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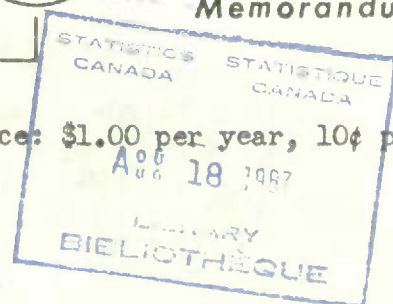


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CEMENT AND CEMENT PRODUCTS

Shipments to customers by Canadian manufacturers of Portland cement totalled 1,776,394 barrels in April, 1955, compared with 1,342,155 barrels in the previous month. In 1954 the April shipments amounted to 1,833,913 barrels. Actual production for April, 1955, was 1,674,749 barrels compared with 1,974,816 barrels in the corresponding month of 1954.

Table 1 - Production, Shipments and Stocks of Portland Cement

	April		Year to date	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	(Barrels)			
Stocks at plants and warehouses at beginning of period	2,136,839	3,179,874	931,218	1,094,159
Production	1,974,816	1,674,749	7,017,287	6,898,061
Shipments to customers	1,833,913	1,776,394	5,668,535	4,911,983
Used at plants	1,494	1,470	3,727	3,478
Stocks at plants and warehouses at end of period	2,276,248	3,076,759	2,276,248	3,076,759
Exports, April	361	1,807	542	2,943
Imports, April	144,076	...	278,809	...
March	72,933	...	134,733	...
February	43,756	7,703	61,800	17,328

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Cement and Cement Products

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The April output of concrete building materials included the following items: Brick, 9,172,603 pieces; gravel blocks, 5,643,309 pieces; cinder blocks, 1,218,795 pieces; other aggregates, 517,107 pieces; chimney blocks, 85,286 pieces; pipe, 30,022 tons, and concrete, ready-mixed, 201,480 cubic yards. These figures represent production by 165 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>April</u>				
Concrete brick No.	5,833,107	5,196,778	9,172,603	8,301,318
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) -				
Gravel No.	5,533,073	5,368,497	5,643,309	6,209,514
Cinder No.	1,413,341	1,320,898	1,218,795	1,124,592
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.) ... No.	583,436	462,385	517,107	487,241
Concrete chimney blocks No.	54,830	45,736	85,286	60,692
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile . Tons	18,768	12,634	30,022	18,883
Concrete, ready-mixed Cu.yds.	136,125	136,125	201,480	201,480
<u>Four months ended April</u>				
Concrete brick No.	19,128,841	13,812,642	26,188,982	21,065,537
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) -				
Gravel No.	17,841,105	13,590,909	18,753,027	15,054,999
Cinder No.	4,568,942	3,812,382	4,772,167	3,577,480
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.) ... No.	1,838,646	1,682,274	2,084,443	1,675,364
Concrete chimney blocks No.	257,895	161,673	167,341	152,081
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile . Tons	66,463	43,398	99,712	88,061
Concrete, ready-mixed Cu.yds.	395,590	395,590	624,943	624,943