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CEMENT AND CEMENT PRODUCTS

Shipments to customers by Canadian manufacturers of Portland cement totalled 3,366,788 barrels in May, 1956, compared with 2,420,281 barrels in the previous month. 1955 the May shipments amounted to 2,888,632 barrels. Actual production for May, 1956, was 2,685,612 barrels compared with 2,206,370 barrels in the corresponding month of 1955.

Table 1 - Production, Shipments and Stocks of Portland Cement

	May		Year to date		
	1955	1956	1955	1956	
N. S.B	(Barrels)				
Stocks at plants and warehouses at beginning of period	3,076,759	2,812,537	1,094,159	1,112,292	
Production	2,206,370	2,685,612	9,104,431	11,028,760	
Shipments to customers	2,888,632	3,366,788	7,800,615	9,939,338	
Used at plants	553	24,452	4,031	94,896	
Stocks at plants and warehouses at end of period	2,393,944	2,106,909	2,393,944	2,106,909	
Exports, May	47,320	58,199	50,263	115,395	
April	1,807	46,096	2,943	57,206	
Imports, May	25,879	***	73,922	• • •	
April ,	12,748	• • •	48,043	• • •	
March	17,967	20,021	35,295	48,001	

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	1955		1956	
	Quantity made during period	Quantity shipped during period	Quantity made during period	Quantity shipped during period
May				
Concrete brick	12,367,484	13,580,595	9,808,061	11,436,782
Gravel No. Cinder No. Other aggregates,	7,843,017	1,518,950	8,466,266 864,016	9,775,921 1,062,326
(Haydite, slag, etc.) No. Concrete chimney blocks No. Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe,	785,390 69,489	896,531 79,676	1,496,037 48,162	1,242,681 68,172
water pipe and culvert tile Tons Concrete, ready-mixed Cu.yds.	38,132 339,807	35,092 339,807	46,384	44,493 482,193
Five months ended May				
Concrete brick	38,556,466	34,646,132	41,568,294	31,607,472
Gravel No. Cinder No. Other aggregates,	26,596,044 5,907,383	25,256,701 5,096,430	29,418,891 4,858,822	26,177,299 3,914,955
(Haydite, slag, etc.) No. Concrete chimney blocks No. Cement drain pipe, sewer pipe,	2,869,833	2,571,895 231,757	4,360,905 235,173	3,334,601 229,082
water pipe and culvert tile Tons Concrete, ready-mixed Cu.yds.	137,844	123,153 964,750	189,744	1,407,700

These figures represent production by the principal manufacturers, which normally account for 85 per cent of the total Canadian output of concrete products and have not been expanded.