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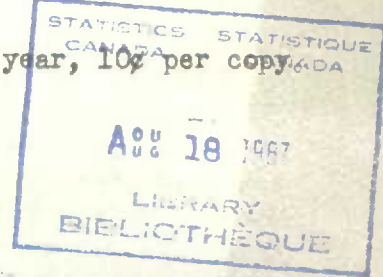


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CEMENT AND CEMENT PRODUCTS

Shipments to customers by Canadian manufacturers of Portland cement totalled 941,278 barrels in December, 1955, compared with 2,010,934 barrels in the previous month. In 1954 the December shipments amounted to 1,066,607 barrels. Actual production for December, 1955, was 1,585,811 barrels compared with 1,675,424 barrels in the corresponding month of 1954.

Table 1 - Production, Shipments and Stocks of Portland Cement

	December		Year-end	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	(Barrels)			
Stocks at plants and warehouses at beginning of period	488,079	470,313	931,218	1,094,159
Production	1,675,424	1,585,811	22,604,723	25,184,050
Shipments to customers	1,066,607	941,278	22,357,442	25,160,538
Used at plants	2,737	2,554	84,275	13,896
Stocks at plants and warehouses at end of period	1,094,159	1,112,292	1,094,159	1,112,292
Exports, December	707	...	123,645	...
November	5,716	53,083	122,938	956,044
Imports, December	36,763	...	2,292,200	...
November	152,828	...	2,255,437	...
October	474,081	682,034	2,102,609	2,390,642

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The December output of concrete building materials included the following items: brick, 7,835,109 pieces; gravel blocks, 5,668,412 pieces; cinder blocks, 894,887 pieces; other aggregates, 524,305 pieces; chimney blocks, 49,485 pieces; pipe, 30,911 tons, and concrete, ready-mixed, 235,129 cubic yards. These figures represent production by 182 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>December</u>				
Concrete brick No.	5,104,617	4,350,506	7,835,109	5,807,227
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) -				
Gravel No.	5,151,739	3,712,930	5,668,412	4,100,979
Cinder No.	1,120,474	967,659	894,887	555,512
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.) No.	693,290	543,810	524,305	449,727
Concrete chimney blocks No.	46,133	51,182	49,485	31,330
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile .. Tons	26,191	22,499	30,911	26,278
Concrete, ready-mixed Cu.yds.	180,172	180,172	235,129	235,129
<u>Twelve months ended December</u>				
Concrete brick No.	88,113,257	84,598,022	130,086,033	124,539,986
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) -				
Gravel No.	72,009,887	69,944,576	82,560,691	82,307,965*
Cinder No.	17,729,989	17,822,046	13,977,575	14,310,255
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.) No.	8,409,297	7,906,720	8,690,307	8,011,309
Concrete chimney blocks No.	1,024,145	1,030,025	920,339	906,452
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile .. Tons	328,670	309,237	433,419	427,698
Concrete, ready-mixed Cu.yds.	2,310,837	2,310,837	3,775,957	3,775,957

* Revised.