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MONTHLY REPORT

PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MARCH, 1939,

and

GASOLINE SALES IN CANADA, FEBRUARY, 1939.

CRUDE PETROLEUM - Crude petroleum and natural gasoline production in Canada during March amounted to 384,461 barrels according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In February, 356,218 barrels were produced while in March, 1938 the output was 480,803 barrels. Production during the first quarter of the current year totalled 1,272,243 barrels compared with 1,351,369 barrels, a year ago.

The Alberta output in March consisted of 363,468 barrels from the Turner Valley field, 1,172 barrels from the Red Coulee field, 1,132 barrels from the Wainwright-Ribstone field and 1,126 barrels from the Taber field.

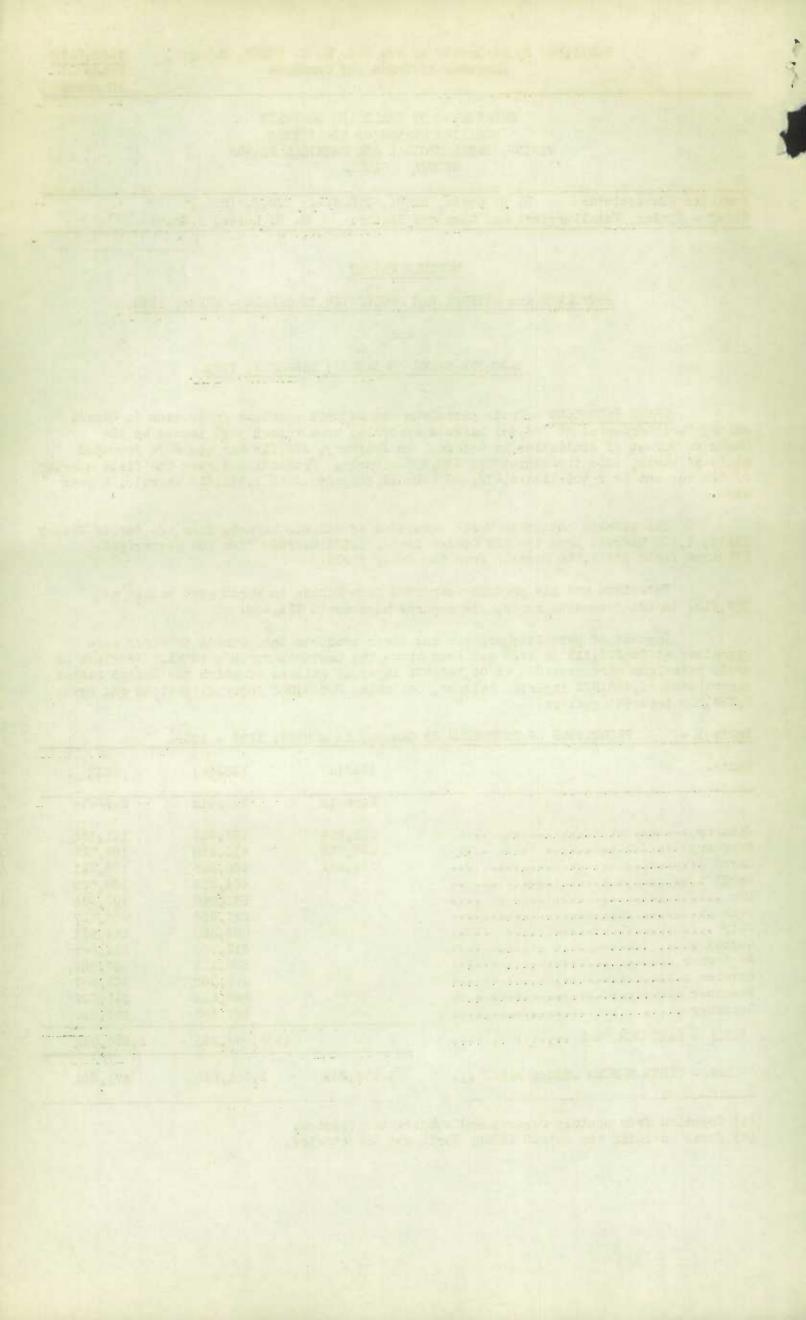
Petroleum and its products exported from Canada in March were valued at \$14,213; in the preceding month, the exports were worth \$28,646.

