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MONTHLY REPORT

CEMENT, CLAY PRODUCTS and LIME - MAY, 1939

CEMENT - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that shipments of Portland cement by Canadian producers amounted to 550,890 barrels in May compared with 273,969 barrels in April and 545,310 barrels in May, 1938. During the five months ending May, 1,267,776 barrels were shipped; this represented a decrease of 10.6 per cent from the quantity shipped a year ago.

Exports of Portland cement from Canada in May totalled 12,247 barrels; in the preceding month 24 barrels were exported. The total quantity exported this year, to the end of May, was 15,460 barrels.

Canada imported 2,557 barrels of cement worth \$9,022 in May; the April imports were lower at 527 barrels with a valuation of \$1,995. The United States supplied 42.5 per cent of the total imports in May; Belgium, 39.0 per cent, and Great Britain, 18.5 per cent.

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	550,890	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 - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	1,267,776	1,418,414	1,343,666

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

(b) Subject to revision.

CLAY PRODUCTS - Canadian producers reported that the sales of clay products (produced from domestic clays) were valued at \$396,422 in May or 68.3 per cent above the April total and 4.4 per cent above the May, 1938, sales. During the first five months of 1939 sales were valued at \$1,105,890 compared with \$1,135,561 a year ago.

Exports of clay and its products from Canada in May were worth \$63,787; the April exports were valued at \$40,982.

Imports of clay and its products into Canada in May were appraised at \$790,526 as against \$527,795 in April. Sixty per cent of the May importations were obtained from Great Britain and 34 per cent from the United States.

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

Month	1939(b)	1938	1937
	\$	\$	\$
January	158,028	156,674	145,002
February	125,624	159,678	136,463
March	190,296	216,803	191,150
April	235,520	291,640	309,848
May	396,422	414,853	405,229
June	483,535	471,313	517,141
July		516,720	542,545
August		558,374	517,652
September		535,822	528,676
October		537,247	498,759
November		437,059	470,211
December		239,901	254,183
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		4,536,084	4,516,859
TOTAL - SIX MONTHS ending JUNE	1,589,425	1,710,961	1,704,833

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

(b) Subject to revision.

LIME - Canadian producers sold or used 44,441 tons of lime during June; in the previous month the total was 43,549 tons while in June, a year ago, 41,184 tons were sold or used. During the first six months of the current year, 233,003 tons were shipped from Canadian kilns compared with 231,343 tons a year ago.

Exports of building lime in June declined to 496 tons worth \$4,100 from the May total of 716 tons at \$5,716. During the period January to June, 2,130 tons of building lime were exported from Canada. Exportations of other lime in June amounted to 229 tons compared with 772 tons in May.

Canada imported 624 tons of lime worth \$3,467 in June; during May, 510 tons valued at \$2,889 were imported.

PRODUCTION(a) OF LIME IN CANADA

Month	1939(b)	1938	1937
	Tons	Tons	Tons
January	36,242	33,617	40,439
February	32,892	33,390	42,082
March	37,282	39,915	48,027
April	38,597	40,294	49,259
May	43,549	42,943	51,162
June	44,441	41,184	48,680
July		40,247	47,317
August		42,372	45,589
September		41,563	43,537
October		47,792	48,586
November		45,561	47,532
December		38,044	37,143
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		486,922	549,353
TOTAL - SIX MONTHS ending JUNE	233,003	231,343	279,649

(a) Quantity shipped plus lime used by producer.

(b) Subject to revision.



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