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MONTHLY REPORT

PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION AND GASOLINE SALES IN CANADA - APRIL, 1937.

CRUDE PETROLEUM - The Canadian production of crude petroleum and natural gasoline in April advanced to 188,014 barrels; this was a new high monthly record according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In March, 176,657 barrels were produced, while in April, 1936, the output was 107,748 barrels. During the first four months of the current year the Canadian output totalled 659,655 barrels or 45.1 per cent above the production in the corresponding period of 1936.

Production from Alberta sources reached a total of 172,608 barrels, made up of 170,150 barrels from the Turner Valley field, 1,195 barrels from the Red Coulee field and 1,263 barrels from the Wainwright field.

Exports of petroleum and its products from Canada in April were worth \$28,557 as compared with \$70,743 in the preceding month.

Petroleum, asphalt and their products imported into Canada in April were valued at \$2,701,215; the preceding month's import valuation was \$2,591,802. Receipts from the United States accounted for 78.7 per cent of the April importations; from Peru, 13.3 per cent; from Venezuela, 6.4 per cent, and from India, Great Britain, Germany, Belgium, Sweden, Australia, Alaska, France and Japan, the remainder. Crude petroleum importations totalled 57,141,005 gallons, of which 36,576,611 gallons were obtained from the United States, 10,378,501 gallons from Venezuela and 10,185,893 gallons from Peru.

Table 1 - PRODUCTION OF PETROLEUM IN CANADA, BY MONTHS, 1935 - 1937.

Month	1937(a)	1936(a)	1935
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
January	141,078	121,231	123,940
February	153,906	107,928	110,403
March	176,657	117,824	119,333
April	188,014	107,748	114,417
May		114,297	125,035
June		114,050	120,400
July		139,940	122,230
August		139,789	121,517
September		135,623	124,540
October		137,004	123,546
November		129,152	117,048
December		139,701	124,795
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		1,504,287	1,447,204
TOTAL - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL.	659,655	454,731	468,093

(a) Subject to revision.

Table 2 - PRODUCTION OF PETROLEUM IN CANADA

	FOUR MONTHS ENDING				
	MARCH	APRIL	APRIL	APRIL	
	1937	1937	1936	1937(a)	1936(a)
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
NEW BRUNSWICK	42	2,623	806	2,735	4,065
ONTARIO	14,783	12,783	12,712	53,988	53,311
ALBERTA -					
Turner Valley - production from lime- stone	158,407	169,218	90,506	590,366	382,162
Turner Valley - other light crude ...	809	932	1,495	3,518	5,291
Red Coulee-Border-Keho-Light crude ..	1,341	1,195	1,490	4,395	6,241
Wainwright - heavy crude	675	1,263	739	4,053	3,331
Skiff - heavy crude .....	...	...	...	...	310
Taber - heavy crude	600	...	...	600	...
TOTAL ALBERTA (b)	161,832	172,608	94,230	602,932	397,335
CANADA	176,657	188,014	107,748	659,655	454,731

(a) Compiled from monthly reports.

(b) Total well output.

NATURAL GAS - The Canadian production of natural gas in April amounted to 2,254,401 thousand cubic feet; in March, 2,677,285 thousand cubic feet were produced, while in April, a year ago, 2,297,181 thousand cubic feet were produced. Production during the first four months of 1937 totalled 12,035,710 thousand cubic feet as compared with 12,646,781 thousand cubic feet in the corresponding period of 1936.

Imports of mixed gas (natural and artificial) into Canada in April were recorded at 11,462, thousand cubic feet worth \$7,232 as against 8,834 thousand cubic feet at \$6,071 imported in March.

Table 3 - PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS IN CANADA(a), BY MONTHS, 1935 - 1937.

Month	1937(b)	1936(b)	1935
	M cu. ft.	M cu. ft.	M cu. ft.
January	3,822,291	3,499,092	3,630,583
February	3,281,733	4,011,882	2,669,417
March	2,677,285	2,838,626	2,735,637
April	2,254,401	2,297,181	2,343,337
May		1,784,601	1,724,827
June		1,377,373	1,216,101
July		1,210,414	1,034,769
August		1,140,433	1,054,043
September		1,430,039	1,215,747
October		1,961,024	1,893,058
November		2,469,043	2,312,485
December		3,055,635	3,080,782
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		27,075,343	24,910,786
TOTAL - FOUR MONTHS ENDING APRIL	12,035,710	12,646,781	11,378,974

GASOLINE - The latest available information on gasoline sales in Canada during 1937 is shown in Table 4.

Imports into Canada and exports of gasoline during March and April are recorded in Table 5.

Table 4 - MONTHLY SALES OF GASOLINE IN CANADA, 1936 and 1937(a) (in thousands of gallons)

Month	P. E. I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que- bec	Ontario	Mani- toba	Sask- atch- ewan	Al- berta	British Col- umbia	TOTAL
January	129	1,330	810	5,795	17,786	1,344	906	2,828	2,876	33,804
February ...	72	1,182	711	5,305	16,357	1,149	698	2,743	2,777	30,994
March	88	(b)	885	(b)	20,380	1,328	1,198	4,054	3,634	(b)
April	195	(b)	965	(b)	22,883	1,879	(b)	(b)	4,043	(b)
Total - Four months ending APRIL, 1937.	484	(b)	3,371	(b)	77,406	5,700	(b)	(b)	13,330	(b)
Total - Four months ending APRIL, 1936.	292	4,387	2,348	20,968	63,320	5,133	4,202	8,914	12,326	121,895
Month of APRIL, 1936.	177	1,854	1,071	7,567	20,899	1,585	1,969	3,178	3,569	41,869

(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, MARCH AND APRIL, 1937.

	MARCH		APRIL	
	Gallons	\$	Gallons	\$
<u>IMPORTS -</u>				
Natural casinghead, compression or absorption gasoline, lighter than .6690 specific gravity at 60° temperature -				
From - United States	417,493	27,797	2,923,184	225,958
Peru	2,515,337	149,133	...	...
TOTAL	2,932,830	176,930	2,923,184	225,958
Gasoline, lighter than .8235 specific gravity at 60° temperature -				
From - United States	1,709,292	137,770	1,153,387	105,566
Alaska	3,444	502	175	48
TOTAL	1,712,736	138,272	1,153,562	105,614
<u>EXPORTS -</u>				
Gasoline and naphtha	19,723	3,261	7,940	1,143

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