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CEMENT, CLAY PRODUCTS and LIME - JANUARY, 1939

CEMENT - Canadian producers reported shipments of Portland cement amounting to 115,533 barrels in January; during the preceding month, 174,848 barrels were shipped while in January, 1938, shipments totalled 132,263 barrels, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

Exports of cement from Canada were recorded at 2,877 barrels in January compared with 19,431 barrels in December. Peru received 91.2 per cent of the January exports and the British West Indies and the United States, the remainder.

Canada imported 348 barrels of cement worth \$1,960 in January; in December, 755 barrels at \$3,418 were imported. The January receipts consisted of 224 barrels valued at \$1,323 from the United States and 124 barrels at \$637 from Great Britain.

PRODUCTION(a) OF CEMENT IN CANADA

Month	1939(b)	1938(b)	1937
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
January	115,533	132,263	97,757
February		143,446	101,651
March		233,290	210,738
April		364,096	375,603
May		545,710	558,337
June		749,647	756,253
July		644,424	336,660
August		711,753	913,533
September		701,527	942,196
October		710,135	774,385
November		397,066	414,803
December		174,848	187,466
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR	5,507,014	6,168,971	

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

(b) Subject to revision.

CLAY PRODUCTS - The value of the Canadian sales of clay and clay products (produced from domestic clays) was \$153,023 in January compared with \$223,242 in the preceding month and \$145,451 in January, 1938.

Canada exported clay and its products to a value of \$112,047 in January; this represented an increase of 92.5 per cent over the preceding month's total.

Imports of clay and its products into Canada were 1.3 per cent higher in January at \$462,773 than the December total of \$457,010. The United States supplied 51.8 per cent of the January importations; Great Britain, 40.9 per cent; Japan, 5.2 per cent, and other countries, 2.1 per cent.

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

Month	1939(b)	1938(b)	1937
	\$	\$	\$
January	158,028	145,451	145,002
February	125,624	147,515	136,463
March		198,082	191,150
April		264,689	309,548
May		379,824	405,229
June		428,527	517,141
July		468,608	542,545
August		504,871	517,652
September		485,824	528,676
October		491,787	498,759
November		402,885	470,211
December		223,242	254,183
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR	4,141,305	4,516,859	
TOTAL - TWO MONTHS ending FEBRUARY	283,652	292,966	281,465

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

(b) Subject to revision.

LIME - Shipments of lime by Canadian producers in February totalled 33,455 tons; in January, 35,809 tons were shipped while in February, a year ago, 32,424 tons were shipped. During the first two months of 1939 shipments amounted to 69,264 tons or 6.5 per cent above the tonnage shipped a year ago.

Exports of lime for building purposes were recorded at 265 tons in February and exportations of other lime amounted to 1,010 tons.

Imports of lime into Canada rose to 560 tons worth \$2,402 from the January total of 284 tons at \$1,915.

PRODUCTION(a) OF LIME IN CANADA

Month	1939(b)	1938(b)	1937
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January	35,809	32,633	40,439
February	33,455	32,424	42,082
March		38,755	48,027
April		39,174	49,259
May		41,756	51,162
June		40,021	48,680
July		39,122	47,317
August		41,208	45,589
September		40,474	43,537
October		46,595	48,586
November		44,427	47,532
December		37,042	37,143
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR	473,631	549,353	
TOTAL - TWO MONTHS ending FEBRUARY	69,264	65,057	82,521

(a) Quantity shipped plus lime used by producer.

(b) Subject to revision.

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