

PRODUCTION OF ASBESTUS IN CANADA—*Concluded.*

Calendar Year.		Quantity.	Value.	Average Value per Ton.
		\$	\$	\$
1897	{ Asbestos	13,202	399,528	30 26
	{ Asbestic	17,240	45,840	2 66
Total		30,442	445,368	14 63
1898	{ Asbestos	16,124	475,131	29 46
	{ Asbestic	7,661	16,066	2 10
Total		23,785	491,197	20 65
1899	{ Asbestos	17,790	468,635	26 34
	{ Asbestic	7,746	17,214	2 22
Total		25,536	485,849	19 03
1900	{ Asbestos	21,621	729,886	33 76
	{ Asbestic	7,520	18,545	2 46
Total		29,141	748,431	25 68
1901	{ Asbestos	32,892	1,248,645	37 96
	{ Asbestic	7,325	11,114	1 52
Total		40,217	1,259,759	31 32
1902	{ Asbestos	30,219	1,126,688	37 28
	{ Asbestic	10,197	21,631	2 12
Total		40,416	1,148,319	28 41
1903	{ *Asbestos	31,780	891,033	24 90
	{ *Asbestic	10,548	13,819	1 31
Total		42,328	904,852	21 38

* Subject to revision.

The demand for Canadian asbestos is increasing, as indicated above. The variation in value, as seen, is due to the varying amount of asbestic included in the total. The prices of the various grades of asbestos are, approximately:—No. 1 crude, \$150 to \$250 a ton; No. 2 (white), \$75 to \$125; No. 3 (red), \$50 to \$75; mill fibre or paper stock, \$20 to \$40; asbestic, \$1 to \$3 a ton.

EXPORTS OF ASBESTUS, 1892-1903.

Year ended June 30.	Quantity.	Value.	Year ended June 30.	Quantity.	Value.
	Tons.	\$		Tons.	\$
1892.....	7,316	514,512	1898.....	18,424	510,368
1893.....	5,898	396,718	1899.....	14,520	453,176
1894.....	6,229	339,756	1900.....	18,164	490,909
1895.....	8 593	493,075	1901.....	26,715	864,573
1896.....	9,588	482,679	1902.....	33,072	1,131,202
1897.....	10,969	510,916	1903.....	30,661	955,405