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CEMENT AND CEMENT PRODUCTS

Shipments to customers by Canadian manufacturers of Portland cement totalled 2,832,324 barrels in July, 1955, compared with 3,289,329 barrels in the previous month. In 1954 the July shipments amounted to 2,548,091 barrels. Actual production for July, 1955, was 2,429,538 barrels compared with 1,978,572 barrels in the corresponding month of 1954.

Table 1 - Production, Shipments and Stocks of Portland Cement

	July		Year to date	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
		(Bar	rels)	
Stocks at plants and warehouses at beginning of period	1,419,143	953,255(±)	931,218	1,094,159
Production	1,978,572	2,429,538	13,034,795	13,787,320
Shipments to customers	2,548,091	2,832,324	13,096,143	13,922,268
Used at plants	10,222	247	30,473	6,356
Stocks at plants and warehouses at end of period	839,402	953,255	839,402	953,255
Exports, July	56,817	239,889	69,483	407,498
Imports, July	128,893		579,152	0 0 C
June	41,846	40,101	450,259	114,023
May	129,604	25,879	408,413	73,922

<sup>(</sup>x) Stock adjustment.

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The July output of concrete building materials included the following items: brick, 15,098,386 pieces; gravel blocks, 8,480,262 pieces; cinder blocks, 1,081,796 pieces; other aggregates, 762,260 pieces; chimney blocks, 64,714 pieces; pipe, 43,318 tons, and concrete, ready-mixed, 415,069 cubic yards. These figures represent production by 175 of the principal manufacturers, which normally account for 85 per cent of the total Canadian output of concrete products.

		1954		1955	
		Quantity made during period	Quantity shipped during period	Quantity made during period	Quantity shipped during period
July					
Concrete brick	No.	9,985,700	10,723,467	15,098,386	13,556,370
Gravel		6,614,126 1,956,857	8,210,035 2,231,439	8,480,262	9,090,364
(Haydite, slag, etc.) Concrete chimney blocks Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe,		836,735 91,842	914,182	762,260 64,714	804 <b>,91</b> / 97,002
water pipe and culvert tile Concrete, ready-mixed		37,766 282,622	41,162 282,622	43,318 415,069	415,069
Seven months ended July					
Concrete brick	No.	43,654,542	40,678,981	68,443,717	63,138,930
Gravel		38,398,172 10,028,433	37,879,191 10,118,627	44,634,199 8,252,093	44,917,768 8,626,932
(Haydite, slag, etc.) Concrete chimney blocks		4,100,810 487,780	3,931,598 465,539	4,638,115	4,230,177
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile Concrete, ready-mixed		159,304 1,144,196	137,957	218,835	215,554 1,794,568