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MONTHLY REPORT

CEMENT, CLAY PRODUCTS and LIME - APRIL, 1940

CEMENT - Canadian producers reported shipments of Portland cement in April amounting to 419,876 barrels according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In March, 252,483 barrels were shipped; during April, 1350 shipments amounted to 273,969 barrels. Shipments during the four months ending April aggregated 1,067,221 barrels as against 716,886 barrels a year ago.

Canada exported 842 barrels of Portland cement in April compared with 1,928 barrels in the preceding month. Exports during the first four months of the current year totalled 8,799 barrels; a year ago, 3,213 barrels were exported.

Imports of cement in April rose to 1,114 barrels worth \$4,801 from the March receipts of 578 barrels at \$3,678. Importations during the period January to April totalled 2,864 barrels appraised at \$14,652.

PRODUCTION(a) OF CEMENT IN CANADA

Month	1940(b)	1939(b)	1938
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
January	130,575	115,533	132,553
February	204,287	113,605	143,761
March	252,483	208,779	233,311
April	419,876	273,969	364,895
May		550,890	546,507
June		727,842	750,691
July		735,984	645,239
August		841,736	715,315
September		352,197	702,866
October		631,218	711,694
November		421,569	397,938
December		205,603	175,232
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		5,733,925	5,519,102
TOTAL - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL	1,067,221	716,886	875,020

(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 domestic clays) were valued at \$330,784 in April; the previous month's sales were worth \$199,208 while the value of the April 1939 sales was \$235,520. During the first four months of the current year, the Canadian sales were worth \$949,024 or 37.8 per cent above the total for the corresponding period of 1939.

An 86.1 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 \$41,956 compared with \$22,549 in March.

Clay and its products to a value of \$863,261 were imported into Canada in April; during the previous month the import valuation was \$831,315. The United States supplied 43.3 per cent of the total imports in April.



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