## D.B.S. MEMORANDUM

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Shipments to customers by Canadian manufacturers of Portland cement totalled 1,178,646 barrels in February, 1953, compared with 1,037,026 barrels in the previous month. In 1952, the February shipments amounted to $1,174,596$ barrels, as against 850,556 barrels in the previous month. Actual production for February, 1953 was 1,630,483 barrels, compared with $1,409,966$ barrels in the corresponding month of 1952 .

Table 1 - Production, Shipments and Stocks of Portland Cement

|  | February |  | Year to date |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 |
|  | (Barrels) |  |  |  |
| Stocks at plants and warehouses at beginning of period ......... | 1,366,666 | ${ }^{(\mathbf{1})}{ }_{1,203,368}$ | 870,849 | 757,198 |
| Production ....................... | 1,409,966 | 1,630,483 | 2,763,181 | 3,114,636 |
| Shipments to customers .......... | 1,174,596 | 1,178,646 | 2,025,152 | 2,215,672 |
| Used at plants ................. | 9,417 | 625 | 16,259 | 2,172 |
| Stocks at plants and warehouses at end of period | 1,592,619 | 1,654,580 | 1,592,619 | 1,654,580 |
| Exports, February .............. | 27 | 422 | 34 | 671 |
| Imports, February ............... | 24,599 | (f) | 28,193 | (f) |
| January ................ | 3,594 | 27,629 | . . | - |

(*) Stock adjustment.
(f) Not available.

The February output of concrete building materials included the following items: brick, 2,628,171 pieces; gravel blocks, $3,650,326$ pieces; cinder blocks, 805,002 pieces; other aggregates, 298,774 pjeces; chimney blocks 57,593 pieces; pipe, 17, 129 tous, and concrete, ready-mixed, 61,716 cubic yards. These figures represent production by 135 of the principal manufacturers, which normally account for 85 per cent of the total Canadian output of concrete products.

Table 2 - Production and Frctory Shipments of Specified Concrete Products


## February

| Concrete brick | No. | 2,187,572 | 1,911,227 | 2,628,171 | 2,457,682 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) - |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gravel | No. | 2,526,084 | .1,931,501 | 3,650,326 | 2,977,324 |
| Cinder | No. | 500,669 | 605,591 | 805,002 | 656,919 |
| Other aggregates, |  |  |  |  | 211,344 |
| Concrete chimney blocks | No. | 39,207 | 27,877 | 57,593 | 40,426 |
| Gement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile. | Tons | 16,208 | 9,700 | 17,129 | 15,779 |
| Concrete, ready-mixed ....... | u.yds. | 47,311 | 49,317 | 61,716 | 61,716 |

## Two Months Ended February

| Concrete brick | No. | 3,446,442 | 2,967,342 | 5,854,938 | 4,902,974 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Conerete blocks (except chimney blocks) - |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gravel | No. | 4,745,915 | 3,612,275 | 7,838,643 | 5,404,050 |
| Cinder | No. | 824,777 | 989,078 | 1,743,511 | 1,332,130 |
| Other aggregates, |  |  |  |  |  |
| Concrete chirmey blocks ..... | No. | 69,888 | 49,115 | 193,415 | 76,726 |
| Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile. | Tons | 30,643 | 19,565 | 38,356 | 26,962 |
| Concrete, ready-mixed ...... | u.yd | 72,756 | 75,535 | 128,380 | 128,380 |

