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Shipments of iron oxides (ochres) from Canadian deposits during 1931 totalled 5,520 short tons valued at \$49,205, according to finally revised statistics just issued by the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Production in 1930 amounted to 6,596 tons worth \$83,873. Shipments from properties in 1931 were confined to the provinces of Quebec and British Columbia; the Quebec output is consumed largely by the pigment industry while that from the western province is used in the purification of artificial gas.

The Quebec Department of Mines recently investigated the ochre deposits at Little Romaine and Bergeronnes situated on the north shore of the St. Lawrence river. The Romaine ochre area measures 400 feet by 1,500 feet and one hundred and thirteen samples show an average depth of one foot and an average tenor of 86.88 per cent Fe_2O_3 , the ochre is of different colours and grades, yellow or brown at the surface and grey at depth. Forty drill holes on the Bergeronnes deposit established an average depth of fifteen inches and a mean tenor of 91.2 per cent Fe_2O_3 , the mineral in this deposit occurs as disconnected pockets.

	Quantity Tons	Value \$
<u>PRODUCTION -</u>		
Quebec	5,410	48,205
British Columbia	110	1,000
TOTAL	5,520	49,205
<u>IMPORTS -</u>		
Ochres, ochrey earths, siennas and umbers	1,666	57,825
Oxides, fire fireproofs, rough stuff, fillers and colours, dry, n.o.p.	3,170	639,863
<u>EXPORTS -</u>		
Mineral pigments, iron oxides, ochres, etc.	742	50,951

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Number of firms	4	4
Capital employed\$	150,704	181,535
Number of employees:- On salary	2	2
On wages	41	28
Total	43	30
Salaries and wages:- Salaries	4,543	3,800
Wages	36,695	25,394
Total	41,238	29,194
Cost of fuel and electricity.....\$	13,929	8,560
Selling value of products	83,873	49,205

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