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CEMENT, CLAY PRODUCTS and LIME - AUGUST, 1938.

CEMENT - Canadian producers reported shipments of Portland cement amounting to 711,753 barrels in August compared with 644,424 barrels in the preceding month and 913,533 barrels in August, 1937, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Shipments during the eight months ending August totalled 3,523,638 barrels; a year ago, 3,850,121 barrels were shipped while in the corresponding months of 1936, shipments amounted to 2,804,531 barrels.

Canada exported 9,661 barrels of Portland cement in August or 36.3 per cent above the quantity shipped from this country in the preceding month. Colombia received 28.1 per cent of the August exports and Jamaica 22.2 per cent.

Imports of cement during August totalled 3,859 barrels appraised at \$7,259 and included 2,552 barrels at \$3,306 from Belgium, 924 barrels at \$2,125 from the United States and 383 barrels at \$1,828 from Great Britain.

(a) PRODUCTION 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		942,196	710,390
October		774,385	573,909
November		414,803	287,595
December		187,466	132,293
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		6,168,971	4,508,718
TOTAL - EIGHT MONTHS ending AUGUST ..	3,523,638	3,850,121	2,804,531

(a) Quantity shipped plus cement used by producer.

(b) Subject to revision.

CLAY PRODUCTS - Sales of clay products (produced from domestic clays) were valued at \$504,871 in August; the July sales were worth \$468,608 and the August, 1937 sales valuation was \$517,652. During the first eight months of 1938, sales were worth \$2,537,567 compared with \$2,765,030 a year ago and \$2,187,618 in the corresponding period of 1936.

Exports of clay and its products declined in value to \$24,150 from the July total of \$39,732. The aggregate for the year to date was \$360,618 or 6 per cent below the total for the period, January to August, 1937.

Receipts of clay and clay products during August were valued at \$611,582 or 9.7 per cent below the July import valuation. The August imports were obtained from the following sources: Great Britain, 53.8 per cent; the United States, 38.3 per cent; Japan, 3.5 per cent; Germany, 1.7 per cent; Czechoslovakia, 1.3 per cent; and other countries, 1.4 per cent.

A decrease of 4.7 per cent was recorded in the imports of clay and its products into Canada in September compared with the preceding month: the totals were - \$582,625 and \$611,582, respectively. The following countries were the sources of the September importations: Great Britain, 48.2 per cent; the United States, 44.9 per cent; Japan, 2.1 per cent; Germany, 1.5 per cent; Czechoslovakia, 1.3 per cent, and other countries, 1.4 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	264,689	309,848	246,651
May	379,324	405,229	333,795
June	426,527	517,141	373,793
July	468,608	542,545	406,304
August	504,371	517,652	410,243
September	435,824	528,676	401,056
October		498,759	371,131
November		470,211	392,802
December		254,183	218,420
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		4,516,859	3,471,027
TOTAL - NINE MONTHS ending SEPTEMBER .	3,023,391	3,293,706	2,583,674

(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 during September amounted to 40,474 tons compared with 41,208 tons in August and 43,537 tons in September, 1937. The Canadian shipments during the nine months ending September totalled 345,567 tons; a year ago, 416,092 tons were shipped while in the corresponding months of 1936 the total was 334,065 tons.

Canada exported 396 tons of lime in September; during the preceding month 509 tons were exported.

An increase of 59.4 per cent was shown in the imports of lime into Canada in September when 636 tons at \$3,069 were brought into this country from the United States compared with 399 tons worth \$2,168 in August.

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	34,888
April	39,174	49,259	38,407
May	41,756	51,162	41,182
June	40,021	48,680	39,139
July	37,122	47,317	38,968
August	41,208	45,539	38,091
September	40,474	43,537	42,011
October		48,586	46,132
November		47,532	45,247
December		37,143	42,957
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		549,353	468,401
TOTAL - NINE MONTHS ending SEPTEMBER..	345,567	416,092	334,065

(a) Quantity shipped plus lime used by producer.

(b) Subject to revision.



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