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MONTHLY REPORT

PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION and GASOLINE SALES IN CANADA - MAY, 1938.

CRUDE PETROLEUM - A new high monthly record was set up in the production of crude petroleum and natural gasoline in Canada during May. According to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa the output during the month totalled 566,086 barrels compared with 464,316 barrels in the preceding month and 192,845 barrels in May, 1937. During the first five months of the current year, 2,381,771 barrels were produced; a year ago the output amounted to 852,500 barrels.

Alberta operators reported an output in May of 546,719 barrels made up of 541,810 barrels from the Turner Valley field, 1,153 barrels from the Red Coulee field, 1,641 barrels from the Wainwright-Ribstone field, and 2,115 barrels from the Taber field.

The following wells in the Turner Valley field, Alberta, were completed during May:

Sundance on May 18th at 7,410 feet. Model-Spooner #2 on May 18th at 7,185 feet. Barsac on May 26th at 6,855 feet. Royalite #30 on May 31st at 7,690 feet.

Exports of petroleum and its products from Canada in May were valued at \$39,751; the April exports were worth \$26,334.

Petroleum, asphalt and their products imported into Canada in May were appraised at \$6,693,603 compared with the preceding month's valuation of \$2,540,128. Importations of crude petroleum in May consisted of 86,200,819 imperial gallons from the United States, 32,119,000 imperial gallons from Colombia, 9,742,000 imperial gallons from Venezuela, and 5,328,000 imperial gallons from Peru.

Table 1 - PRODUCTION OF PETROLEUM IN CANADA, BY MONTHS, 1936 - 1938.

Month	1938(a)	1937(a)	1936
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
January	457,408	141,078	120,261
February	413,158	153,906	106,973
farch	480,803	176,657	116,611
April	464,316	188,014	109,104
lay	566,086	192,845	114,297
une	PER EL TOTAL	209,181	114,141
uly		241,737	142,404
ugust		288,934	142,572
September		298,753	135,684
ctober		342,452	137,004
lovember		341,517	129,152
December		408,580	139,728
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		2,995,025(b)	1,507,931
TOTAL - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	2,381,771	852,500	567,246

⁽a) Subject to revision.

⁽b) Includes output from Northwest Territories.

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				FIVE MONTHS	
	APRIL	MAY	MAY	MA	7
	1938	1938	1937	1938(a)	1937(a)
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
NEW BRUNSWICK	3,417	3,728	2,276	7,233	5,011
ONTARIO	13,858	15,639	14,572	67,063	68,560
ALBERTA -					
Turner Valley - production from limestone	442,752	540,919	172,907	2,284,197	763,273
Turner Valley - shallow crude	451	891	765	3,651	4,283
Red Coulee-Border-Keho - light crude	1,214	1,153	1,211	,	5,606
Wainwright-Ribstone - heavy crude		1,641	1,114	7,776	5,167
Taber - heavy crude	1,510	2,115		5,973	600
TOTAL ALBERTA (b)	447,241	546;719	175,997	2,307,475	778,929
CANADA	464,316	566,086	192,845	2,381,771	852,500

⁽a) Compiled from monthly reports.

NATURAL GAS - The Canadian production of natural gas during May amounted to 2,127,894 thousand cubic feet; in the preceding month, 2,928,521 thousand cubic feet were produced while in May, 1937, the output was 1,866,000 thousand cubic feet. During the first five months of the current year, 16,268,389 thousand cubic feet were produced compared with 14,626,000 thousand cubic feet, a year ago.

Mixed gas (natural and artificial) imported into Canada in May totalled 9,409 thousand cubic feet at \$6,061; in April, 10,385 thousand cubic feet worth \$6,633 were imported.

Table 3 - PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS IN CANADA(b), BY MONTHS, 1936 - 1938.

