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MONTHLY REPORT

PETROLEUM and NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MARCH, 1940

and

GASOLINE SALES IN CANADA - FEBRUARY, 1940

CRUDE PETROLEUM - The Canadian production of crude petroleum and natural gasoline in March amounted to 570,131 barrels compared with 655,586 barrels in the preceding month and 385,273 barrels in March, 1939 according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first quarter of the current year, Canada produced 1,712,576 barrels or 34.1 per cent above the output a year ago.

Production from Alberta sources totalled 556,410 barrels made up of 553,769 barrels from the Turner Valley field, 1,000 barrels from the Red Coulee field, 686 barrels from the Wainwright field and 955 barrels from the Del Bonita and Lloydminster fields.

Petroleum and its products exported from Canada in March were valued at \$19,768; in the preceding month, the exports were worth \$82,414.

Imports of petroleum asphalt and their products were appraised at \$2,693,027 or 1.6 per cent above the previous month's total. Crude petroleum importations rose to 55,253,091 imperial gallons from the February total of 50,263,908 imperial gallons. During March, 1939 Canada imported 65,766,622 imperial gallons of crude petroleum.

Table 1 - PRODUCTION OF PETROLEUM IN CANADA, BY MONTHS, 1938 - 1940

Month	1940(a)	1939(a)	1938
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
January February March April May June July August September October November December	486,859 655,586 570,131	533,165 358,176 385,273 559,368 713,947 821,308 899,169 795,844 720,866 816,257 731,209 502,920	457,506 413,244 480,901 464,418 566,473 538,936 701,813 825,546 892,732 688,825 445,640 489,423
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		7,837,503	6,965,457
TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH	1,712,576	1,276,615	1,351,651

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

Table 2 - PRODUCTION OF PETRCLEUM IN CANADA

	FEBRUARY	MARCH	MARCH	THREE MONTHS	ending MARCH
	1939 (a)	1940(a)	1939(a)	1940(a)	1939(a)
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
NEW BRUNSWICK	42	47	42	148	172
ONTARIO	15,592	13,674	17,521	45,016	49,527
ALBERTA -					
Turner Valley - production					
from limestone oil wells	602,364	520,357	334,668	1,555,015	1,101,287
Turner Valley - production					
from limestone gas wells	34,259	32,759	28,049	102,956	107,733
Turner Valley - shallow crude.	663	653	751	1,838	2,175
Red Coulee - light crude	976	1,000	1,172	3,038	3,470
Wainwright-Ribstone-heavy					
crude	900	686	1,132	2,574	3,959
Taber - heavy crude)					
Moose Dome-Lloydminster)	700	065	1 106	1 001	7 000
Steveville-Del Bonita)	790	955	1,126	1,991	3,920
fields - heavy crude)					
TOTAL ALBERTA (b)	639,952	556,410	366,898	1,667,412	1,222,544
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES (b)			812		4,372
CANADA	655,586	570,131	385,273	1,712,576	1,276,615

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

Table 3 - IMPORTS OF CRUDE PETROLEUM INTO CANADA DURING FEBRUARY AND MARCH, and the FIRST

	THREE MONTHS		Mharris Mandha and tan Manah
	FEBRUARY	MARCH	Three Months ending March
	Imporial gal.	Imperial gal.	Imperial gal.
Nova Scotia	15,083,000	11,588,000	45,944,000
New Brunswick			•••
Quebec			
Ontario	20,715,000	24,619,706	69,246,706
Manitoba	257,536	332,939	1,079,419
Saskatchewan	339,000	381,000	1,034,000
Alberta	14,372	9,446	66,213
British Columbia	13,855,000	18,322,000	52,823,000
TOTAL	50,263,908	55,253,091	170,193,338

NATURAL GAS - Natural gas production in Canada during March totalled 3,862,351 thousand cubic feet as against 3,722,181 thousand cubic feet produced in the corresponding month of 1939. During the first three months of 1940, the Canadian output amounted to 13,017,721 thousand cubic feet; this represented an increase of 8.9 per cent over the output a year ago.

