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## Monthly Report

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CEMENT AND CEMENT PRODUCTS - APRIL, 1949

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Shipments to customers by Canadian manufacturers of Portland cement totalled 1,535,469 barrels in April, 1949 compared with 1,402,176 barrels in March. In 1948 the April shipments amounted to 1,266,731 barrels as against 1,071,977 barrels in the previous month. Actual production for April, 1949 was 1,275,150 barrels compared with 1,038,457 barrels in the corresponding month of 1948.

Table 1 - Production, Shipments and Stocks of Portland Cement, April and Year to Date,
1948 and 1949

	1 9 4 9 (Barre	1948	
Stocks at plants and warehouses at beginning of period 1,627,634	(Barre	els)	
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	1,229,315	731,194	000 700
Production 1.038.457			600,368
	1,275,150	4,155,658	4,840,118
Shipments to customers 1,266,731	1,535,469	3,485,188	4,466,996
Used at plants	1,428	4,034	5,922
Stocks at plants and warehouses at end of period 1,397,630	967,568	1,397,630	967,568
2,007,000	307,300	1,007,000	307,300
<b>Exports</b>	272	14,504	2,235
Imports 60,696	(*)	69,248	(%)

<sup>(\*)</sup> Not yet available. Imports for March, 1949 amounted to 48,856 barrels and the total for the first three months of 1949 was 61,196 barrels.

The April output of concrete building materials included the following items: brick, 2,169,154 pieces; hollow blocks, 2,952,999 pieces; cinder blocks, 884,808 pieces; chimney blocks, 15,878 pieces; and pipe, 8,068 tons. These figures represent production by 98 of the principal manufacturers which normally account for 85 per cent of the total Canadian output of concrete products.

Table 2 - Production in Canada and Factory Shipments of Specified Concrete Products,

April, 1948 and 1949							
		19	48	1949			
		Quantity made during period	Quantity shipped during period	Quantity made during period	Quantity shipped during period		
<u>April</u>							
Concrete brick	No.	1,540,207	1,472,408	2,169,154	1,769,834		
Concrete block: Solid	No.	5,018	4,777	1,889	3,790		
Hollow	No.	2,357,922	2,699,380	2,952,999	3,068,188		
Cinder	No.	889,390	836,160	884,808	923,579		
Concrete chimney blocks	No.	Not available		15,878	14,869		
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe,							
water pipe and culvert tile	Tons	12,056	8,759	8,068	4,619		
Four Months Ended April							
Concrete brick	No.	4,454,948	4,156,195	6,496,445	5,051,008		
Concrete block: Solid	No.	7,043	7,237	13,535	15,880		
Hollow	No.	6,832,013	6,106,660	9,634,444	6,884,280		
Cinder	No.	2,871,002	2,459,253	3,813,254	3,423,548		
Concrete chimney blocks	No.	Not available		35,281	32,597		
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe,					24- 1111E		
water pipe and culvert tile	Tons	64,873	79,963	31,306	18,539		
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