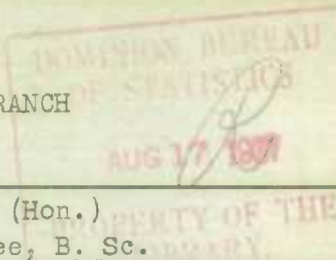


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MONTHLY REPORT

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

CRUDE PETROLEUM - Crude petroleum and natural gasoline production in Canada during May amounted to 192,845 barrels as compared with 188,014 barrels in April and 114,297 barrels in May, 1936, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Output during the five months ending May aggregated 852,500 barrels; this represented an increase of 49.8 per cent over the production in the corresponding period of 1936.

Alberta produced 175,997 barrels in May as against 172,608 barrels in the preceding month and 98,789 barrels in May, a year ago. The May, 1937 output included 173,672 barrels from the Turner Valley field, 1,211 barrels from the Red Coulee field and 1,114 barrels from the Wainwright field.

Petroleum and its products exported from Canada in May were valued at \$87,049; the previous month's export valuation was \$28,557.

Imports of petroleum, asphalt and other products into Canada in May were appraised at \$5,435,440, of which 69.6 per cent came from the United States, 12.3 per cent from Colombia, 11.3 per cent from Peru, 5.9 per cent from Venezuela and the remainder from other countries. In April, the Canadian imports were worth \$2,701,215. Receipts of crude petroleum during May consisted of 62,944,064 gallons from the United States, 21,884,045 gallons from Colombia, 16,224,846 gallons from Venezuela and 13,086,565 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	153,903	107,928	110,403
March	176,657	117,824	119,333
April	188,014	107,748	114,417
May	192,845	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 - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	852,500	569,028	593,128

(a) Subject to revision.

Table 2 - PRODUCTION OF PETROLEUM IN CANADA

	APRIL	MAY	MAY	FIVE MONTHS ENDING	
	1937	1937	1936	1937 (a)	1936 (a)
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
NEW BRUNSWICK	2,623	2,276	1,810	5,011	5,895
ONTARIO	12,783	14,572	13,698	68,560	67,009
ALBERTA -					
Turner Valley - production from lime- stone	169,218	172,907	95,074	763,273	477,236
Turner Valley - other light crude ..	932	765	1,059	4,283	6,350
Red Coulee-Border-Keho-Light crude .	1,195	1,211	1,402	5,606	7,643
Wainwright - heavy crude	1,263	1,114	1,254	5,167	4,585
Skiff - heavy crude .....	...	...	...	...	310
Taber - heavy crude .....	...	...	...	600	...
TOTAL ALBERTA (b)	172,608	175,997	98,789	778,929	496,124
CANADA	188,014	192,845	114,297	852,500	569,028

(a) Compiled from monthly reports.

(b) Total well output.

NATURAL GAS - Natural gas production in Canada during May amounted to 1,759,878 thousand cubic feet; in April, 2,254,401 thousand cubic feet were produced, while in May, a year ago, 1,784,601 thousand cubic feet were produced. During the five months ending May, the Canadian output totalled 13,795,588 thousand cubic feet; a year ago, 14,431,382 thousand cubic feet were produced.

Customs' records show that 7,845 thousand cubic feet worth \$5,121 were imported in May as compared with 11,462 thousand cubic feet at \$7,282 in April.

Table 3 - PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS IN CANADA 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	1,759,878	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 - FIVE MONTHS ENDING MAY ..	13,795,588	14,431,382	13,103,801

(b) Subject to revision.

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 April and May 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	Saskat- chewan	Al- berta	British Columbia	TOTAL
January	128	1,330	811	5,795	17,786	1,344	906	2,828	2,876	33,804
February ...	72	1,182	711	5,306	16,357	1,149	698	2,743	2,776	30,994
March	88	1,387	885	5,921	20,380	1,328	1,198	4,054	3,634	38,875
April	195	1,787	965	7,693	22,883	1,879	4,442	7,093	4,043	89,855
May	332	(b)	1,844	11,366	29,288	2,920	6,182	8,778	4,902	(b)
Total - Five months ending										
MAY, 1937 ..	815	(b)	5,216	36,081	106,694	8,620	13,426	25,496	18,231	(b)
Total - Five months ending										
MAY, 1936 ..	626	6,750	3,851	31,143	88,266	7,659	8,569	15,514	16,410	178,788
Month of										
MAY, 1936 ..	334	2,363	1,503	10,175	24,946	2,521	4,367	6,600	4,084	56,893

(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, 1937.

	APRIL		MAY	
	Gallons	\$	Gallons	\$
<u>IMPORTS -</u>				
Natural casinghead, compression or absorption gasoline, lighter than .6690 specific gravity at 60° temperature -				
From - United States	2,923,184	225,958	848,236	39,891
Peru .....	...	...	2,550,719	148,069
TOTAL	2,923,184	225,958	3,398,955	187,960
Gasoline, lighter than .8235 specific gravity at 60° temperature -				
From - United States	1,153,387	105,566	1,352,407	134,443
Alaska	175	48	423	83
TOTAL	1,153,562	105,614	1,352,830	134,526
<u>EXPORTS -</u>				
Gasoline and naphtha	7,940	1,143	16,018	2,227



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