Imports of petroleum, asphalt and their products into Canada in March were appraised at \$2,926,515 or 42.8 per cent above the previous month's total. Receipts of crude petroleum were recorded at 65,766,622 imperial gallons of which the United States contributed 54,450,622 imperial gallons, Colombia, 8,083,000 imperial gallons and Peru, 3,233,000 imperial gallons.

PRODUCTION OF PETROLEUM IN CANADA, BY MONTHS, 1937 - 1939.

Month	1939(a)	1938(a)	1937
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
January February March April May June July August September October November	531,564 356,218 384,461	457,408 413,158 480,803 464,316 566,086 537,654 693,332 817,706 886,111 685,088 445,514	141,135 154,025 176,721 188,069 192,936 209,727 244,931 291,641 303,983 342,557 341,627
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		489,303 (b)6,959,333	408,681
TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH	1,272,243	1,351,369	471,881

⁽a) Compiled from monthly reports and subject to revision. (b) Total includes the output in the Northwest Territories.



PRODUCTION OF PETROLEUM IN CANADA

	FEBRUARY	MARCH	MARCH	THREE MONT	
	1939(a)	1939(a)	1938(a)	1939(a)	1938(a)
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
MEW BRUNSWICK	57	42	- 25	1.72	88
ONTARIO	16,054	17,521	13,046	49,527	37,766
ALBERTA -					
Turner Valley - production from limestone	Э				
oil wolls	303,861	334,668)		1,101,287)	
Turner Valley - production from limestone	Э)	463,258		1,300,526
gas wells	30,388	28,049)		107,733)	
Turner Valley - shallow crude	628	751	808	2,175	2,329
Red Coulee - light crude	1,092	1,172	1,405	3,470	3,511
Wainwright-Ribstone - heavy crude	1,544	1,132	1,341	3,959	4,801
Lloydminster - heavy crude	000	000		200	
Taber - heavy crude		1,126	920	3,720	2,348
Moose-Dome - heavy crude	000				0.00
TOTAL ALBERTA (b)	340,107	366,898	467,732	1,222,544	1,313,515
CANADA	356,218	384,461	480,803	1,272,243	1,351,369

(a) Compiled from monthly reports and subject to revision.

(b) Total well output.

Table 3 - IMPORTS OF CRUDE PETROLEUM INTO CANADA during FEBRUARY and MARCH and THE FIRST

	FEBRULRY	MARCH	THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH
	Imperial gallons	Imperial gallons	Imperial gallons
Nova Scotia	12,168,000	12,431,000	45,033,000
New Brunswick	0 • 6	000	e 0 •
Quebec			0 0 4
Ontario	21,227,493	27,641,000	70,153,493
Manitoba	367,366	722,242	1,285,090
Saskatchewan	428,000	394,000	1,118,000
Alberta	173,126	90,380	1,116,952
British Columbia	12,857,000	24,488,000	50,510,715
TOTAL	47,220,985	65,766,622	169,217,250

NATURAL GAS - The Canadian production of natural gas in March amounted to 3,722,181 thousand cubic feet; in the preceding month, 4,114,943 thousand cubic feet were produced while in March, 1938 the output was 3,175,266 thousand cubic feet. During the first three months of the current year, 11,955,303 thousand cubic feet were produced compared with 11,211,974 thousand cubic feet, a year ago.

