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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

March 1928

Coal production in Canada during March was slightly less than in February. The output for the month was 1,405,423 short tons, including 1,095,774 tons of bituminous coal, 269,607 tons of lignite coal and 40,042 tons of sub-bituminous coal. Nova Scotia produced 478,352 tons, New Brunswick mined 20,907 tons, Saskatchewan's output amounted to 38,269 tons, Alberta produced 616,063 tons including 344,683 tons of bituminous coal, 231,338 tons of lignite coal and 40,042 tons of sub-bituminous coal; and British Columbia's output was 251,832 tons.

Nova Scotia's output showed a gain of 6.1 per cent and New Brunswick 11.5 per cent over the February figures; but the other provinces showed decreases; Saskatchewan, 11.5 per cent; Alberta, 3.5 per cent; and British Columbia, 1.5 per cent.

Imports of coal into Canada during March amounted to 1,138,018 tons including 1,131,698 tons from the United States and 6,320 tons from Great Britain. By kinds of coal the imports were: anthracite, 253,422 tons; bituminous, 883,377 tons; and lignite, 1,219 tons. Imports in February amounted to 964,824 tons.

Exports during the month totalled 71,139 tons of which over 63 per cent was exported by British Columbia.

Coal made available for use in Canada during March amounted to 2,472,302 tons, comprising 1,908,012 tons of bituminous coal, 270,826 tons of lignite coal, 253,422 tons of anthracite coal, and 40,042 tons of sub-bituminous coal. Classified according to origin the tonnage of coal made available for consumption was divided as follows; from Canadian mines - 1,024,635 tons of bituminous, 40,042 tons of sub-bituminous, and 269,607 tons of lignite; from the United States - 882,068 tons of bituminous coal, 248,411 tons of anthracite, and 1,219 tons of lignite; from Great Britain - 1,309 tons of bituminous coal, and 5,011 tons of anthracite.

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.



COAL STATISTICS FOR CANADA, March, 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.....	-	2,773	-	2,773	-
Bituminous.....	478,352	300	57	357	12,147
New Brunswick -					
Anthracite.....	-	1,092	3,057	4,149	-
Bituminous.....	20,907	1,999	115	2,114	13,118
Quebec -					
Anthracite.....	-	57,661	34	57,695	-
Bituminous.....	-	64,244	17	64,261	250
Central Ontario -					
Anthracite.....	-	186,412	-	186,412	-
Bituminous.....	-	795,458	-	795,458	-
Man. & Hd. of Lakes					
Anthracite.....	-	473	-	473	-
Bituminous.....	-	16,486	-	16,486	401
Saskatchewan -					
Anthracite.....	-	-	-	-	-
Bituminous.....	-	241	-	241	354
Lignite.....	38,269	-	-	-	-
Alberta -					
Anthracite.....	-	-	-	-	-
Bituminous.....	344,683	289	-	289	4
Sub-bituminous.....	40,042	-	-	-	-
Lignite.....	231,338	-	-	-	-
British Columbia -					
Anthracite.....	-	-	1,920	1,920	-
Bituminous.....	251,852	(c) 3,051	1,120	(c) 4,171	44,865
Lignite.....	-	1,219	-	1,219	-
CANADA -					
(a) March, 1928 -					
Anthracite.....	-	248,411	5,011	253,422	-
Bituminous.....	1,095,774	882,068	1,309	883,377	71,139
Sub-bituminous.....	40,042	-	-	-	-
Lignite.....	269,607	1,219	-	1,219	-
Total	1,405,423	1,131,698	6,320	1,138,018	71,139
(b) 3 Months ending					
March, 1928 -					
Anthracite.....	-	711,523	16,644	728,167	-
Bituminous.....	3,113,941	2,378,527	1,309	2,379,836	220,861
Sub-bituminous.....	209,421	-	-	-	-
Lignite.....	1,179,390	4,221	-	4,221	-
Total	4,502,752	3,094,271	17,953	3,112,224	220,861

X Includes coal imported from other countries.

(c) " 2 tons imported into the Yukon.

## COKE

Production of coke in Canada amounted to 178,481 tons in March. This output represented an increase of 7 per cent over the 166,676 tons of the previous month and was also higher than the 171,894 tons produced in March of a year ago. Compared with the previous month, March records showed an increased output for Ontario and the eastern provinces, and lower tonnages in the western provinces. In the eastern provinces production advanced to 47,573 tons from 42,722 tons; in Ontario to 114,807 tons from 107,218 tons; and in the western provinces the output declined slightly to 16,101 tons from 16,736 tons.

Reports on the disposition of coke by the makers showed increases in coke sales and in the quantity consumed by coke plants, while less coke was used in the producing companies' associated smelters. Consumption of coke by associated smelters fell off to 88,634 tons from 90,670 tons; coke used in coke plants rose to 20,026 tons from 19,041 tons; and coke sales advanced to 78,900 tons from 69,691 tons in February. This made a total disposition of 187,560 tons in March.

Charges to coke ovens during the month included 77,553 tons of Canadian coal, 173,956 tons of imported coal or a total of 251,509 tons of bituminous coal. For the first quarter of this year 741,032 tons of bituminous coal were carbonized to produce 524,270 tons of coke; during the first three months of last year, 733,469 tons of bituminous coal were used to make 506,587 tons of coke.

March imports of coke into Canada totalled 95,254 tons, which with the Canadian production of 178,481 tons made an available supply of 273,735 tons, but as 3,144 tons were exported, the apparent consumption of coke in Canada during March amounted to 270,591 tons. For the three months ending March the apparent consumption of coke in Canada, thus computed, totalled 750,837 tons as compared with the apparent consumption of 658,841 tons during the first quarter of 1927.

Coke charged to iron blast furnaces in Canada during March amounted to 84,695 tons to make a total of 234,118 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	77,553	173,956	251,509	178,481	20,026	88,634	78,900	187,560
April								
May								
June								
July								
Aug.								
Sept.								
Oct.								
Nov.								
Dec.								
TOTAL	228,820	512,212	741,032	524,270	60,088	263,668	238,497	562,253

Coke used in iron blast furnaces: Month 84,695 tons; Year to date 234,118 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	44,978	135,789	107,108	314,704	19,808	56,094	171,894	506,578
	1928	47,573	138,558	114,807	335,815	16,101	49,897	178,481	524,270
IMPORTS	1927	8,850	17,205	60,838	173,722	687	1,436	70,375	192,363
	1928	6,068	15,080	87,803	217,690	1,383	4,011	95,254	236,781
EXPORTS	1927	33	157	5,169	33,471	3,102	6,481	8,304	40,109
	1928	32	188	1,529	4,994	1,583	5,032	3,144	10,214
APPARENT CONSUMPTION	1927	53,795	152,837	162,777	454,955	17,393	51,049	233,965	658,841
	1928	53,609	153,450	201,081	548,511	15,901	48,876	270,591	750,837

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