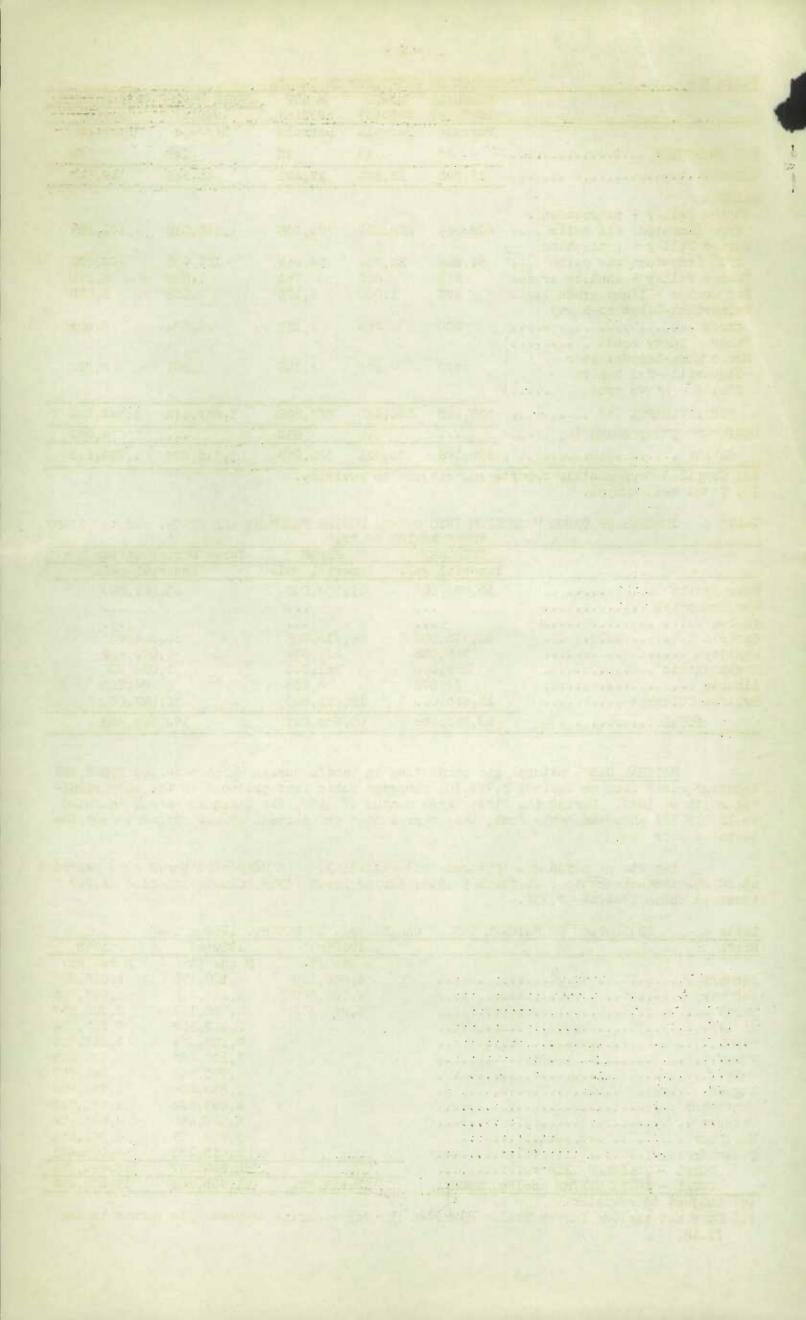
Imports of mixed gas (natural and artificial) into Canada in March were recorded at 10,959 thousand cubic feet forth \$7,916; during March, 1939, Canada imported 12,292 thousand cubic feet at \$7,734.

PRODUCTION OF NATURAL GAS IN CANADA (b), BY MONTHS, 1938 - 1940 1940(a) 1939(a) 1938 Month M cu. ft. M cu. ft. M cu. ft. 4,118,179 4,865,120 4,065,837 January 4,290,250 4,114,943 4,047,765 February 3,722,181 3,205,357 3,862,351 2,953,524 3,147,608 April 2,143,742 2,120,534 May 1,730,328 2,106,482 June 1,755,544 1,595,755 July 1,889,918 1,771,808 1,932,791 2,099,093 September 2,822,445 2,523,472 October 3,381,961 3,482,027 November 4,015,133 4,092,451 December 35,394,087 33,444,791 TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR TOTAL - THREE MONTHS ending MARCH .. 13,017,721 11,955,303 11,318,959

⁽b) Total well output.