Month	1938(a)	1937(a)	1936
	M cu.ft.	M cu.ft.	M cu.ft.
January February March April May June July August September October November December	4,025,936 4,010,772 3,175,266 2,928,521 2,127,894	4,052,000 3,479,000 2,839,000 2,390,000 1,866,000 1,421,000 1,297,000 1,310,000 1,675,000 2,361,000 3,056,000 3,853,000	3,494,610 4,158,389 2,943,088 2,500,059 1,822,614 1,332,595 1,216,095 1,184,327 1,520,748 2,035,414 2,613,760 3,291,649
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		29,599,000	28,113,348
TOTAL - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	16,268,389	14,626,000	14,918,760

⁽a) Subject to revision.

⁽b) Total well output.

⁽b) Does not include Turner Valley gas used for repressuring or waste gas burned in the field.

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Table 4- MONTHLY RETAIL SALES OF GASOLINE IN CANADA, 1937 and 1938. (a)
(in thousands of gallons)

	P. E.		No	va	N	ew				
Month	Isla	nd	Sco	tia	Brun	swick	Qu	lebec	On	tario
	1938	1937	1938	1937	1938	1937	1938	1937	1938	1937
January	55	128 1	367	1,330	857	811	5 650	5 705	17 507	17 796
February	49	72 1		1,182	794	711	5,650 5,462	5,795	17,507	17,786
March	46	88 1	~	1,387	(c)	885	6,275	5,921	21,446	20,381
April	114	195 1	,863	1,787	(c)	965	8,916	7,693	26,143	22,883
Sub-total.	264	483 5	,935	5,686	(c)	3,372	26,303	24,715	82,547	77,407
May		332		2,812		1,844		11,366		29,288
June		399		3,030		2,494		13,901		31,698
July		447		3,501		2,901		15,173		35,717
August		471		3,660		3,075		15,867		36,729
September .		414		3,171		2,727		14,747		33,898
October		368		2,749		3,393		13,121		30,539
November		322		2,505		1,373		11,136		27,249
December		184		2,030		1,268		8,369		22,334
TOTAL		3,420	20	9,144		21,947		128,395		324,859

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	Mari	toba	Saska	tchewa	en All	perta (b) Col	umbia	T (TAL	
January	1,542	1,341 1	,022	906	3,926	2,828	3,481	2,864	35,407	33,789	
February	1,287	1,149	669	698	2,917	2,743	3,313	2,770	33,146	50,988	
March	1,697	1,323	875	1,198	4,618	4,054	3,885	3,634	(c)	38,871	
April	2,686	1,876 4	,006	4,442	5,217	7,093	(c)	4,043	(c)	50,977	
Sub-total.	7,212	5,639 6	,572	7,244	16,678	16,718	(c)	13,311	(c)	154,625	
May		2,916		6,182		3,778		4,902		68,420	
June		3,523		5,716		7,648		5,301		73,710	
July		3,921		5,294		7,072		5,997		80,023	
August		4,282		6,039		7,742		6,157		84,022	
September .		4,876		5,582		8,101		5,619		79,135	
October		3,952		4,581		8,461		5,008		71,172	
November		3,264		3,712		6,639		4,484		61,184	
December		2,213		1,928		4,007		3,996		46,329	
TOTAL		34,636	4	6,278		75,168(d)	54,775		718,620	

⁽a) Compiled in the Transportation Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics from returns received from the gasoline tax departments of the Provincial Governments.

⁽d) Includes 9,430,126 gallons consisting largely of heavy oil and kerosene.

	APF	UL	MAY		
	Gallons	\$	Gallons	Ş	
MPORTS - Natural casinghead, compression or absorption gasoline, lighter than .6690 specific gravity at 60° temperature -					
From - United States			2,171,278 5,405,754	132,726 274,626	
TOTAL	1,891,294	128,031	7,577,032	407,352	
Gasoline, lighter than .8236 specific gravity at 60° temperature -					
From - United States	1,895,855	156,670	9,848,344	683,738	
TOTAL	1,895,855	155,670	9,848,344	683,738	
XPORTS - Gasoline and naphtha	16	7	8,936	2,203	

⁽b) Includes diesel oil.

⁽c) Information not available.

