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OF THE

COAL AND PETROLEUM CONTROL BOARD

FOR THE

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To His Honour W. C. WOODWARD,

Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of British Columbia.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR HONOUR:

SIR,—I have the honour to transmit herewith the Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board for the year ended December 31st, 1943.

W. A. CARROTHERS,

Coal and Petroleum Control Board.

Victoria, B.C., 1944.

Annual Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board

for the Calendar Year ended December 31st, 1943.

In the petroleum industry there were no major changes during the year. Gasoline rationing and tire restrictions substantially reduced the sales of gasoline for use in private passenger automobiles; however, on the other hand, there was a marked increase in the sale of gasoline for commercial and industrial use.

Only three new retail licences covering sale of petroleum products were granted during the year; two of which were restricted to sales to contract truckers on the Alaska Highway.

In the coal industry there were no major changes affecting the sale and distribution of coal; a number of the smaller dealers discontinued in the industry and nineteen new retail licences were granted. Seven new licences were granted for the mining of coal in respect of the opening-up of new coal prospects.

In 1943 the sale of coal in the Province reached 1,636,970¾ tons, an increase over 1942 of some 158,063¼ tons; it is to be particularly noted that the sale of Alberta coal increased over 1942 by some 282,246½ tons.

Throughout the year the Coal and Petroleum Control Board has worked in co-operation with the Dominion Oil Controller and the Coal Controller. Statistics in respect of both coal and petroleum products were forwarded to both departments each month throughout the year.

LICENCES.

The number of licences issued by the Board under Regulation 1, and in force on January 1st, 1943, totalled 3,263. Of these, some 515 were in the coal industry. During the year thirty-six new licences were granted, three being in the petroleum industry and thirty-three in the coal industry. Various licences were cancelled during the year, due to operators discontinuing the sale of either coal or petroleum products, leaving in force as at December 31st, 1943, some 3,190 licences.

Summary of Licences.

Petroleum industry—		
Petroleum refiners	8	
Petroleum wholesalers	336	
Petroleum retailers	2,319	
		2,663
Coal industry—		
Mine operators	31	
Wholesale coal-dealers	81	
Retail coal-dealers	415	
		527
Total		3,190

The following table gives a breakdown of petroleum licences issued by the Board during 1943 to the various oil companies and individuals in respect of bulk plants, barrel agencies, or distributing points; and licences restricted to the sale of fuel and lubricating oils.

	Wholesale.	Retail.
Imperial Oil	83	83
Standard Oil	25	53
Shell Oil	44	53

	Wholesale.	Retail.
Union Oil	55	55
Home Oil	35	42
British American Oil	17	17
B.C. Fuel	3	1
McColl-Frontenac Oil	4	3
Signal Oil	1	-----
Total, company licences	267	307
Others	34	1,870
Restricted fuel-oil, lubricants, or naphtha gasoline	35	142
Total licences	336	2,319
Licensed gasoline outlets serving the general public are:—		
Garage and service-stations		1,334
Pumps (no service)		411
Marine outlets		125
Total		1,870

NOTE.—In addition to these 1,870 licences, the 307 retail licences issued to the various oil company distribution plants supply gasoline to commercial accounts.

In granting new licences under section 6 of the "Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act," careful consideration has been given to public necessity. All new licences granted by the Board have the approval of the Dominion Oil Controller.

In respect to new licences in the coal industry, applications have been dealt with in co-operation with the Dominion Coal Controller.

NEW LICENCES.

During the year forty-eight applications for new licences to commence business in either the coal or petroleum industry have been dealt with by the Board, resulting in thirty-six new licences being granted.

Special licences granted under section 6 of the Act during 1943 to persons newly commencing in the petroleum industry are as follows:—

Petroleum retailers (3)—

Ray D. Jewell, Dawson Creek, B.C.

Amalgamated Motor Trucks (Alberta), Ltd., Dawson Creek, B.C.

Kathryn A. Moody, Harrison Hot Springs, B.C.

NOTE.—The new licences at Dawson Creek, B.C., were restricted to sales to contract truckers, and were granted in order to facilitate the distribution of gasoline to trucks operating on the Alaska Highway.

