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CEMENT AND CEMENT PRODUCTS

Shipments to customers by Canadian manufacturers of Portland cement totalled 2,484,616 barrels in October, 1955, compared with 2,762,004 barrels in the previous month. In 1954 the October shipments amounted to 1,946,363 barrels. Actual production for October, 1955, was 2,428,603 barrels compared with 2,040,937 barrels in the corresponding month of 1954.

Table 1 - Production, Shipments and Stocks of Portland Cement

	October		Year to date	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	(Barrels)			
Stocks at plants and warehouses at beginning of period	373,609	318,410(x)	931,218	1,094,159
Production	2,040,937	2,428,603	18,993,873	21,377,671
Shipments to customers	1,946,363	2,484,616	19,400,000	22,208,326
Used at plants	10,622	1,134	67,535	10,758
Stocks at plants and warehouses at end of period	457,561	261,263	457,561	261,263
Exports, October	13,611	...	117,222	...
Imports, October	474,081	...	2,102,609	...
September	523,077	...	1,628,528	...
August	526,299	670,005	1,105,451	1,010,204

(x) Stock adjustment.

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The October output of concrete building materials included the following items: brick, 14,702,746 pieces; gravel blocks, 7,858,777 pieces; cinder blocks, 1,199,998 pieces; other aggregates, 977,885 pieces; chimney blocks, 120,374 pieces; pipe, 48,040 tons, and concrete, ready-mixed, 438,039 cubic yards. These figures represent production by 185 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>October</u>					
Concrete brick	No.	8,693,378	9,239,283	14,702,746	14,540,738
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) -					
Gravel	No.	6,794,194	6,754,373	7,858,777	8,380,920
Cinder	No.	1,579,961	1,567,170	1,199,998	1,396,364
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.)	No.	846,071	834,871	977,885	964,268
Concrete chimney blocks	No.	110,589	134,583	120,374	112,612
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile ..	Tons	35,136	33,167	48,040	43,304
Concrete, ready-mixed	Cu.yds.	245,011	245,011	438,039	438,039
<u>Ten months ended October</u>					
Concrete brick	No.	73,635,910	71,113,995	111,251,669	108,783,984
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) -					
Gravel	No.	60,104,081	59,850,907	69,003,448	70,989,812
Cinder	No.	14,831,739	15,172,942	11,880,981	12,670,438
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.)	No.	7,100,972	6,709,834	7,441,735	6,922,763
Concrete chimney blocks	No.	856,886	874,561	793,738	805,483
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile ..	Tons	269,311	255,134	357,429	365,491
Concrete, ready-mixed	Cu.yds.	1,897,277	1,897,277	3,148,089	3,148,089