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MONTHLY REPORT

CEMENT, CLAY PRODUCTS and LIME - FEBRUARY, TOTAL

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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 declined to 48 barrels from the January total of 2,977 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 Belgium. During January, Canada imported 348 barrels appraised at \$1,960.

PRODUCTION (a) OF CEMENT IN CANADA

Month	1939(b)	1938(b)	1937
	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
Ag		545,310	559,937
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 MONTHS ending FEBRUARY	234,138	275,709	199,388

⁽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 \$462,958 in February; during the preceding month the value of imports was \$462,773. The February importations were obtained from the following sources: the United States, 51.1 per cent; Great Britain, 43.6 per cent; Japan, 2.6 per cent, and other countries, 2.7 per cent.

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

Month	1939(b)	1938(ъ)	1937
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January February March April May June July August September October November December	158,028 125,62 ¹ 4 190,296	145,451 147,515 198,082 264,689 379,824 428,527 468,608 504,871 485,824 491,787 402,885 223,242	145,002 136,463 191,150 309,848 405,229 517,141 542,545 517,652 528,676 498,759 470,211 254,183
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		4,141,305	4,516,859
TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH	473,948	491,048	472,615

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

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 month, 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 lime in March compared with February; the totals were 628 tons and 560 tons, respectively. These importations were obtained from the United States.

PRODUCTION(a) OF LIME IN CANADA

Month	1939(b)	1938(ъ)	1937
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January February Jarch April May June July August September October Jovember	35,809 33,455 37,937	32,633 32,424 38,755 39,174 41,756 40,021 39,122 41,208 40,474 46,595 44,427 37,042	40,439 42,082 48,027 49,259 51,162 48,680 47,317 45,589 43,537 48,586 47,532 37,143
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		473,631	549,353
TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH	107,201	103,812	130,548

⁽a) Quantity shipped plus lime used by producer.

⁽b) Subject to revision.

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