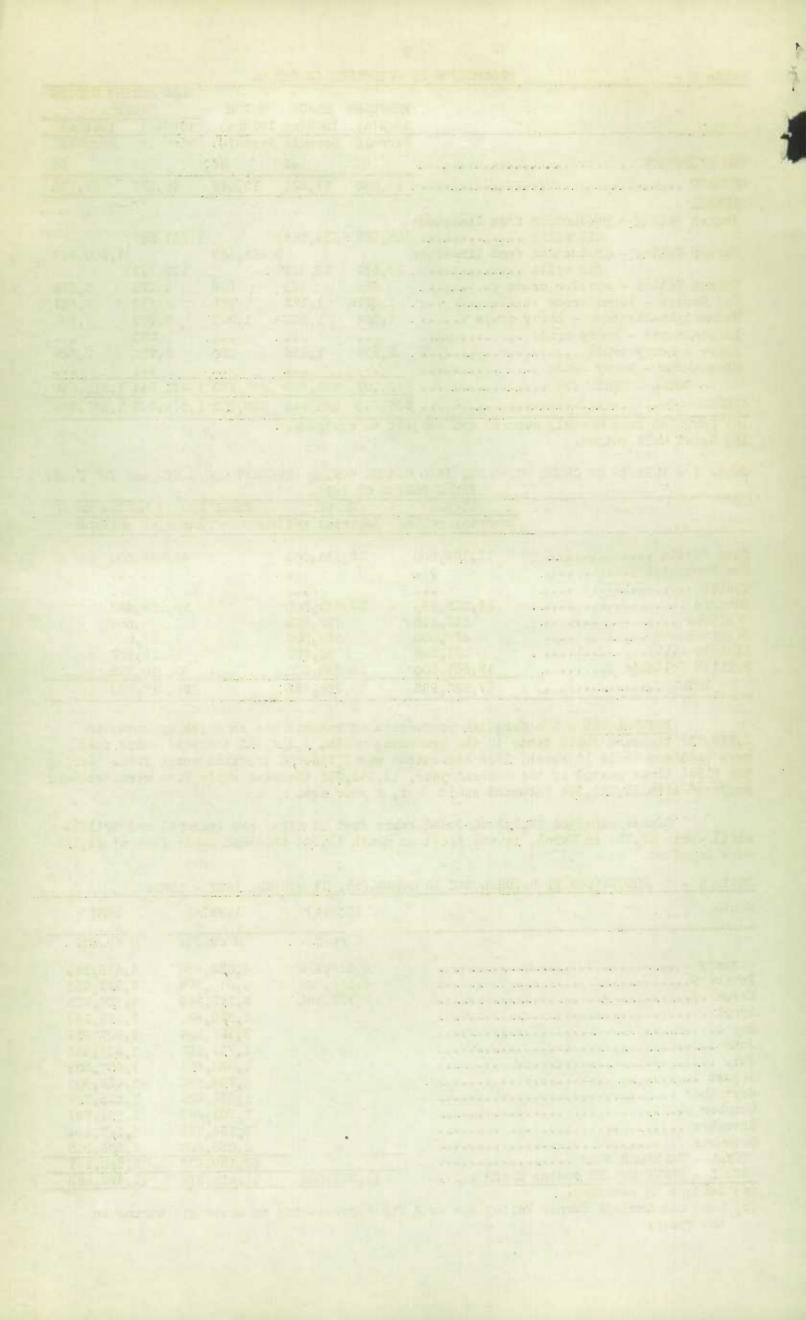
Canada imported 12,292 thousand cubic feet of mixed gas (natural and artificial) worth \$7,734 in March, in the previous month 13,544 thousand cubic feet at \$9,122 were imported.

Table 4 - PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS IN CANADA(b), BY MONTHS, 1937 - 1939.