Special licences granted under section 6 of the Act to new operators taking over existing businesses in the petroleum industry:—

Petroleum retailers	199
Petroleum wholesalers	2

Sixty-four gasoline retail outlets selling to the public closed during the year, divided into the following types of businesses: Fifteen garages, twenty-nine service-stations, fifteen gasoline-pumps (located at stores or connected with businesses not catering exclusively to the automobile trade), and five marine outlets.

There has been no change in the number of oil companies operating in the Province. Engaged in the sale and distribution of petroleum products are:—

Imperial Oil, Ltd.
Shell Oil Company of B.C.
Union Oil Company of Canada, Ltd.
McColl-Frontenac Oil Company, Ltd.
Standard Oil Company of B.C.
Home Oil Distributors, Ltd.
British American Oil Company, Ltd.
B.C. Fuel, Ltd.

Special licences granted in the coal industry to persons commencing new businesses totalled thirty-three licences:—

Retail coal-dealers (19)—

The Corporation of the District of Burnaby.
The Corporation of the District of Saanich.
The Corporation of the District of Peachland.
The Corporation of the City of Victoria.
Richard Clarence Oldfield, Saanich.
Economy Fuel Company, Langford.
Economy Fuel Company, Metchosin.
Yarrow Co-operative Growers' Union, Yarrow.
H. L. Johnstone (Alberta Coal Company), Victoria.
British Lands, Ltd., Princeton.
Coal Consumers Co-operative, 555 Howe Street, Vancouver.
Charles L. Montgomery and Herbert V. Hallam, White Rock.
F. Fatkin, Bradner.
Robert E. Day, Wells.
Strickland Fuels, Ltd., 6080 East Boulevard, Vancouver.
James Campbell, Coombs, V.I.
A. Denton, Nanaimo.
Mrs. A. K. Blanshard, Huntingdon.
K. C. Cunard, Princeton.

Wholesale coal-dealers (7)—

W. L. Noske and S. J. Eustice, 435 Industrial Avenue, Vancouver.
R. Melville Smith, Peace River area.
British Lands, 555 Howe Street, Vancouver.
The Rose-Deer Coal Company, 3290 Marine Drive, West Vancouver.
A. W. Burch, Wynndel.
W. E. Robi, 325 Howe Street, Vancouver.
Coal Consumer's Co-operative Association, 555 Howe Street, Vancouver.

Mine operators (7)—

R. Melville Smith, Peace River area.
British Lands, Ltd., Princeton.
Coal Consumers, Ltd., Princeton.
Robert E. Day, Wells.
R. H. Hamilton, Extension, V.I.
R. B. Carruthers and W. Wakelyn, Wellington, V.I.
F. John, H. Gerlock, and T. Russell, Wellington, V.I.

Twelve new operators took over existing businesses in the coal industry and thirty-eight small retail dealers discontinued in the industry.

GASOLINE SALES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In 1943 the sales of gasoline in the Province, as reported to the Board by the various oil companies, increased by 3,337,103 gallons over 1942. While there was an increase in the total sales of gasoline this year, it is particularly noted that sales made through service-stations and other resale outlets decreased in the amount of 5,163,864 gallons. Sales made direct to consumers by the oil companies increased by 8,335,082 gallons and marine sales increased by 165,885 gallons. Consumer sales are sales made to industrial, commercial users, as well as to farmers.

The following tables give a breakdown of the sales of gasoline made in 1943 through the various bulk plants in the Province:—

Table 1.—A Summary of Sales for 1943, by Districts and Zones. (For key to various zones, *see* map at the end of this report.)

Table 2.—Bulk Plant Sales in Principal Cities and Towns in British Columbia for 1943.

Table 3.—Comparative Statement of Bulk Plant Sales covering the Years 1939–43, together with a Graph showing the Rise and Decline of the Various Types of Sales, in Millions of Gallons.

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF GASOLINE SALES MADE THROUGH THE VARIOUS BULK PLANTS FOR 1943, BY DISTRICTS AND ZONES.

