

asbestos fields. Nearly all the mining companies have installed machinery for the crushing, fibrizing, screening and grading of the mine product. Some development work has been conducted on an asbestos property at Rahn Lake, Bannockburn Township, Ontario. The increasing demand for short grades of fibre for use in newly developed asbestos-cement products and in moulded plastic articles are developments favouring the Canadian market.

The world's largest market for asbestos is in the United States, and Canada's proximity to this market is a very real advantage to the asbestos industry in this country. Since September, 1939, the export of asbestos has been controlled by the Dominion Government.

28.—Quantities and Values of Asbestos Produced in Canada, 1926-44

NOTE.—Figures for the years 1896-1910, inclusive, will be found at p. 424 of the 1911 Year Book; for the years 1911-25 and 1927-28 at p. 354 of the 1939 edition.

Year	Quantity		Value		Year	Quantity		Value		Year	Quantity		Value	
	short tons	\$	short tons	\$		short tons	\$	short tons	\$					
1926.....	279,403	10,099,423	1934....	155,980	4,936,326	1940...	346,805	15,619,865						
1929.....	306,055	13,172,581	1935....	210,467	7,054,614	1941...	477,846	21,468,840						
1930.....	242,114	8,390,163	1936....	301,287	9,958,183	1942....	439,459	22,663,283						
1931.....	164,296	4,812,886	1937....	410,026	14,505,791	1943....	467,196	23,169,505						
1932.....	122,977	3,039,721	1938....	289,793	12,890,195	1944 ¹ ...	372,973	18,172,302						
1933.....	158,367	5,211,177	1939....	364,472	15,859,212									

¹ Subject to revision.

Gypsum.—The production of gypsum, which is entirely dependent on the building industry, has shown a slight increase during 1944 over the preceding year. Although the use of gypsum products in the building trade has increased recently because of their lightness, durability and their fire-resisting and acoustic properties, it is probable that production will not be high during the war years. Gypsum is exported from Canada almost entirely in crude form and goes mainly to the United States for manufacture into gypsum products. Industrial conditions in that country and transportation facilities will continue to have an important bearing on the industry.

29.—Gypsum Produced in Canada, by Provinces, 1926-44

NOTE.—Figures for 1927-28 are given at p. 321 of the 1943-44 Year Book.

Year	Nova Scotia		New Brunswick	Ontario	Manitoba	British Columbia	Canada	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Quantity	Quantity	Quantity	Quantity	Value
	tons	\$	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons	\$
1926.....	678,107	1,187,918	59,546	89,987	35,172	20,916	833,728	2,770,812
1929.....	948,895	1,152,160	70,482	100,347	67,269	24,696	1,211,689	3,345,696
1930.....	827,063	982,287	82,674	94,946	34,157	32,128	1,070,968	2,818,788
1931.....	707,817	878,487	58,957	53,358	23,076	20,544	863,752	2,111,517
1932.....	341,508	398,861	38,019	35,655	12,719	10,728	438,629	1,080,379
1933.....	315,948	363,528	30,391	24,460	6,830	5,107	382,736	675,822
1934.....	378,287	488,044	30,398	33,234	9,657	9,661	461,237	863,776
1935.....	454,703	523,216	30,796	38,247	10,500	7,618	541,864	932,203
1936.....	729,019	808,294	38,470	40,191	12,064	14,078	833,822	1,278,971
1937.....	926,796	978,288	36,906	53,780	13,941	15,764	1,047,187	4,540,483
1938.....	870,856	908,383	48,418	57,503	14,571	17,451	1,008,799	1,502,265
1939.....	1,298,618	1,340,830	29,765	59,440	15,961	18,150	1,421,934	1,935,127
1940.....	1,278,204	1,302,347	52,218	75,271	23,108	19,987	1,448,788	2,065,933
1941.....	1,395,172	1,517,297	56,172	90,599	27,601	23,862	1,593,406	2,248,428
1942.....	394,216	512,762	36,623	82,796	29,218	23,313	566,166	1,254,182
1943.....	255,736	358,639	36,263	92,448	37,989	24,412	446,848	1,381,468
1944 ¹	327,084	401,954	41,000	86,679	37,768	17,693	510,224	1,383,082

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