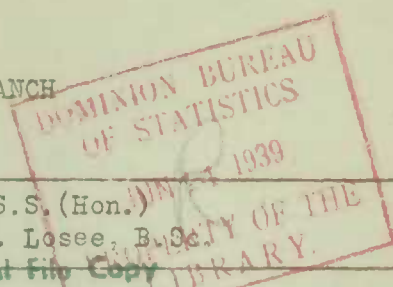


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MONTHLY REPORT

CEMENT, CLAY PRODUCTS AND LIME - MARCH, 1939

CEMENT - Portland cement shipments by Canadian producers in March were recorded at 208,779 barrels, in February, 118,605 barrels were shipped while in March, 1938 shipments totalled 233,299 barrels according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first quarter of 1939, shipments aggregated 442,917 barrels compared with 509,008 barrels a year ago and 410,126 barrels in the corresponding months of 1937.

Exports of cement from Canada amounted to 165 barrels in March, during the preceding month, 48 barrels were exported. Exportations during the first three months of the current year totalled 3,190 barrels.

Canada imported 932 barrels of cement worth \$3,978 in March; of this amount the United States supplied 577 barrels at \$2,770, Great Britain 219 barrels at \$1,048 and Belgium, 136 barrels at \$160. In February, 353 barrels appraised at \$681 were imported.

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 .....	208,779	233,299	210,738
April .....		364,096	373,603
May .....		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 - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH .....	442,917	509,008	410,126

(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 sales of clay and clay products (produced from domestic clay) during March was recorded at \$190,296 compared with the February total of \$125,624 and the March, 1938 total of \$198,082. Sales during the first three months of 1939 were valued at \$473,948, in the corresponding period of 1938, sales were worth \$491,048.

The Canadian exports of clay and clay products in March were appraised at \$26,883; the February export valuation was higher at \$36,284.

An increase of 40.8 per cent was recorded in the imports of clay and its products during March; the month's receipts were worth \$651,798 compared with \$462,958 in the preceding month. The March importations were obtained from the following sources: Great Britain, 48.9 per cent; the United States, 45.2 per cent; Japan, 4.0 per cent and other countries, 1.9 per cent.



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 .....	190,296	198,082	191,150
April .....	235,520	264,689	309,848
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 - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL .....	709,468	755,737	782,463

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

(b) Subject to revision.

LIME - The total quantity of lime sold or used by Canadian producers amounted to 38,491 tons in April; the preceding month's total was 37,937 tons while the April, 1938, total was 39,174 tons. During the first four months of 1939 shipments from the kilns totalled 145,692 tons or 1.9 per cent above the tonnage shipped a year ago.

Exports of lime from Canada in April consisted of 1 ton of building lime and 30 tons of other lime; in March, 652 tons of the former and 633 tons of the latter were exported.

Imports of lime into Canada declined to 544 tons worth \$2,554 from the March importations of 628 tons at \$3,025.

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 .....	37,937	38,755	48,027
April .....	38,491	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 - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL .....	145,692	142,966	179,807

(a) Quantity shipped plus lime used by producer.

(b) Subject to revision.



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