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## FOREWORD.

During the past six years the Bureau has published comprehensive monthly reports on coal statistics, and for the past three years, on both coal and coke statistics. These reports have been issued on the fifteenth of the second following month. To expedite this service, it has been decided to restrict the monthly bulletin to a record of output, imports and exports data compiled by provinces and by kinds of coal. It is thought such a report based on preliminary output figures can be issued about the middle of the next following month, or about a month earlier for each issue than was ever possible in previous years.

A new quarterly report on the same lines as the previous printed monthly report will be issued. In it there will be given data for each month during the quarter, arranged as in the monthly report issued heretofore. Outputs by districts, imports and exports by customs' ports, employment, tonnage lost, etc., will be shown for each month and for the quarter.

It is hoped the earlier publication of the monthly report and the printing of the quarterly report will be found to be a very considerable improvement in practice. An appreciable saving in the cost of printing will also be effected by making this change.

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## COAL

February 1928

Less coal was produced in Canada during February than in January. The output for the month was 1,413,853 short tons, including 1,034,732 tons of bituminous coal, 309,679 tons of lignite and 69,442 tons of sub-bituminous coal. Nova Scotia's output amounted to 450,551 tons; New Brunswick mined 18,744 tons; Saskatchewan produced 50,341 tons; Alberta, 638,511 tons including 309,731 tons of bituminous, 259,338 tons of lignite and 69,442 tons of sub-bituminous; and British Columbia's output was 255,706 tons.

Increased outputs were noted in the figures for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, but production in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia was in each case less than in January. The most noticeable loss was in the output of Alberta lignite; February production amounted to only 259,338 tons as against 541,196 tons in January. There was a slight gain in the output of bituminous coal in Alberta.

Imports of coal into Canada during the month amounted to 964,824 tons including 959,274 tons from the United States and 5,550 tons from Great Britain. By kinds of coal, the imports were: anthracite, 233,959 tons; bituminous, 729,727 tons; and lignite, 1,138 tons. Imports in January amounted to 1,009,382 tons.

Exports during the month totalled 60,812 tons, two-thirds of this tonnage being exported from western provinces.

Coal made available for use in Canada during February amounted to 2,317,865 tons, comprising 1,703,647 tons of bituminous coal, 310,817 tons of lignite, 233,959 tons of anthracite and 69,442 tons of sub-bituminous coal. In these totals there are included 973,920 tons of bituminous coal from Canadian mines, and 729,727 tons imported from the United States; 69,442 tons of sub-bituminous and 309,679 tons of lignite from Canadian mines; 1,138 tons of lignite imported from the United States; 228,409 tons of anthracite imported from the United States and 5,550 tons from Great Britain.



COAL STATISTICS FOR CANADA, JANUARY, 1928. (Short Tons)

	OUTPUT	I M P O R T S			EXPORTS
		U.S.	G.B.	Total X	
Prince Edward Is. -					
Anthracite.....	-	-	-	-	-
Bituminous.....	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia -					
Anthracite.....	-	1,504	-	1,504	-
Bituminous.....	447,742	1,703	-	1,703	37,750
New Brunswick -					
Anthracite.....	-	1,903	1,553	3,456	-
Bituminous.....	17,451	2,441	-	2,441	3,050
Quebec -					
Anthracite.....	-	50,594	4,530	55,124	-
Bituminous.....	-	48,361	-	48,361	-
Central Ontario -					
Anthracite.....	-	179,049	-	179,049	-
Bituminous.....	-	688,303	-	688,303	-
Man. & Hd. of Lakes					
Anthracite.....	-	1,605	-	1,605	-
Bituminous.....	-	24,721	-	24,721	622
Saskatchewan -					
Anthracite.....	-	48	-	48	-
Bituminous.....	-	74	-	74	497
Lignite.....	58,908	30	-	30	-
Alberta -					
Anthracite.....	-	-	-	-	-
Bituminous.....	262,006	53	-	53	100
Sub-bituminous.....	99,937	-	-	-	-
Lignite.....	541,196	1,834	-	1,834	-
British Columbia -					
Anthracite.....	-	-	-	-	-
Bituminous.....	256,236	1,076	-	1,076	46,891
Lignite.....	-	-	-	-	-
CANADA -					
Anthracite.....	-	234,703	6,083	240,786	-
Bituminous.....	983,435	766,732	-	766,732	88,910
Sub-bituminous.....	99,937	-	-	-	-
Lignite.....	600,104	1,864	-	1,864	-
Total	1,683,476	1,003,299	6,083	1,009,382	88,910

X Includes coal imported from other countries.

