

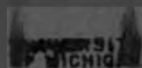
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HIGHLIGHTS

Antimony, copper, iron ore, and lead and zinc production in ALGERIA in 1954 and 1955 ... Production and trade statistics on aluminum, bauxite and copper in WESTERN GERMANY in 1955 ... Increased production of iron and steel in BELGIUM during 1955 ... WORLD production of bauxite, iron ore, and platinum ...

Large asbestos deposits discovered in Kozane Province, NORTHERN GREECE ... New cement plant being built in EGYPT ... Production of cement increased 32 percent in GREECE in 1955 ... All-Arab potash corporation being formed in JORDAN ... WORLD production of gypsum, pyrite, and sulfur ...

Trade and mutual technical assistance pact between INDIA and YUGOSLAVIA ...

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II. INDUSTRIAL MINERALS

ASBESTOS

Greece. - Large asbestos deposits 80 to 90 meters deep have been found in the Mikrovalton-Servia area of the Kozane Province in Western Macedonia by the Greek Institute for Geology and Subsurface Research. An option to develop the deposits was granted to the Kennecott Copper Corp., New York, U.S.A., by the Greek Government which approved Kennecott's application to spend initially \$70,000 for large-scale exploration. Kennecott established an office in Salonika early in 1956, when exploration began, and plans to invest 6 to 8 million dollars for development of the mines and the production of asbestos fibers if the deposits are profitable and a suitable investment guaranty agreement with the Greek Government can be attained. (Drafting Officers J. Enepkides and H. C. Voorhees, Foreign Service Despatch Nos. 1056 and 922, 1956 - Athens.)

CEMENT

Canada. - According to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, the output of portland cement totaled 25.1 million barrels (350 pounds each) in 1955, compared with 22.6 million barrels in 1954; an increase of 2.5 million barrels in 1955. (The 1954 figure is revised.)

The production, imports and exports of cement for 1954 and 1955 are shown below:

Production, imports and exports of cement, Canada, 1954-55

	1954		1955	
	Barrels ^{1/}	Value, C\$	Barrels ^{1/}	Value, C\$
Output.....	22,622,021	-	25,115,425	-
Shipments (sold or used by producers).....	22,437,477	59,035,644	25,168,464	65,650,025
Stocks on hand December 31.....	1,083,202	-	1,031,163	-
Imports:				
Portland cement and hydraulic or water-lime.....	2,292,200	6,316,890	2,959,370	8,443,415
White portland-cement clinker (from the United States).....	79,885	254,149	78,928	254,624
Exports:				
Portland cement.....	2,123,645	496,058	965,185	3,139,498
Apparent consumption ^{3/} ..	24,606,032	-	27,162,649	-

^{1/} 1 Canadian barrel equals 350 pounds.

^{2/} Revised figure.

^{3/} Exclusive of clinker imported.