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MONTHLY REPORT

CEMENT, CLAY PRODUCTS AND LIME - APRIL, 1939.

CEMENT - Canadian producers reported shipments of Portland cement in April amounting to 273,969 barrels, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In March, 208,779 barrels were shipped while in April, 1938, shipments amounted to 364,096 barrels. During the first four months of the current year, 716,886 barrels were shipped; in the corresponding period of 1938 shipments totalled 873,104 barrels.

Canada exported 24 barrels of Portland cement during April compared with 165 barrels in the preceding month. Exports during the four months ending April aggregated 3,213 barrels or 65.7 per cent below the quantity exported a year ago.

Imports of cement into Canada in April declined to 527 barrels worth \$1,995 from the March total of 932 barrels at \$3,978. The April importations consisted of 256 barrels valued at \$1,345 from Great Britain, 188 barrels at \$296 from Belgium, 63 barrels at \$215 from France, and 20 barrels at \$139 from the United States.

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	273,969	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 - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL	716,886	873,104	783,729

(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 products (produced from Canadian clays) were valued at \$235,520 in April; the preceding month's sales were worth \$190,296 while the value of the April, 1938, sales was higher at \$264,689. During the first four months of the current year the Canadian sales were valued at \$709,468 or 6.1 per cent below the total for the corresponding period of 1938.

A 52.4 per cent increase was recorded in the value of the exports of clay and its products from Canada in April; the month's total was \$40,982 compared with \$26,823 in March.

Clay and its products to a value of \$527,795 were imported into Canada in April; during the preceding month the import valuation was \$651,798. The United States supplied 52.7 per cent of the April imports and Great Britain, 43.0 per cent.

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

Month	1939(b)	1938(b)	1937
	\$	\$	\$
January	159,028	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	396,422	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 - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	1,105,890	1,135,561	1,187,692

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

(b) Subject to revision.

LIME - An increase of 15 per cent was recorded in the tonnage of lime sold or used by Canadian producers in May compared with the preceding month; the totals were 44,247 tons and 38,491 tons, respectively. In May, a year ago, 41,756 tons were shipped. During the first five months of the current year shipments from Canadian kilns aggregated 189,939 tons or 2.8 per cent above the quantity shipped in the corresponding months of 1938.

Canada exported 716 tons of building lime and 772 tons of other lime in May; in the previous month, 1 ton of the former and 30 tons of the latter were exported.

Receipts of lime from the United States amounted to 510 tons appraised at \$2,889 compared with 544 tons at \$2,554 in April.

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	44,247	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 - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	189,939	184,742	230,969

(a) Quantity shipped plus lime used by producer.

(b) Subject to revision.



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