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CEMENT AND CEMENT PRODUCTS

Shipments to customers by Canadian manufacturers of Portland cement totalled 2,888,632 barrels in May, 1955, compared with 1,776,394 barrels in the previous month. In 1954 the May shipments amounted to 2,300,693 barrels. Actual production for May, 1955, was 2,206,370 barrels compared with 1,966,459 barrels in the corresponding month of 1954.

Table 1 - Production, Shipments and Stocks of Portland Cement

	May		Year to date	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	(Barrels)			
Stocks at plants and warehouses at beginning of period	2,276,248	3,076,759	931,218	1,094,159
Production	1,966,459	2,206,370	8,983,746	9,104,431
Shipments to customers	2,300,693	2,888,632	7,969,228	7,800,615
Used at plants	3,004	553	6,731	4,031
Stocks at plants and warehouses at end of period	1,939,010	2,393,944	1,939,010	2,393,944
Exports, May	182	47,320	724	50,263
Imports, May	129,604	...	408,413	...
April	144,076	...	278,809	...
March	72,933	17,967	134,733	35,295

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The May output of concrete building materials included the following items: Brick, 12,367,484 pieces; gravel blocks, 7,843,017 pieces; cinder blocks, 1,135,216 pieces; other aggregates, 785,390 pieces; chimney blocks, 69,489 pieces; pipe, 38,132 tons, and concrete, ready-mixed, 339,807 cubic yards. These figures represent production by 179 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>May</u>				
Concrete brick No.	6,849,530	6,959,231	12,367,484	13,580,595
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks)-				
Gravel No.	6,500,249	7,594,537	7,843,017	10,201,702
Cinder No.	1,513,492	1,691,944	1,135,216	1,518,950
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.) ... No.	645,933	650,120	785,390	896,531
Concrete chimney blocks No.	69,712	82,897	69,489	79,676
Cement, drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile . Tons	23,374	23,202	38,132	35,092
Concrete, ready-mixed Cu.yds.	200,346	200,346	339,807	339,807
<u>Five months ended May</u>				
Concrete brick No.	25,978,371	20,771,873	38,556,466	34,646,132
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) -				
Gravel No.	24,341,354	21,185,446	26,596,044	25,256,701
Cinder No.	6,082,434	5,504,326	5,907,383	5,096,430
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.) ... No.	2,484,579	2,332,394	2,869,833	2,571,895
Concrete chimney blocks No.	327,607	244,570	236,830	231,757
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile . Tons	89,837	66,600	137,844	123,153
Concrete, ready-mixed Cu.yds.	595,936	595,936	964,750	964,750