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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON COAL PRODUCTION IN CANADAFEBRUARY, 1948

The strike in the coal mines of Alberta and British Columbia continued during the month of February and reduced the Canadian output to 1,151,000 tons. This output was about equal to the tonnage produced in February of last year when similar conditions prevailed with the strike in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia.

Using the months of February 1946 and December 1947 for comparison, the drop in output for the current month was 30 per cent and 35 per cent respectively.

Imports of coal into Canada during the month amounted to 1,103,281 tons, a decline of 6 per cent compared with February, 1947.

Coal exported during February amounted to 11,369 tons.

Table 1 - Production of Coal in Canada and Imports of Coal into Canada, by Provinces,
February, 1947 and 1948

	February, 1947		February, 1948	
	Production	Imports	Production	Imports
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Prince Edward Island .....	...	973	...	...
Nova Scotia	222,617	35,950	517,000	...
New Brunswick	19,309	9,608	35,000	54
Quebec .....	...	362,433	...	337,331
Central Ontario .....	...	728,017	...	685,874
Manitoba and Head of Lakes .....	...	41,639	...	72,896
Saskatchewan	138,213	...	196,000	131
Alberta	620,709	...	357,000	...
British Columbia	135,240	115	46,000	6,995
CANADA	1,136,088	1,178,735	1,151,000	1,103,281

Table 2 - Production of Coal in Canada and Imports of Coal into Canada for the two months
Ended February, 1947 and 1948

	Two Months Ended Feb., 1947		Two Months Ended Feb., 1948	
	Production	Imports	Production	Imports
Prince Edward Island .....	...	1,165	...	...
Nova Scotia	745,510	48,309	1,085,000	...
New Brunswick	51,355	17,585	71,000	358
Quebec .....	...	763,435	...	694,995
Central Ontario .....	...	1,536,389	...	1,376,567
Manitoba and Head of Lakes .....	...	99,928	...	121,123
Saskatchewan	327,801	...	423,000	131
Alberta	1,434,136	143	854,000	...
British Columbia	277,749	317	104,000	9,848
CANADA	2,836,551	2,467,771	2,537,000	2,203,022

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