Month	1939(a)	1938(a)	1937
	M cu.ft.	M cuaft.	M cu.ft.
January	4,118,179	4,025,936	4,476,141
February	4,114,943	4,010,772	3,821,554
March	3,722,181	3,175,266	3,186.773
April		2,928,521	2,613,142
lay		2,127,894	1,907,939
June		1,717,143	1,495,852
July		1,583,803	1,407,809
ugust		1,758,586	1,428,900
September		1,916,529	1,833,745
October		2,503,641	2,554,787
November		3,354,385	3,347,444
December		4,056,990	4,306,905
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		33,159.466	32,380,991
TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH	11,955,303	11,211,974	11,484,468

(a) Subject to revision.

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



GASOLINE - Table 5 records the monthly sales of gasoline in Canada during 1938 and 1939. In Table 6 the imports into Canada and exports of gasoline during February and March, 1939, are shown.

Table 5 - MONTHLY RETAIL SALES OF GASOLINE IN CANADA, 1938 and 1939(a)
(in thousands of gallons)

	P. I	3.	N	ova	Ne	W				
Month	Island		Sc	Scotia		Brunswick		Quobec		rio
	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938
January	100	55	1,566	1,367	987	857	6,758	5,650	19,682	17,507
February	73	49	1,349	1,204	866	794	5,311	5,462	17,675	17,451
Sub-Total	173	104	2,915	2,571	1,853	1,651	12,069	11,112	37,357	34,958
March		46		1,501		1,030		6,275		21,447
April		114		1,863		1,068		8,916		26,143
May		396		2,808		1,967		12,728		30,891
June		481		3,099		2,461		14,147		32,711
July		494		3,264		2,720		15,269		35,755
August		569		3,703		3,095		16,772		38,424
September .		495		3,171		2,711		14,735		33,993
October November		429		2,873		2,291		13,847		31,804
December		341		2,579		1,817		12,391		28,072
TOTAL		3,629		29,486		21,998		135,027		337,881

	Manitoba		Saska	tchewan	Albe	rta(b)	British TOT Columbia			TAL
January February		1,542 1,287	1,825	1,022	3,585 2,147	3,926 2,918	3,748 3,522	3,481 3,313	40,077	35,407 33,147
Sub-Total	3,127	2,829	2,661	1,691	5,732	6,844	7,270	6,794	73,157	68,554
March April May June August September . October November December		1,697 2,686 3,379 3,923 4,129 4,901 5,059 4,191 3,336 2,467		875 4,006 9,170 8,248 7,174 8,449 10,872 8,133 4,616 1,856		4,618 5,217 8,103 7,320 6,018 8,341 9,120 8,589 5,571 3,984		3,884 4,383 5,037 5,379 5,824 6,308 5,571 4,866 4,822 4,290		41,373 54,396 74,479 77,769 80,647 90,562 85,727 77,023 63,545 48,516
TOTAL		38,597		65,090		73,725		57,158		762,591

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

⁽b) Includes diesel oil to March 31, 1938.

