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Memorandum

## CEMENT AND CEMENT PRODUCTS

Shipments to customers by Canadian manufacturers of Portland cement totalled 1,342,155 barrels in March, 1955, compared with 889,262 barrels in the previous month. In 1954 the March shipments amounted to 1,759,592 barrels. Actual production for March, 1955, was 1,856,596 barrels compared with 1,868,485 barrels in the corresponding month of 1954.

Table 1 - Production, Shipments and Stocks of Portland Cement

	March		Year to date	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	(Barrels)			
Stocks at plants and warehouses at beginning of period .....	2,029,550	2,666,198	931,218	1,094,159
Production .....	1,868,485	1,856,596	5,042,471	5,223,312
Shipments to customers .....	1,759,592	1,342,155	3,834,622	3,135,589
Used at plants .....	1,604	765	2,233	2,008
Stocks at plants and warehouses at end of period .....	2,136,839	3,179,874	2,136,839	3,179,874
Exports, March .....	20	737	181	1,136
Imports, March .....	72,933	...	134,733	...
February .....	43,756	...	61,800	...
January .....	18,044	9,625	...	...

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The March output of concrete building materials included the following items: Brick, 5,786,898 pieces; gravel blocks, 4,781,295 pieces; cinder blocks, 1,346,958 pieces; other aggregates, 527,504 pieces; chimney blocks, 38,003 pieces; pipe, 25,829 tons, and concrete, ready-mixed, 176,435 cubic yards. These figures represent production by 172 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>March</u>					
Concrete brick .....	No.	5,741,839	3,859,044	5,786,898	5,263,202
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) -					
Gravel .....	No.	4,972,976	3,791,098	4,781,295	3,660,224
Cinder .....	No.	1,222,698	944,987	1,346,958	820,503
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.) ...	No.	446,450	520,256	527,504	392,412
Concrete chimney blocks .....	No.	77,469	50,749	38,003	33,126
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile .	Tons	18,608	12,925	25,829	22,005
Concrete, ready-mixed .....	Cu.yds.	110,991	110,991	176,435	176,435
<u>Three months ended March</u>					
Concrete brick .....	No.	13,295,734	8,615,864	17,016,379	12,764,219
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) -					
Gravel .....	No.	12,308,032	8,222,412	13,109,718	8,845,485
Cinder .....	No.	3,155,601	2,491,484	3,553,372	2,452,888
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.) ...	No.	1,255,210	1,219,889	1,567,336	1,188,123
Concrete chimney blocks .....	No.	203,065	115,937	82,055	91,389
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile .	Tons	47,695	30,764	69,690	69,178
Concrete, ready-mixed .....	Cu.yds.	259,465	259,465	423,463	423,463