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COAL

MARCH 1929

Coal production in Canada during March was 15 per cent less than in February, but 9 per cent more than the average for the month in the five preceding years. The output for the month was 1,370,384 short tons including 1,132,394 tons of bituminous coal, 41,889 tons of sub-bituminous coal, and 196,101 tons of lignite coal. Nova Scotia produced 539,089 tons; New Brunswick, 20,809 tons; Saskatchewan's output amounted to 40,914 tons; Alberta produced 551,440 tons including 354,364 tons of bituminous coal, 41,889 tons of sub-bituminous coal and 155,187 tons of lignite coal; and British Columbia's output was 218,132 tons.

All coal producing provinces showed decreases in production as compared with the preceding month.

Imports of coal into Canada during March amounted to 1,190,140 tons including 1,172,420 tons from the United States, 13,108 tons from Great Britain and 4,612 tons from Russia. By kinds of coal the imports were, anthracite, 268,642 tons; bituminous, 920,240 tons; and lignite, 1,258 tons. Imports in February, 1929, totalled 1,035,573 tons.

Exports of coal in March amounted to 74,235 tons comprising 24,445 tons through the ports of the eastern provinces and 49,790 tons from the western provinces.

Coal made available for use in Canada during March amounted to 2,486,289 tons, comprising 1,980,432 tons of bituminous coal; 268,642 tons of anthracite coal; 41,889 tons of sub-bituminous coal and 195,326 tons of lignite coal. Classified according to origin the tonnage of coal made available for consumption was divided as follows: from Canadian mines, 1,060,192 tons of bituminous, 41,889 tons of sub-bituminous, 194,068 tons of lignite; from the United States, 251,092 tons of anthracite, 920,070 tons of bituminous, and 1,258 tons of lignite; from Great Britain, 12,938 tons of anthracite and 170 tons of bituminous; and from Russia, 4,612 tons of anthracite.

COAL STATISTICS FOR CANADA, March, 1929. (Short Tons)

	OUTPUT	I M P O R T S			EXPORTS
		U.S.	G.B.	Total	
Prince Edward Is. -					
Anthracite.....	-	-	-	-	-
Bituminous.....	-	34	-	34	-
Nova Scotia -					
Anthracite.....	-	-	2,094	2,094	-
Bituminous.....	539,089	2,475	-	2,475	18,672
New Brunswick -					
Anthracite.....	-	2,933	6,850	9,783	-
Bituminous.....	20,809	177	170	347	5,773
Quebec -					
Anthracite.....	-	48,597	3,994	x 57,203	-
Bituminous.....	-	63,171	-	63,171	-
Central Ontario -					
Anthracite.....	-	198,979	-	198,979	-
Bituminous.....	-	850,436	-	850,436	-
Man. & Hd. of Lakes					
Anthracite.....	-	583	-	583	-
Bituminous.....	-	2,344	-	2,344	*416
Saskatchewan -					
Anthracite.....	-	-	-	-	-
Bituminous.....	-	352	-	352	-
Lignite.....	40,914	-	-	-	536
Alberta -					
Anthracite.....	-	-	-	-	-
Bituminous.....	354,364	179	-	179	10
Sub-bituminous.....	41,889	-	-	-	-
Lignite.....	155,187	-	-	-	108
British Columbia -					
Anthracite.....	-	-	-	-	-
Bituminous.....	218,132	902	-	902	47,658
Lignite.....	-	1,258	-	1,258	1,062
CANADA -					
(a) March, 1929 -					
Anthracite.....	-	251,092	12,938	x 268,642	-
Bituminous.....	1,132,394	920,070	170	920,240	72,202
Sub-bituminous.....	41,889	-	-	-	-
Lignite.....	196,101	1,258	-	1,258	2,033
Total.....	1,370,384	1,172,420	13,108	1,190,140	74,235
(b) 3 Months ending					
March, 1929 -					
Anthracite.....	-	808,857	43,151	x 861,724	-
Bituminous.....	3,163,131	2,468,353	8,033	x 2,476,421	225,747
Sub-bituminous.....	177,946	-	-	-	-
Lignite.....	1,176,476	5,685	-	5,685	14,366
Total.....	4,517,553	3,282,895	51,184	3,343,830	240,113

x Includes coal imported from other countries.

* " 327 tons Lignite coal.

COKE

Production of coke in Canada during March attained a new high level of 228,118 tons, according to data compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This tonnage was 3.3 per cent over the previous record of 220,798 tons in January and 2.8 per cent over the total of 212,889 tons for December, the third best month for the industry. In March of a year ago production amounted to 182,394 tons.

Compared with data for the previous month, March figures showed gains for all producing areas. In the eastern provinces production rose to 70,610 tons from 62,675 tons; in Ontario to 140,731 tons from 124,745 tons; and in the western provinces to 16,777 tons from 14,281 tons.

Statistics on the disposition of coke by the producing plants showed a sharp falling-off in coke sales but a considerable increase in tonnage used in coke plants or transferred to associated smelters. Coke sales declined to 80,141 tons from 114,915 tons; consumption by coke plants rose to 23,598 tons from 20,910 tons and the amount of coke delivered to the producers' associated smelters rose to 112,823 tons from 94,294 tons in February.

Coke oven charges during the month included 82,960 tons of Canadian coal and 232,169 tons of imported coal, or a total of 315,129 tons of bituminous coal. For the first quarter of this year, oven charges aggregated 894,175 tons of bituminous coal including 237,404 tons of Canadian coal and 656,771 tons of imported coal.

The apparent consumption of coke in Canada, computed by deducting the exports from the sum of production and the imports, amounted to 347,106 tons during March when 122,041 tons were imported and 3,053 tons were exported. For the three months ending March, the apparent consumption, thus computed, totalled 956,421 tons.

During the month 98,708 tons of coke were charged to iron blast furnaces in Canada to make a total of 290,087 tons for the year to date.

COKE PRODUCTION IN CANADA BY MONTHS, 1929

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.	80,811	218,850	299,661	220,798	22,888	96,398	121,657	240,943
Feb.	73,633	205,752	279,385	201,701	20,910	94,294	114,915	230,119
March	82,960	232,169	315,129	228,118	23,598	112,823	80,141	216,562
April								
May								
June								
July								
Aug.								
Sept.								
Oct.								
Nov.								
Dec.								
TOTAL	237,404	656,771	894,175	650,617	67,396	303,515	316,713	687,624

Coke used in iron blast furnaces: March 98,708 tons; Year to date 290,087

PRODUCTION IN CANADA, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF COKE BY PROVINCES, 1928 & 1929.

	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	1928	51,486	147,959	114,807	335,815	16,101	49,897	182,394	533,671
	1929	70,610	202,381	140,731	400,945	16,777	47,291	228,118	650,617
IMPORTS	1928	6,068	15,080	87,803	217,690	1,383	4,011	95,254	236,781
	1929	5,880	18,414	114,023	286,580	2,138	7,982	122,041	312,976
EXPORTS	1928	32	152	1,529	4,994	1,583	5,072	3,144	10,218
	1929	75	270	651	1,587	2,327	5,315	3,053	7,172
APPARENT CONSUMPTION	1928	57,522	162,887	201,081	548,511	15,901	48,836	274,504	760,234
	1929	76,415	220,525	254,103	685,938	16,588	49,918	347,106	956,421

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