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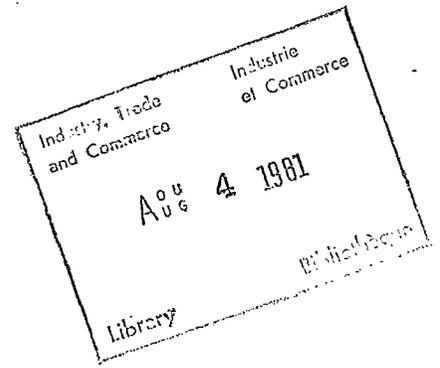
JANUARY 1978 TO DECEMBER 1979

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- (2) Trade of Canada Imports:
Import Class 448-15

SECTION I

SCOPE OF ANALYSIS

This report is based on an analysis of oil and gas well casing of carbon steel during the period January 1978 to December 1979. These products are normally included in Statistics Canada import class

448-15 Well casing, new

During the years 1974 to 1979 imports of well casing increased at an average annual rate of 17 percent in real terms and 30 percent in terms of dollar value (see Section V).

SECTION II

CANADIAN PRODUCTION

For reasons of confidentiality Statistics Canada does not provide separate data on production or shipments of well casing. They are included in a general category titled "Pipe and tubing."

SECTION III

ANALYSIS OF IMPORTS

Imports of carbon steel, oil and gas well casing contained in Statistics Canada import class 448-15 during the period January 1978 to December 1979 amounted to 182,803 short tons for a value of \$113,371,000 with seamless type casing accounting for approximately 90 percent of the quantity.

Details of the analysis are provided in the following table.

IMPORTS OF CARBON STEEL OIL AND GAS WELL CASING

JANUARY 1978 TO DECEMBER 1979

Type	Size Outside Diameter (Inches)	1978		1979		REGION OF ENTRY	
		Quantity (Short Tons)	Value (\$,000)	Quantity (Short Tons)	Value (\$,000)	West of Ontario/ Manitoba Boarder (% of Quantity)	East of Ontario/ Manitoba Boarder
Seamless	9-5/8 & under	77,736	44,704	63,238	41,130	62	38
	Over 9-5/8	8,723	4,835	12,350	9,037	83	17
	Not specified	-	-	1,364	988	69	31
Welded	All Sizes	10,722	4,088	1,959	2,320	93	7
N.F.I.	9-5/8 & under	3,653	3,214	1,769	2,073	99	1
	Over 9-5/8	794	548	495	434	87	13
TOTAL		101,628	57,389	81,175	55,982		

NOTES: N.F.I. - Not further identified.

- All figures are rounded.

- Dollar values shown are based on selling price F.O.B. plant, in Canadian dollars.

- A number of documents representing approximately 2,410 short tons for a value of \$1,683,054 identified as material of Canadian origin, returned after processing abroad, were not analyzed and therefore are not included in this report.

SECTION IV

FOREIGN EXPORTERS TO CANADA (In decending order of quantity)

Major exporters of seamless oil and gas well casing carbon steel for the period Janaury 1978 to December 1979 accounted for approximately 85 percent of the tonnage analyzed in Section III. Exporters of less than one percent seamless and those of welded type casing accounted for the remaining 15 percent.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
Okura and Co. Ltd.	Tokyo, Japan
Sumitomo Shoji Kaisha Ltd.	Tokyo, Japan
Mitsui and Co. Ltd.	Nogoya, Japan
Ferromet Foreign Trade Corp.	Prague, Czechoslovakia
Associated Metals & Minerals Corp.	New York, NY USA
Nissho-Iwai Co. Ltd.	Tokyo, Japan
C. Itoh & Co. Ltd.	Tokyo, Japan
Grant Oil Country Tubular Ltd.	Houston, TX USA
Metal Import Export	Bucharest, Romania
Mannesmann-Handel A.G.	Duesseldorf, West Germany
Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.	Youngstown, OH USA
Lone Star Steel Co.	Dallas, TX USA
U.S. Steel Corp. Oilwell Division	Dallas, TX USA

NOTE: Shipments did not necessarily all originate from the exporters' location listed above. In some instances the country of origin differed from the country of export shown in the above list.

SECTION V

IMPORT TRENDS

Imports of steel well casing, new, Import Class 448-15, by major country of export.

Calendar Years 1974-1979

Country of Export	1974		1975		1976		1977		1978		1979		% GROWTH P.A. 1974-1979	
	Ton	\$,000	Ton	\$,000	Ton	\$,000	Ton	\$,000	Ton	\$,000	Ton	\$,000	Qty.	Value
Japan	26,334	9,810	21,161	15,393	16,620	6,322	24,385	10,253	80,103	42,252	65,111	42,111	+ 20	+ 34
U.S.A.	9,708	5,002	4,900	3,491	7,039	4,262	3,676	2,825	15,096	12,301	12,485	12,811	+ 5	+ 20
Other	3,350	1,419	3,226	2,491	286	405	1,502	732	9,462	5,290	8,254	5,693	+ 20	+ 32
TOTAL	39,391	16,231	29,287	21,376	23,945	10,989	29,563	13,810	104,661	59,842	85,850	60,611	+ 17	+ 30

NOTE: Figures may not add due to rounding.

SOURCE: Statistics Canada

SECTION VI

CANADIAN AND FOREIGN TARIFFS

CANADA

Well casing included in this analysis was dutiable under the following most commonly applied tariff item.

<u>Tariff Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>British Preferential Tariff</u>	<u>Most Favoured Nation Tariff</u>	<u>General Tariff</u>	<u>General Preferential Tariff</u>
39905-1	Pipes or tubes of iron or steel, commonly known as "oil-country goods", being casing or tubing and fitting, couplings, thread protectors and nipples therefor; all of the foregoing for use in connection with natural gas or oil wells	5%	10%	20%	5%

Tariff items and rates of duty are subject to change, and need to be verified by direct reference to:

Customs Programs Branch, Secretariat
Department of National Revenue
Customs and Excise
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FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Inquiries concerning tariffs and other government trade regulations in foreign countries should be directed to:

International Bureaux
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