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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON COAL PRODUCTION

Coal production during March amounted to 1,300,000 tons making a total production of 4,387,489 tons for the first three months of the year. In comparison with the corresponding month of last year, production showed a decrease of 7.2 per cent.

Landed imports of coal during the month amounted to 743,994 tons, making a total of 2,203,182 tons imported during the first three months of this year. This was an increase of 29.6 per cent compared with the tonnage imported in the corresponding month of last year.

Coal exported during March amounted to 30,968 tons, as compared with 72,222 tons exported in March, 1955.

Table 1 - Production and Landed Imports of Coal, by Provinces, March, 1955 and 1956

Province	March, 1955		March, 1956	
	Production	Landed Coal	Production	Landed Coal
(Short tons)				
Newfoundland	-	3,888	-	7,385
Nova Scotia	560,316	4,122	526,000	1,783
New Brunswick	76,640	55	79,000	21
Quebec	-	133,851	-	187,389
Ontario	-	422,738	-	540,957
Manitoba	-	4,677	-	3,658
Saskatchewan	242,702	52	217,000	53
Alberta - Bituminous	184,584	-	177,000	-
Sub-bituminous	222,206	-	173,000	-
British Columbia and Yukon ...	114,459	4,747	128,000	2,748
Total	1,400,907	574,130	1,300,000	743,994

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Table 2 - Production and Landed Imports of Coal for the Three Months Ended March, 1955 and 1956

Province	Three months ended March, 1955		Three months ended March, 1956	
	Production	Landed Coal	Production(★)	Landed Coal
	(Short tons)			
Newfoundland	-	21,571	-	26,281
Nova Scotia	1,517,470	4,122	1,538,460	7,010
New Brunswick	208,770	154	232,241	146
Quebec	-	427,523	-	589,530
Ontario	-	1,283,824	-	1,555,975
Manitoba	-	19,924	-	14,769
Saskatchewan	795,532	52	803,622	134
Alberta - Bituminous	554,408	-	609,014	-
Sub-bituminous	704,963	-	817,390	-
British Columbia and Yukon ...	345,992	11,390	386,762	9,337
Total	4,127,135	1,768,560	4,387,489	2,203,182

Note: Landed imports represent amounts which entered the country during the month. They differ from the official "entered for consumption" figures, which cover tonnages withdrawn from customs' warehouses.

(★) Revised figures.