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Shipments to customers by Canadian manufacturers of Portland cement totalled 652,769 barrels in January, 1950 compared with 763,338 barrels in December, 1949. In 1949, the January shipments amounted to 621,044 barrels as against 741,662 barrels in the previous month. Actual production for January, 1950 was 1,252,505 barrels compared with 1,121,659 barrels in the corresponding month of 1949.

Table 1 - Production, Shipments and Stocks of Portland Cement, January, 1949 and 1950, and Year Ended December, 1948 and 1949

	January		Year ended December	
	1949	1950	1948	1949
	(barrels)			
Stocks at plants and warehouses at beginning of period .....	600,368	812,408	731,194	600,368
Production .....	1,121,659	1,252,505	14,007,449	16,128,077
Shipments to customers .....	621,044	652,769	14,098,632	15,906,610
Used at plants .....	1,577	151	33,582	9,427
Stocks at plants and warehouses at end of period .....	1,099,406	1,411,993	599,737	812,408
Exports .....	640	50	72,999	19,212
Imports .....	8,131	(*)	1,120,671	2,284,001

(\*) Imports for January not yet available. Imports for December, 1949 amounted to 30,559 barrels.

The January output of concrete building materials included the following items: brick, 1,194,729 pieces; hollow blocks, 2,369,435 pieces; cinder blocks, 754,555 pieces; chimney blocks, 33,072 pieces; and pipe, 6,762 tons. The figures represent production by 107 of the principal manufacturers which normally account for 85 per cent of the total Canadian output of concrete products.

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Table 2 - Production and Factory Shipments of Specified Concrete Products, January 1949 and 1950

		1949		1950	
		Quantity made during period	Quantity shipped during period	Quantity made during period	Quantity shipped during period
Concrete brick (including cinder)	No.	1,726,438	924,154	1,194,729	852,746
Concrete block: Solid .....	No.	3,113	6,697	7,065	3,655
Hollow .....	No.	2,066,154	1,476,634	2,369,435	1,538,672
Cinder .....	No.	1,010,816	872,120	754,555	559,757
Concrete chimney blocks (including cinder) .....	No.	6,537	4,500	33,072	9,910
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile ...	ton	6,876	4,785	6,762	4,140

Note: Monthly statistics on Portland cement were first published in August, 1931 in the report entitled "Cement, Clay and Lime". Later a monthly report on "Cement" was published separately and in April, 1949 it was expanded to the present content and the title was changed to "Cement and Cement Products". From April, 1947 to March, 1949 a separate monthly report was issued on "Production and Factory Sales of Specified Concrete Products".



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