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The production of talc and soapstone in Canada during 1931 was valued at \$157,083 as compared with an output valued at \$186,216 in 1930, according to finally revised statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa.

Soapstone produced in Quebec is shipped in the form of blocks and powder; in Ontario a high grade talc is mined and ground near Madoc. Shipments from the latter province were made to Europe, United States and points in Canada. Some crude talc was produced during 1931 at Leechtown, Victoria mining division, British Columbia.

The physical characteristics of talc largely determine its usefulness. The mineral is now being used in paper making, toilet preparations, paints, cements, rubber, textiles, lubricants, ceramics, insulators and in various other products and industrial processes; off colour talc is consumed in increasing amounts for rock dusting coal mines.

	Quantity tons	Value \$
<u>PRODUCTION -</u>		
Soapstone	34,439
Talc	11,836	122,644
TOTAL	157,083
<u>IMPORTS -</u>		
Talc or soapstone, ground or unground -		
From - United Kingdom	151	11,162
United States	2,221	29,788
Other countries	298	8,502
TOTAL IMPORTS	2,670	49,452
<u>EXPORTS -</u>		
Talc -		
To United Kingdom	950	14,789
United States	6,866	68,405
Other countries	36	571
TOTAL EXPORTS	7,852	83,765

	1930	1931
Number of firms	6	5
Capital employed\$	614,384	618,590
Number of employees:-		
On salary	5	7
On wages	136	63
Total	141	70
Salaries and wages:-		
Salaries	10,610	23,275
Wages	68,862	48,512
Total	79,472	71,787
Cost of fuel and electricity	16,369	19,128
Selling value of products	186,216	157,083

