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CEMENT - Shipments of Portland cement by Canadian producers were recorded at 118,605 barrels in February compared with 115,533 barrels in the preceding month and 143, 446 barrels in February, 1938, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first two months of the current year, the Canadian shipments totalled 234,138 barrels; a year ago, 275,709 barrels were shipped.

Exports of cement from Canada in February doclined to 48 barrels from the January total of 2,877 barrels. In February, 1938, Canada exported 1,090 barrels of cement.

Imports of cement into Canada in February amounted to 353 barrels worth $\$ 681$ made up of 227 barrels at $\$ 546$ from the United States and 126 barrels at $\$ 135$ from Belgim. During January, Canada imported 348 barrels appraised at $\$ 1,960$.

| Month | 1939(b) | 1938(b) | 1937 |
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|  | Barrels | Barrels | Barrels |
| January | 115,533 | 132, 263 | 97,737 |
| February | 118,605 | 143,446 | 101,651. |
| March |  | 233,299 | 210,738 |
| April |  | 364,096 | 373,603 |
| May |  | 545,310 | 558,937 |
| June |  | 749,047 | 756,253 |
| July |  | 644,424 | 836,669 |
| August |  | 711,753 | 913,533 |
| September |  | 701,327 | 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 |
| TOTAL - TWO MONITH ending february | 234,138 | 275,709 | 189,388 |

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

CLAY PRODUCTS - Sales of clay and clay products (produced from domestic clays) in February were valued at $\$ 125,624$; the preceding month's sales were worth $\$ 158,028$ while the February, 1938, valuation was $\$ 147,515$. During January and February of this year the value of the sales of these commodities aggregated $\$ 283,652$ or 3.2 per cent below the total for the corresponding months of 1938.

Customs. records show that the Canadian exports of clay and clay products in February were valued at $\$ 36,284$ compared with the January total of $\$ 112,047$.

Canada imported clay and its products to a value of 4462,958 in February; during the preceding month the value of irports was 462,773 . The February importations were obtained from the following sources: the United States, 51.1 por cent; Great Britain, 43.6 per.cent; Japan, 2.6 per cent, and other countries, 2.7 per cent.

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| Wonth | 1939(b) | $1958(\mathrm{~b})$ | 1937 |
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|  | \$ | \% | \$ |
| Jenuary | 158,028 | 145:451 | 145,002 |
| Pebruary | 125,624 | 147.515 | 136,463 |
| Warch | 190,296 | 198.082 | 191,150 |
| April |  | 264:689 | 309,848 |
| Nay |  | 379,824 | 405,229 |
| June |  | 428,527 | 517,141 |
| July |  | 468,608 | 542,545 |
| Aueust |  | 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 |
| TCTAL - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH | 473,948 | 491,048 | 472.615 |

(a) Value of sales plus the value of any clay products used by producor.
(b) Subject to revision.

LIME - During March, Canadian producers shipped 37,937 tons of lime compared with 33,455 tons in the preceding month and 38,755 tons in March, 1938. Shipments during the first quarter of the current year totalled 107,201 tons or 3.3 per cent above the tonnage shipped, a year ago.

Canada exported 652 tons of building lime and 633 tons of other lime in March; in the previous morith, 265 tons of the former and 1,010 tons of the latter were exported.

An increase of 12.1 per cent was shown in the imports of 1 ime in March compared with February; the totals were 628 tons and 560 tons, respectively. These importations were obtained from the United States.

| Month | 1939(b) | 1938(b) | 1937 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Tons | Tons | Tons |
| January ... | 35,809 | 32,633 | 40,439 |
| February . | 33,455 | 32,424 | 42,082 |
| Harch | 37,937 | 38,755 | 48,027 |
| April |  | 39,174 | 49,259 |
| May |  | 41,756 | 51,162 |
| June |  | 40,021 | 48,680 |
| July . |  | 39,122 | 47,317 |
| Aucust ... |  | 41,208 | 45,589 |
| September |  | 40,474 | 43,537 |
| Sctober |  | 46,595 | 48,586 |
| Movember. |  | 44,427 | 47,532 |
| December . |  | 37,042 | 37,143 |
| TOTAL - calendar year |  | 473,631 | 549,353 |
| TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ending March | 107,201 | 103,812 | 130,548 |

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[^0]:    (a) Quantity shipped plus lime used by oroducer.
    (r) Subject to revision.

