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MONTHLY REPORT

PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION and GASOLINE SALES IN CANADA, MAY, 1936.

CRUDE PETROLEUM - The production of crude petroleum in Canada during May totalled 114,297 barrels as compared with 107,748 barrels in April and 123,801 barrels in May, 1935, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the five months ending May, 569,028 barrels were produced; in the corresponding period of 1935 the output amounted to 594,222 barrels.

Production in Alberta during May included 96,133 barrels from the Turner Valley field, 1,402 barrels from the Red Coulee field, and 1,254 barrels from the Wainwright field.

Exports of petroleum and its products from Canada in May were valued at \$63,898 as against the preceding month's valuation of \$153,132.

Imports of petroleum, asphalt and their products into Canada were appraised at \$4,282,937 or 71.1 per cent above the April total. The May importations were obtained from the following countries: the United States, 73.3 per cent; Peru, 14.3 per cent; Colombia, 7.5 per cent; Venezuela, 4.3 per cent; and Germany, India, Great Britain, Trinidad, Switzerland, France, Belgium, Roumania, Alaska, Australia, Sweden, the Netherlands, Japan and Newfoundland, the remainder. In May, Canada imported 103,517,363 gallons of crude petroleum made up of 71,188,062 gallons from the United States, 11,764,155 gallons from Colombia, 10,556,035 gallons from Venezuela, and 10,009,111 gallons from Peru.

Crude oil and natural gasoline production in the United States rose to 3,135,000 barrels per day from the preceding month's daily average of 3,070,000 barrels and the May, 1935, average of 2,764,000 barrels. Louisiana's output in May was 1,774,000 barrels in excess of its quota. Texas overproduced by 1,173,000 barrels, California by 979,000 barrels, Oklahoma by 231,000 barrels and Kansas by 209,000 barrels.

Table 1 - PRODUCTION OF PETROLEUM IN CANADA, BY MONTHS, 1934 - 1936.

Month	1936(a)	1935(a)	1934
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
January .....	121,231	124,654	124,364
February .....	107,928	111,545	116,523
March .....	117,824	120,537	130,007
April .....	107,748	113,685	118,859
May .....	114,297	123,801	117,660
June .....		120,119	110,115
July .....		118,812	122,067
August .....		117,652	115,911
September .....		123,918	115,011
October .....		122,525	122,023
November .....		116,756	113,196
December .....		125,658	117,133
TOTAL - Calendar Year .....		1,439,662	1,422,869
TOTAL - Five Months ending MAY .....	569,028	594,222	607,413

(a) Subject to revision.





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CORRECTION

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PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION AND GASOLINE SALES IN CANADA, MAY, 1936.

The heading on Table 4, Page 3, of the above report should read:

"Monthly Sales of Gasoline in Canada, 1935 and 1936 (a)  
(in thousands of gallons)".





Table 2 - PRODUCTION OF PETROLEUM IN CANADA

	APRIL	MAY	MAY	FIVE MONTHS ENDING	
	1936	1936	1935	1936	1935
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
NEW BRUNSWICK .....	806	1,810	627	5,895	4,709
ONTARIO .....	12,712	13,698	17,686	67,009	66,916
ALBERTA -					
Turner Valley - naphtha .....	90,506	95,074	100,579	477,236	498,733
Turner Valley - light crude .....	1,495	1,059	1,882	6,350	9,010
Red Coulee-Border-Keho - light crude ..	1,490	1,402	1,901	7,643	9,183
Wainwright - heavy crude .....	739	1,254	1,068	4,585	5,143
Skiff - heavy crude .....	...	...	58	310	528
TOTAL ALBERTA(a) .....	94,230	98,789	105,488	496,124	522,597
CANADA .....	107,748	114,297	123,801	569,208	594,222

(a) Total well output.

NATURAL GAS - Canadian producers reported an output of 1,784,601 thousand cubic feet of natural gas in May as compared with 2,297,181 thousand cubic feet produced in April and 1,665,967 thousand cubic feet produced in May, 1935. The Canadian output during the first five months of 1936 totalled 14,431,382 thousand cubic feet or 13.1 per cent above the total for the corresponding months of 1935.

Imports of mixed gas (natural and artificial) into Canada in May amounted to 7,139 thousand cubic feet worth \$4,683; in the previous month, 9,685 thousand cubic feet at \$6,205 were imported.

Table 3 - PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS IN CANADA, BY MONTHS, 1934 - 1936.

Month	1936(a)	1935(a)	1934
	M cu.ft.	M cu.ft.	M cu.ft.
January .....	3,499,092	3,561,990	3,130,075
February .....	4,011,882	2,595,258	2,870,807
March .....	2,838,626	2,665,693	2,758,331
April .....	2,297,181	2,281,805	2,320,323
May .....	1,784,601	1,665,967	1,533,760
June .....		1,177,593	1,213,259
July .....		937,731	1,009,180
August .....		1,019,581	952,386
September .....		1,176,114	1,244,683
October .....		1,830,443	1,524,775
November .....		2,246,830	2,055,488
December .....		2,982,607	2,549,257
TOTAL - Calendar Year .....		24,191,612	23,162,324
TOTAL - Five Months ending MAY .....	14,431,382	12,760,713	12,613,296

(a) Subject to revision.





GASOLINE - A complete record of gasoline sales in Canada, by provinces, during the first four months of 1936 is shown below in Table 4. The latest available information regarding sales during May is also recorded in this table. Table 5 shows the imports into Canada and the exports of gasoline during April and May, 1936.

Table 4 - MONTHLY SALES OF GASOLINE IN CANADA, 1935 and 1936(a) *(in thousands of gallons)*

Month	P. E. I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que- bec	Ontario	Mani- toba	Sas- kat- chewan	Al- berta	British Colum- bia	TOTAL
January .....	26	932	381	4,770	14,396	1,285	825	2,036	3,087	27,738
February ....	29	648	371	3,909	13,002	1,121	644	1,543	2,628	23,895
March .....	60	953	525	4,761	15,023	1,147	764	2,158	3,042	28,433
April .....	177	1,854	1,071	7,580	20,899	1,585	1,969	3,178	3,569	41,882
May .....	334	2,565	(b)	10,179	24,946	2,520	(b)	5,600	4,084	(b)

TOTAL - Five months ending

MAY, 1936 .. 626 6,750 31,199 88,266 7,658 15,515 16,410

TOTAL - Five months ending

MAY, 1935 .. 464 5,492 3,052 23,141 85,228 7,879 8,598 14,392 15,233 168,479

Month of

MAY, 1935 .. 312 2,106 1,464 9,552 21,842 2,642 4,191 4,793 3,868 50,770

(a) Compiled in the Transportation Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

(b) Data not available.

Table 5 - IMPORTS INTO CANADA AND EXPORTS OF GASOLINE, APRIL and MAY, 1936.

	A	P	R	I	L	M	A	Y
	Gallons				\$	Gallons		\$

IMPORTS -

Natural casinghead, compression or  
absorption gasoline, lighter than  
.6690 specific gravity at 60°  
temperature -

From - United States .....	1,840,252	127,665	526,500	31,477
Peru .....	...	...	5,435,937	285,160
TOTAL .....	1,840,252	127,665	5,962,437	316,637

Gasoline, lighter than .8235 specific  
gravity at 60° temperature -

From - United States .....	1,050,768	69,417	1,426,113	126,483
Alaska .....	5,253	575	631	114
TOTAL .....	1,056,021	69,992	1,426,744	126,597

EXPORTS -

Gasoline and naphtha .....	628,593	95,303	46,600	6,922
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