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CEMENT AND CEMENT PRODUCTS

Shipments to customers by Canadian manufacturers of Portland cement totalled 889,258 barrels in February, 1955, compared with 904,172 barrels in the previous month. In 1954 the February shipments amounted to 1,185,733 barrels. Actual production for February, 1955, was 1,658,861 barrels compared with 1,609,378 barrels in the corresponding month of 1954.

Table 1 - Production, Shipments and Stocks of Portland Cement

	February		Year to Date	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	(Barrels)			
Stocks at plants and warehouses at beginning of period	1,606,233	1,887,479	931,218	1,094,159
Production	1,609,378	1,658,861 ✓	3,173,986	3,357,266
Shipments to customers	1,185,733	889,258	2,075,030	1,793,430
Used at plants	332	330	629	1,243
Stocks at plants and warehouses at end of period	2,029,546	2,656,752	2,029,546	2,656,752
Exports, February	-	150	161	399
Imports, February	43,756	...	61,800	...
January	18,044
December	36,763	...	2,292,200	...

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The February output of concrete building materials included the following items: Brick, 5,269,473 pieces; gravel blocks, 3,940,398 pieces; cinder blocks, 1,052,019 pieces; other aggregates, 351,848 pieces; chimney blocks, 15,724 pieces; pipe, 21,012 tons, and concrete, ready-mixed, 116,934 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>February</u>				
Concrete brick No.	4,141,962	3,057,984	5,269,473	3,812,101
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) -				
Gravel No.	3,650,330	2,510,651	3,940,398	2,383,790
Cinder No.	1,060,336	928,215	1,052,019	902,684
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.) No.	411,668	398,780	351,848	379,545
Concrete chimney blocks No.	63,584	40,632	15,724	29,797
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile .. Tons	14,077	9,068	21,012	23,090
Concrete, ready-mixed Cu.yds	84,033	84,033	116,934	116,934
<u>Two months ended February</u>				
Concrete brick No.	7,553,895	4,756,820	11,229,481	7,501,017
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) -				
Gravel No.	7,335,056	4,431,314	8,328,423	5,185,261
Cinder No.	1,932,903	1,546,497	2,206,414	1,632,385
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.) No.	808,760	699,633	1,039,832	795,711
Concrete chimney blocks No.	125,596	65,188	44,052	58,263
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile .. Tons	29,087	17,839	43,861	47,173
Concrete, ready-mixed Cu. yds.	148,474	148,474	247,028	247,028