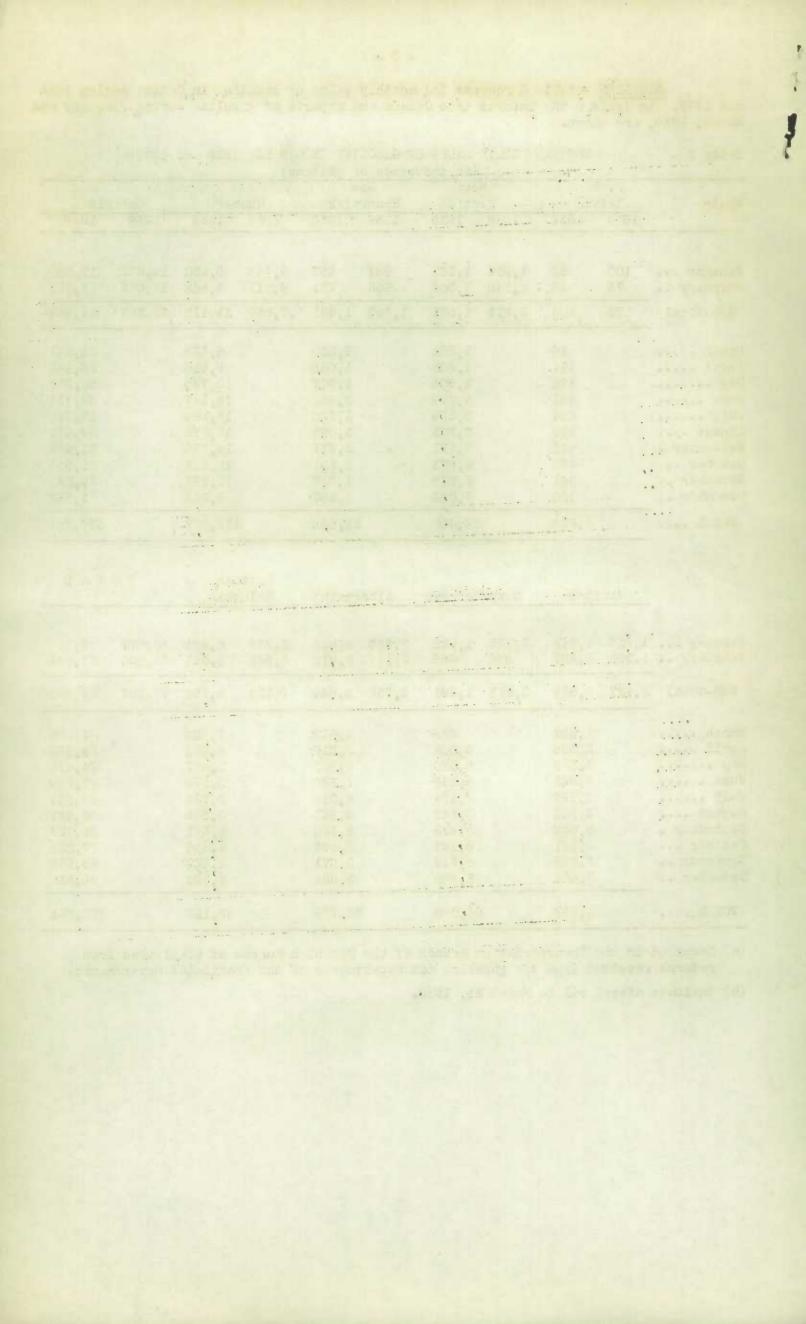


Table 6 - IMPORTS INTO CANADA and EXPORTS OF GASCLINE - FEBRUARY and MARCH, 1939.

Gasoline, lighter than .8236 specific gravity at 60° temperature

Natural casinghead compression or absorption gasoline lighter than .6690 specific gravity at 600 temperature

		FEBRUARY	MARCH	FEBRUARY	MARCH
IMPORTS -					
Nova Scotia	Imp.gal.		• • •	• • •	
	\$	• • •			
New Brunswick	Imp.gal.	3,325	5,695		9 0 0
	\$	543	840		
Quebec	Imp.gal.	234,625	263,233	•••	6,874
	\$	14,057	18,259		
Ontario	Imp.gal.	476,746	772,329	1,024,418	507,797
	\$	31,447	50,491		• • •
Manitoba	Imp.gal.	27,148	47,038	82,107	136,309
	\$	2,081	4,356	• • •	
Saskatchewan	Imp.gal.	35,780	68,654	• • •	20,256
	\$	2,785	5,235		
Alberta	Imp.gal.	426,697	776,565		• • • •
	\$	33,306	60,028		
British Columbia	Imp.gal.	356,378	483,727	456,932	1,622,755
	\$	43,684	55,704	200,000	000
ANADA	Imp.gal.	1,560,699	2,417,241	1,563,457	2,293,991
	\$	127,903	194,913	74,795	148,476
		2771.0	****	244	0.97
		FEBR		MAF	
		Imp. gal.	3	Imp. gal.	\$
KPORTS -					
Gasoline and naphtha		5,948	800	1,370	338
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