⁽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 1939 and 1940. In Table 6, the imports into Canada and exports of gasolino during February and March, 1940 are shown.

Table 5 - MONTHLY RETAIL SALES OF GASOLINE IN CANADA, 1939 and 1940(a) (in thousands of gallons)

Month	P. E. Island		Nova Scotia		New Brunswick		Quebec		Ontario	
	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939
January	83	100	1,785	1,566	1,283	987	6,983	6,758	21,606	19,682
February.	67	73	1,531	1,324	1,171	866	6,405	5,708	20,431	17,675
Sub-total	150	173	3,316	2,890	2,454	1,853	13,388	12,466	42,037	37,357
March		90		1,716		1,025		6,042		24,286
April		107		1,690		986		7,093		19,857
May		432		2,886		1,883		12,635		32,074
June		531		3,202		2,437		14,579		33,169
July		529		3,512		2,884		16,131		36,599
August		643		3,989		3,272		17,364		38,917
September		537		3,415		2,846		16,545		36,210
October		468		3,112		2,496		14,806		32,264
November.		404		2,856		2,030		12,200		28,895
Docember.		215		2,354		1,480		9,065		25,482
TOTAL		4,129		31,622		23,192		138,926		345,106
							Brit	ish		
	Manit	toba	Saskato	chewan	Alber	ta	Columbia		TOTAL	
January	2,550	1,826	2,607	1,825	3,652	3,586	4,224	3,748	44,773	40,078
February.		1,301	2,222	836	3,501	2,147	4,177	3,522	41,690	33,452
Sub-total	4,735	3,127	4,829	2,661	7,153	5,733	8,401	7,270	86,463	73,530
March		1,520		1,028		3,409		3,950		43,066
April		2,609		5,564		6,536		4,425		48,867
May		3,825		11,643		8,020		5,412		78,810
June		4,029		7,099		7,086		5,541		77,669
July		4,567		9,359		7,604		6,074		87,259
August		5,177		12,452		8,815		6,571		97,200
September		5,197		15,870		9,153		5,717		95,290
October		4,738		11,389		8,042		5,393		82,708
November.		3,732		6,579		6,229		4,917		67,842
December.		2,934		4,433		4,908		4,554		55,425
TOTAL		41,455		87,877		75,535		59,824		807,666

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

Table 8 - IMPORTS INTO CANADA AND EXPORTS OF GASOLINE, FEBRUARY and MARCH, 1940

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

Natural casinghead compression or absorption gasoline lighter than .6690 specific gravity at 60° temperature (a)

		at 60° temperature				
		February	March	February	March	
IMPORTS -						
Prince Edward Island	Imp.gal.		***		• • •	
	\$	* * *				
Nova Scotia	Imp.gal.	8,572	8,532			
	\$	3,102	3,069	***		
New Brunswick	Imp.gal.	6,599	5,968			
	\$	1,034	964	• • •		
Quebec	Imp.gal.	77,250	90,122			
	\$	5,176	7,587			
Ontario	Imp.gal.	562,186	117,620	285,621	145,157	
	\$	32,739	10,155			
Manitoba	. Imp.gal.	51,118	33,704	102,947	102,565	
	\$	5,568	3,659			
Saskatchewan	Imp.gal.	20,684	86,946		13,517	
	Ś	1,997	8,511			
Alberta	Imp.gal.	500,073	284,289		• • •	
	Ś	44,695	25,600	• • •		
British Columbia	Imp.gal.	350,644	30,431	1,210,655	1,561,568	
	\$	43,690	6,294		• • •	
CANADA	Imp.gal.	1,577,126	657,612	1,599,223	1,822,807	
	\$	138,001	65,839	108,603	131,056	
		February		Mar	ch	
	-					
	_	Imp.gal.	\$	Imp.gal.	\$	
EXPORTS -						
Gasoline and naphtha		418,254	40,524	2,150	304	

⁽a) The value of merchandise imported into Canada is the fair market value or price thereof when sold for home consumption in the principal markets of the country from which, and at the same time when, siad merchandise was exported directly to Canada; but the value shall not be less than the price to jobbers and wholesalers generally, nor less than the actual cost of production at the time of shipment plus a reasonable advance for cost of selling, and profit.

