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Chief - Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch: W. H. Losee, B.Sc.MONTHLY REPORTCEMENT, CLAY PRODUCTS AND LIME PRODUCTION - FEBRUARY, 1938.

CEMENT - Shipments of Portland cement by Canadian producers in February rose to 143,446 barrels from the preceding month's total of 132,263 barrels and the February, 1937, total of 101,171 barrels, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first two months of 1938 shipments amounted to 275,709 barrels or 38.9 per cent above the quantity shipped in the corresponding period of 1937.

Exports of Portland cement in February were recorded at 1,090 barrels compared with 853 barrels in January and 44 barrels in February, 1937.

The Canadian imports of Portland cement advanced to 803 barrels valued at \$3,559 from the preceding month's total of 588 barrels at \$2,767. The United States supplied 52.5 per cent of the February imports, Great Britain, 31.3 per cent, and Belgium, 16.2 per cent.

PRODUCTION OF CEMENT IN CANADA

Months	1938(a)	1937(a)	1936
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
January	132,263	97,276	97,698
February	143,446	101,171	95,765
March		209,743	169,184
April		371,839	297,146
May		557,294	423,988
June		752,683	566,197
July		832,720	545,773
August		909,220	608,780
September		937,749	710,390
October		770,730	573,909
November		412,845	287,595
December		186,581	132,293
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		6,139,851	4,508,718
TOTAL - TWO MONTHS ending FEBRUARY ..	275,709	198,447	193,463

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CLAY PRODUCTS - Canadian producers reported sales of clay and clay products (produced from domestic clays) valued at \$147,515 compared with the previous month's total of \$145,451 and the February, 1937, value of \$127,313. Sales during the two months ending February, 1938, rose 11.4 per cent in value to \$292,966 from the total for the corresponding period of 1937.

Canada exported clay and its products in February to a value of \$24,120 compared with the January valuation of \$38,603.

An advance of 6.5 per cent was recorded in the imports of clay and its products into Canada; the February imports were worth \$631,192 and the January, \$592,525. The February receipts were obtained from the following sources: the United States, 49.8 per cent; Great Britain, 45.3 per cent; Japan, 2.6 per cent; Germany, 1.1 per cent; and Czechoslovakia, France, Palestine, Denmark, Italy, Belgium, China, Hong Kong, Poland, Hungary, Guatemala and India, the remainder.

PRODUCTION OF CLAY PRODUCTS FROM DOMESTIC CLAYS IN CANADA

Months	1938(a)	1937(a)	1936
	\$	\$	\$
January	145,451	135,048	127,339
February	147,515	127,313	111,216
March	198,082	178,431	178,277
April		269,272	246,651
May		379,967	333,795
June		485,917	373,793
July		511,950	406,304
August		485,653	410,243
September		496,091	401,056
October		459,080	371,131
November		442,238	292,802
December		238,997	218,420
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		4,240,557	3,471,027
TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH	491,048	441,392	416,832

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LIME - Canadian producers reported shipments of lime in March amounting to 38,755 tons compared with 32,424 tons shipped in the preceding month and 46,583 tons in March, 1937, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the first three months of 1938 totalled 103,812 tons; a year ago, 124,939 tons were shipped while in the corresponding period of 1936 shipments amounted to 96,217 tons.

Exports of lime rose to 1,301 tons from the February total of 291 tons. During the first quarter of the current year 2,162 tons were exported.

Receipts of lime in March declined 5.5 per cent to 648 tons from the February imports of 686 tons. The March importations were obtained from the United States.

PRODUCTION OF LIME IN CANADA

Months	1938(a)	1937(a)	1936
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January	32,633	38,377	31,771
February	32,424	39,079	29,558
March	38,755	46,583	34,888
April		47,750	38,407
May		49,511	41,182
June		47,114	39,189
July		45,304	38,968
August		44,178	38,091
September		42,125	42,011
October		47,301	46,132
November		46,575	45,247
December		36,183	42,957
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		531,480	468,401
TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH	103,812	124,939	96,217

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