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### CEMENT AND CEMENT PRODUCTS

Shipments to customers by Canadian manufacturers of Portland cement totalled 1,265,986 barrels in February, 1956, compared with 1,110,097 barrels in the previous month. In 1955 the February shipments amounted to 889,262 barrels. Actual production for February, 1956, was 1,858,871 barrels compared with 1,668,311 barrels in the corresponding month of 1955.

Table 1 - Production, Shipments and Stocks of Portland Cement

	February		Year to date	
	1955	1956	1955	1956
	(Barrels)			
Stocks at plants and warehouses at beginning of period .....	1,887,479	1,915,265	1,094,159	1,112,292
Production .....	1,668,311	1,858,871	3,366,716	3,779,176
Shipments to customers .....	889,262	1,265,986	1,793,434	2,376,083
Used at plants .....	330	17,222	1,243	24,457
Stocks at plants and warehouses at end of period .....	2,666,198	2,490,928	2,666,198	2,490,928
Exports, February .....	150	...	399	...
January .....	249	3,171	249	3,171
Imports, February .....	7,703	...	17,328	...
January .....	9,625	...	9,625	...

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Cement and Cement Products

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The February output of concrete building materials included the following items: brick, 7,247,401 pieces; gravel blocks, 4,295,270 pieces; cinder blocks, 1,104,713 pieces; other aggregates, 662,469 pieces; chimney blocks, 20,038 pieces; pipe, 42,414 tons, and concrete, ready-mixed, 182,591 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>February</u>				
Concrete brick ..... No.	5,269,473	3,812,101	7,247,401	4,187,658
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) -				
Gravel ..... No.	3,940,398	2,383,790	4,295,270	2,806,833
Cinder ..... No.	1,052,019	902,684	1,104,713	719,431
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.) .... No.	351,848	379,545	662,469	494,102
Concrete chimney blocks ..... No.	15,724	29,797	20,038	28,876
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile .. Tons	21,012	23,090	42,414	33,061
Concrete, ready-mixed ..... Cu.yds.	116,934	116,934	182,591	182,591
<u>Two months ended February</u>				
Concrete brick ..... No.	11,229,481	7,501,017	15,315,082	8,301,197
Concrete blocks (except chimney blocks) -				
Gravel ..... No.	8,328,423	5,185,261	9,187,427	5,907,881
Cinder ..... No.	2,206,414	1,632,385	1,987,158	1,193,705
Other aggregates, (Haydite, slag, etc.) .... No.	1,039,832	795,711	1,356,778	971,309
Concrete chimney blocks ..... No.	44,052	58,263	77,981	58,073
Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe, water pipe and culvert tile .. Tons	43,861	47,173	75,128	57,298
Concrete, ready-mixed ..... Cu.yds.	247,028	247,028	380,383	380,383