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CEMENT - Portland cement shipments from Canadian plants advanced to 233,299 barrels from the preceding month's total of 143,446 barrels and the March, 1937, total of 209,743 barrels, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the first quarter of 1938 aggregated 509,008 barrels compared with 408,190 barrels in the corresponding months of 1937.

Customs' records show that 7,247 barrels of Portland cement were exported during March; in the previous month, 1,090 barrels were shipped to points outside of Canada.

Imports of cement into Canada rose to 995 barrels worth \$3,501 from the February total of 803 barrels at \$3,559. The March imports included 778 barrels valued at \$3,269 from the United States and 217 barrels at \$232 from Belgium.

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	233,299	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 - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH	509,008	408,190	362,647

(a) Subject to revision.

CLAY PRODUCTS - Sales of clay and clay products (produced from domestic clays) were valued at \$198,082 in March; the February sales were worth \$147,515 while the March, 1937, valuation was \$178,431. During the first quarter of the current year Canadian producers sold clay products to a value of \$491,048 compared with \$441,392 a year ago.

Exports of clay and its products were valued at \$48,743; the February exports were worth \$24,120.

Imports of these products into Canada in March were appraised at \$817,977 as against the previous month's valuation of \$631,192. The March receipts were obtained from the following countries: Great Britain, 47.2 per cent; the United States, 47.1 per cent; Japan, 2.7 per cent; Germany, 1.0 per cent; and Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Palestine, Belgium, Italy, France, Denmark, Hong Kong, Poland, Hawaii, Finland, Hungary, Syria, and Australia, the remainder.

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

Months	1938(b)	1937(b)	1936
	\$	\$	\$
January	145,451	135,648	127,339
February	147,515	127,313	111,216
March	198,082	178,431	178,277
April	264,689	289,272	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		469,080	371,131
November		442,238	292,802
December		238,997	218,420
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		4,240,557	3,471,027
TOTAL - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL ...	755,737	730,664	663,483

(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 39,174 tons in April; during the preceding month, 38,755 tons were shipped while in April, 1937, shipments totalled 47,750 tons. During the first four months of 1938 the Canadian shipments aggregated 142,986 tons compared with 172,689 tons a year ago and 134,624 tons in the corresponding period of 1936.

The Canadian exports of lime in April declined to 340 tons from the previous month's total of 1,301 tons.

Imports of lime into Canada in April amounted to 589 tons at \$2,980; in March, 648 tons at \$3,393 were imported.

PRODUCTION(a) OF LIME IN CANADA

Months	1938(b)	1937(b)	1936
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January	32,633	38,377	31,771
February	32,424	39,979	29,558
March	38,755	46,583	34,888
April	39,174	47,750	38,407
May		49,511	41,182
June		47,114	39,189
July		45,804	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 - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL ..	142,986	172,689	134,624

(a) Quantity shipped plus lime used by producer.

(b) Subject to revision.

