December .....		37,042	37,143
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR .....		473,631	549,353

(a) Quantity shipped plus lime used by producer.

(b) Subject to revision.



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