COAL STATISTICS FOR CANADA, February, 1928. (Short Tons)

	OUTPUT	I M P O R T S			EXPORTS
		U.S.	G.B.	Total X	
Prince Edward Is. -					
Anthracite.....	-	-	-	-	-
Bituminous.....	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia -					
Anthracite.....	-	1,014	2,127	3,141	-
Bituminous.....	450,551	3,900	-	3,900	14,813
New Brunswick -					
Anthracite.....	-	1,999	3,423	5,422	-
Bituminous.....	18,744	3,159	-	3,159	1,753
Quebec -					
Anthracite.....	-	56,993	-	56,993	-
Bituminous.....	-	56,249	-	56,249	155
Central Ontario -					
Anthracite.....	-	167,783	-	167,783	-
Bituminous.....	-	647,550	-	647,550	-
Man. & Hd. of Lakes					
Anthracite.....	-	620	-	620	-
Bituminous.....	-	17,015	-	17,015	488
Saskatchewan -					
Anthracite.....	-	-	-	-	-
Bituminous.....	-	177	-	177	511
Lignite.....	50,341	-	-	-	-
Alberta -					
Anthracite.....	-	-	-	-	-
Bituminous.....	309,731	36	-	36	16
Sub-bituminous.....	69,442	-	-	-	-
Lignite.....	259,338	-	-	-	-
British Columbia -					
Anthracite.....	-	-	-	-	-
Bituminous.....	255,706	1,641	-	1,641	43,076
Lignite.....	-	1,138	-	1,138	-
CANADA -					
(a) February, 1928 -					
Anthracite.....	-	228,409	5,550	233,959	-
Bituminous.....	1,034,732	729,727	-	729,727	60,812
Sub-bituminous.....	69,442	-	-	-	-
Lignite.....	309,679	1,138	-	1,138	-
Total	1,413,853	959,274	5,550	964,824	60,812
(b) 2 Months ending					
February, 1928 -					
Anthracite.....	-	463,112	11,633	474,745	-
Bituminous.....	2,018,167	1,496,459	-	1,496,459	149,722
Sub-bituminous.....	169,379	-	-	-	-
Lignite.....	909,783	3,002	-	3,002	-
Total	3,097,329	1,962,573	11,633	1,974,206	149,722

X Includes coal imported from other countries.



COKE

Production of coke in Canada during February at 166,676 short tons was 7 per cent less than the 179,113 tons of the previous month and 5 per cent over the 158,248 tons reported for the corresponding month of a year ago. Comparison with records of the previous month shows that the February production was lower in all producing provinces. In the eastern provinces the output fell to 42,722 tons from 48,263 tons; in Ontario, to 107,218 tons from 113,790 tons, and in the western provinces, to 16,736 tons from 17,060 tons.

Reports on the disposition of coke by the makers showed that, while more coke was used in the producing companies' associated smelters, there was a decline in coke sales and in the quantity consumed by coke plants. Coke sales fell off to 69,691 tons from 89,906 tons. Coke plants used 19,041 tons of coke in February as compared with 21,021 tons in January, and consumption of coke by associated smelters increased to 90,670 tons from 84,364 tons. This made a total disposition of 179,402 tons as compared with a total of 195,291 tons in January.

Charges to coke ovens during the month included 71,791 tons of Canadian coal, 160,896 tons of imported coal or a total of 232,687 tons of bituminous coal. For the year to date 489,523 tons of bituminous coal were carbonized to produce 345,789 tons of coke.

Imports of coke into Canada during February totalled 70,317 tons, which with the Canadian production of 166,676 tons made an available supply of 236,993 tons, but as 3,268 tons were exported, the apparent consumption of coke in Canada during February amounted to 240,261 tons. For the two months ending February the apparent consumption, thus computed, totalled 486,782 tons.

Coke charged to iron blast furnaces in Canada during February amounted to 75,015 tons to make a total of 149,423 tons for the year to date.

COKE PRODUCTION IN CANADA BY MONTHS, 1928

Month	Bituminous coal used for coke making			Coke made	Disposition of coke by makers			
	Canadian	Imported	Total		For use by maker		Sold	Total
					In Coke Plant	In own Smelter		
Jan.	79,476	177,360	256,836	179,113	21,021	84,364	89,906	195,291
Feb.	71,791	160,896	232,687	166,676	19,041	90,670	69,691	179,402
March								
April								
May								
June								
July								
Aug.								
Sept.								
Oct.								
Nov.								
Dec.								
TOTAL	151,267	338,256	489,523	345,789	40,062	175,034	159,597	374,693

Coke used in iron blast furnaces: Month 75,015 tons; Year to date 149,423 tons.

PRODUCTION IN CANADA, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF COKE BY PROVINCES, 1927 & 1928

	Year	Nova Scotia New Brunswick and Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba Saskatchewan Alberta and British Columbia		CANADA	
		Month	Year to date	Month	Year to date	Month	Year to date	Month	Year to date
PRODUCTION	1927	44,204	90,811	95,975	207,596	18,069	36,286	158,248	334,693
	1928	42,722	90,985	107,218	221,008	16,736	33,796	166,676	345,789
IMPORTS	1927	3,975	8,355	61,551	112,884	189	749	65,715	121,988
	1928	3,998	9,012	65,512	129,887	807	2,628	70,317	141,527
EXPORTS	1927	28	124	15,076	28,302	1,584	3,379	16,688	31,805
	1928	120	156	1,989	3,465	1,159	3,449	3,268	7,070
APPARENT CONSUMPTION	1927	48,151	99,042	142,450	292,178	16,674	33,656	207,275	424,876
	1928	46,840	100,081	174,719	351,408	18,702	35,293	240,261	486,782

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