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During the month of December production of coke in Canada at 176,845 tons reached a new record for the year passing the previous record established in January when the output totalled 176,445 tons. In November the output was 156,509 tons.

For the twelve months ending December the output of coke in Canada totalled 1,981,010 tons as compared with 1,909,578 tons in 1926.

In the Maritime provinces and Quebec the output was 13 per cent less than in the previous year. In Ontario, the production of coke showed a gain of 16 per cent to a total of 1,242,548 tons as against 1,074,058 tons in 1926. Coke ovens in the western provinces maintained a fairly steady output throughout the year.

Disposition of coke by the producing plants showed that during the year 244,887 tons were used in the coke plants, 955,643 tons were delivered to associated metallurgical works and the balance, 769,294 tons, was sold chiefly for domestic and foundry uses. Coke used in the coking plants amounted to about 20,000 tons per month and showed little variation from month to month; deliveries to metallurgical works followed the trend of pig iron production. Demand for domestic coke showed a seasonal trend; sales from the ovens, for this purpose, being the greatest in the winter months, reaching a maximum in December at 90,993 tons with January the second best month at 90,979 tons. During 1927, smelter consumption of coke was greatest in the summer months; these two markets enabled producers to keep outputs fairly constant throughout the year.

Imports of coke into Canada during the year totalled 780,207 tons, a decline of 20 per cent from the total of 988,034 tons brought in during the previous year. Imports into Ontario amounted to 649,165 tons or 83 per cent of the total for Canada; 113,149 tons were brought into the maritime provinces and the balance, 17,893 tons, was imported into the western provinces. During the previous year, 869,000 tons were brought in through Ontario ports of entry, 100,958 tons through the eastern provinces and 18,076 tons into the western provinces.

Exports of coke from Canada during the twelve months ending December amounted to 74,109 tons, an increase of 21 per cent as compared with 61,245 tons in the previous year. Ontario exported 46,578 tons; the western provinces, 25,297 tons; and the maritime provinces, 2,234 tons. In 1926 Ontario accounted for 30,152 tons, the western provinces, 29,353 tons, and the maritime provinces only 1,740 tons. Exports totalled 15,116 tons in January, dropped to 1,554 tons in April and closed at 5,403 tons in December.

The apparent consumption of coke in Canada, as computed by deducting the exports from the sum of the production and the imports, amounted to 2,687,108 tons in 1927. In the previous year the apparent consumption totalled 2,836,367 tons, and in 1925, 2,278,551 tons.

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