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PRELIMINARY REPORT ON COAL PRODUCTIONPROPERTY OF THE
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Coal production during December amounted to 1,740,000 tons making a total production of 17,516,370 tons for the year. In comparison with the corresponding month of last year, production showed an increase of .6 per cent.

Imports of coal during the month amounted to 940,992 tons, making a total of 24,534,824 tons imported during the year. This was a decrease of 24.7 per cent compared with the tonnage imported in the corresponding month of last year.

Coal exported during December amounted to 50,440 tons, compared with 67,213 tons exported in December, 1951.

Table 1 - Production and Imports of Coal, by Provinces, December, 1951 and 1952

Province	December - 1951		December - 1952	
	Production	Imports	Production	Imports
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
Newfoundland .....	...	3,935	...	3,026
Nova Scotia	456,813	...	491,000	5,854
New Brunswick	53,112	32	70,000	...
Quebec .....	...	272,187	...	198,091
Ontario .....	...	966,002	...	724,554
Manitoba .....	...	6,526	...	8,122
Saskatchewan	301,243	...	289,000	73
Alberta - Bituminous	385,293	...	375,000	...
Sub-bituminous	399,775	...	365,000	...
British Columbia and Yukon ...	132,842	806	150,000	1,272
Total	1,729,078	1,249,488	1,740,000	940,992

Table 2 - Production and Imports of Coal for the Year Ended December, 1951 and 1952

Province	Year ended December, 1951		Year ended December, 1952	
	Production	Imports	Production	Imports
(Tons of 2,000 pounds)				
Newfoundland .....	...	39,311	...	57,095
Nova Scotia	6,307,629	63,823	5,900,916	45,144
New Brunswick	653,439	20,418	728,036	16,098
Quebec .....	...	5,185,007	...	4,707,641
Ontario .....	...	21,117,468	...	19,638,814
Manitoba .....	...	49,709	...	58,010
Saskatchewan	2,223,318	459	2,067,773	446
Alberta - Bituminous	4,659,312	...	4,362,547	...
Sub-bituminous	3,000,017	...	2,814,421	...
British Columbia and Yukon ...	1,743,108	9,922	1,642,677	11,576
Total	18,586,823	26,486,117	17,516,370(*)	24,534,824

Note: 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 They differ from the official "entered for consumption" figures, which cover tonnages withdrawn from customs' warehouses.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 figure.

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