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## CEMENT AND CEMENT PRODUCTS

Shipments to customers by Canadian manufacturers of Portland cement totalled 2,293,227 barrels in August, 1954, compared with 2,548,091 barrels in the previous month. In 1953 the August shipments amounted to 2,011,684 barrels. Actual production for August, 1954, was 1,926,056 barrels compared with 1,990,977 barrels in the corresponding month of 1953.

Table 1 - Production, Shipments and Stocks of Portland Cement

	August		Year to date	
	1953	1954	1953	1954
	(Barrels)			
Stocks at plants and warehouses at beginning of period .....	860,452	839,402	757,198	931,218
Production .....	1,990,977	1,926,056	14,718,978	14,960,851
Shipments to customers .....	2,011,684	2,293,227	14,626,540	15,389,370
Used at plants .....	2,516	11,582	12,704	42,055
Stocks at plants and warehouses at end of period .....	837,229	460,649	837,229	460,649
Exports, August .....	229	19,019	9,477	88,502
Imports, August .....	547,812	...	1,525,082	...
July .....	445,462	...	977,253	...
June .....	233,278	41,846	531,791	450,259

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Cement and Cement Products

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The August output of concrete building materials included the following items: brick, 10,365,280 pieces; gravel blocks, 7,597,162 pieces; cinder blocks, 1,661,696 pieces; other aggregates, 1,059,220 pieces; chimney blocks, 118,698 pieces; pipe, 37,468 tons, and concrete, ready-mixed, 262,845 cubic yards. These figures represent production by 162 of the principal manufacturers, which normally account for 85 per cent of the total Canadian output of concrete products.

Table 2 - Production and Factory Shipments of Specified Concrete Products

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		Quantity made during period	Quantity shipped during period	Quantity made during period	Quantity shipped during period
<u>August</u>					
Concrete brick .....	No.	7,288,554	7,566,055	10,365,280	10,545,904
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) -					
Gravel .....	No.	6,692,367	7,258,437	7,597,162	8,023,020
Cinder .....	No.	1,460,401	1,364,661	1,661,696	1,684,343
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.) ....	No.	600,341	553,361	1,059,220	817,828
Concrete chimney blocks .....	No.	139,482	130,783	118,698	130,011
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile ..	Tons	22,281	28,160	37,468	42,842
Concrete, ready-mixed .....	Cu.yds	206,639	206,639	262,845	262,845
<u>Eight Months Ended August</u>					
Concrete brick .....	No.	40,496,517	39,157,291	54,019,822	51,224,885
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) -					
Gravel .....	No.	47,628,348	47,336,078	45,995,334	45,901,211
Cinder .....	No.	8,721,424	8,483,703	11,690,129	11,802,970
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.) .....	No.	4,051,950	3,751,901	5,160,030	4,749,426
Concrete chimney blocks .....	No.	669,761	672,271	606,478	595,550
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile .....	Tons	172,127	148,878	196,772	180,798
Concrete, ready-mixed .....	Cu.yds	1,043,475	1,043,475	1,407,041	1,407,041