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MONTHLY REPORT

CEMENT, CLAY PRODUCTS and LIME - DECEMBER 1939

CEMENT - Shipments of Portland cement by Canadian producers amounted to 205,603 barrels in December; in the preceding month, 421,569 barrels were shipped while in December, 1938, shipments totalled 175,232 barrels, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Eureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the calendar year, Canadian plants shipped 5,733,925 barrels or 3.9 per cent above the shipments a year ago.

Customs' records show that Canada exported 19,913 barrels of Portland cement in December and 156,556 barrels during the calendar year 1939. In December a year ago, 19,431 barrels were exported while the total for the twelve months was 89,419 barrels.

The Canadian imports of cement amounted to 756 barrels worth \$4,386 in December; during the calendar year, 16,622 barrels appraised at \$58,316 were imported. Receipts during December, 1938, were recorded at 755 barrels valued at \$3,418, and during the twelve-month period, 48,497 barrels with a valuation of \$105,326.

PRODUCTION(c) OF CEMENT IN CANADA

Month	1939(b)	1938	1937
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
January	115,533	132,553	97,737
February	113,605	143,761	101,651
March	208,779	253,811	210,738
April	273,969	364,895	373,603
May	550,390	546,507	550,937
June	727,842	750,691	756,253
July	735,984	645,839	836,669
August	841,736	713,315	913,533
September	852,197	702,866	942,196
October	681,218	711,694	774,385
November	421,569	397,938	414,803
December	205,605	175,232	187,466
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR	5,733,925	5,519,102	6,168,971

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

CLAY PRODUCTS - Sales of clay products (produced from domestic clays) were valued at \$307,206 in December compared with \$468,040 in November and \$239,901 in December, 1938.

Exports of clay and its products in December rose in value to \$\pmeq43,583\$ from the November total of \$28,091. During the calendar year, exportations were appraised at \$542,788 as against \$546,005 a year ago.

Importations of clay and its products in December declined in value to \$808,711 from the previous month's total of \$962,231. A 3.6 per cent increase was recorded in the receipts during the calendar year compared with the 1938 imports; the totals were \$7,934,630 and \$7,657,202 respectively.

⁽b) Subject to revision.

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

Month	1940(b)	1939(b)	1938
	\$	S	Ġ
January	214,744	158,028	156,674
Feburary		125,624	159,678
March		190,296	216,803
April		235,520	291.640
Mey		396,422	414,853
June		483,535	471,313
July		479,817	516,720
August		521,341	558,374
September		533,956	535,822
October		529,843	537, 247
November		468,040	437,059
December		307,206	239,901
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		4,429,628	4,536,084

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

LIME - A 43.1 per cent increase was recorded in the production of lime in Canada during January compared with the January, 1939 output; the totals were 51,863 tons and 36,242 tons, respectively. In December, 1939, the Canadian output totalled 54,780 tons.

Exports of building lime rose to 284 tons from the previous month's total of 119 tons. These exportations were consigned to the United States. Other lime exports advanced to 696 tons from the December total of 57 tons.

Receipts of lime in January amounted to 419 tons worth \$2,244 as against 414 tons at \$2,626 in December.

PRODUCTION (a) OF LIME IN CANADA (Short tons) QUICKLIME HYDRATED LIME TOTAL LIME Sold Used Month Used 1940 1939 1940 1940 1939 1940 1939 1940 1939 1938 44 36,242 January. 18,057 14,109 29,046 17,813 4,747 4,276 13 51,863 33,617 12,221 42 32,892 33,390 16,601 4,028 February. 59 37,282 39,915 14,571 17,360 5,292 March ... April ... 14,407 38,597 40,294 17,232 6,924 34 17,333 42,945 19,274 6,881 61 43,549 May 41,184 18,587 18,610 7,177 67 44,441 June July 40,247 17,393 18,706 6,119 31 42,249 42,372 45,894 6,494 18,825 20,491 84 August .. 18,266 23,104 6,253 73 47,696 41,563 September 18,445 October .. 32,187 5,974 39 56,645 47,792 5,253 19,992 34,351 41 59,637 45,561 November. 3,883 44 32,168 54,780 38,044 18,685 December. 202,834 267,897 68,554 619 539,904 486,922 TOTAL..

⁽b) Subject to revision.

⁽a) Quantity shipped plus lime used by producer. 1939 and 1940 data subject to revision.