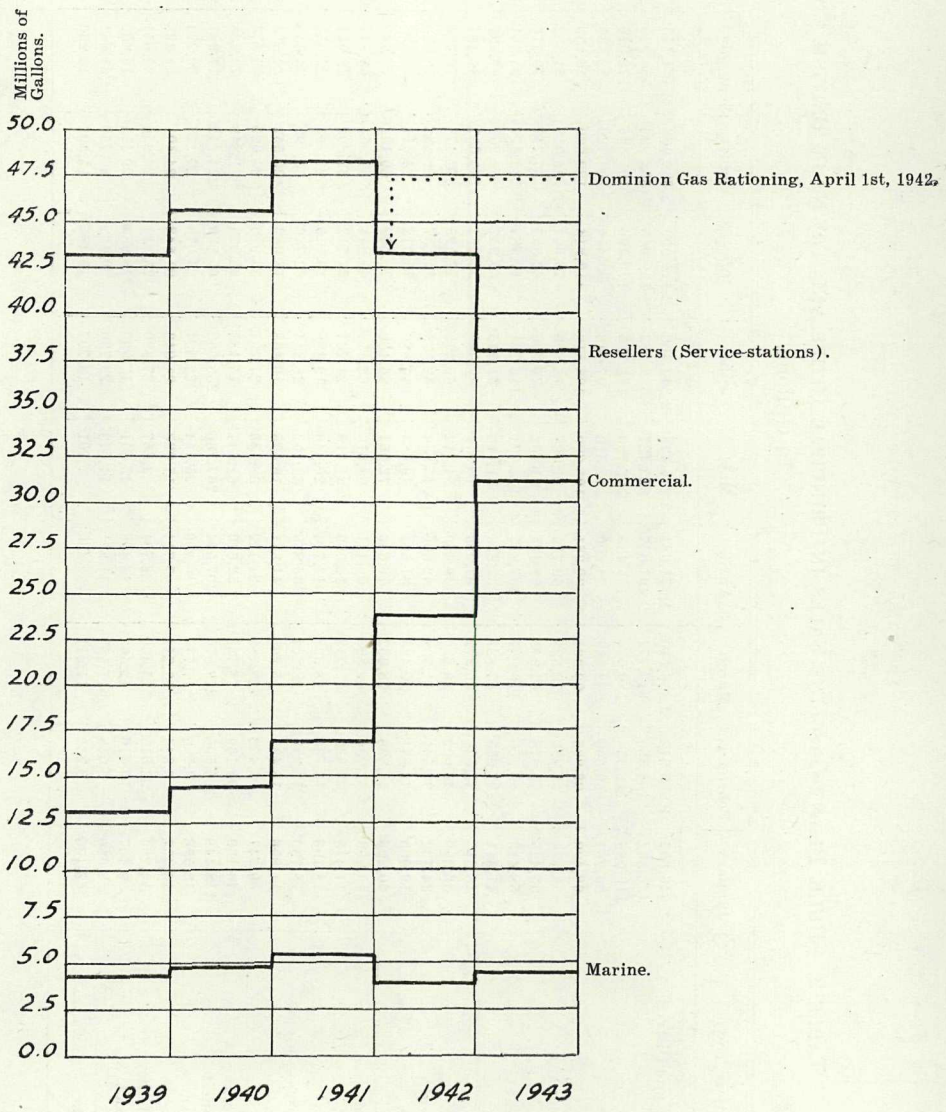
Area.	Resellers.	Commercial.	Marine.	Total.
Victoria	4,504,024	1,745,770	198,330	6,448,124
Vancouver and District	21,104,721	5,743,422	1,104,350	27,952,493
Balance of Province	12,751,625	24,044,534	2,079,809	38,875,968
Totals	38,360,370	31,533,726	3,382,489	73,276,585
Zone 1 (less Victoria)	1,538,389	1,319,393	244,549	3,102,331
Zone 3	1,769,173	4,725,489	1,724,085	8,218,747
Zone 4	938,294	639,009	4,034	1,581,337
Zone 5	897,250	743,843	565	1,641,658
Zone 6	69,317	63,218	.....	132,535
Zone 7	136,098	30,157	.....	166,255
Zone 8	978,857	481,731	.....	1,460,588
Zone 9	2,242,673	1,484,884	.....	3,727,557
Zone 10	1,349,389	662,585	.....	2,011,974
Zone 11	109,764	106,608	.....	216,372
Zone 12	149,543	103,810	.....	253,353
Zone 13	516,820	240,093	.....	756,913
Zone 14	166,839	133,343	.....	300,182
Zone 15	1,889,219	13,310,371	106,576	15,306,166

TABLE 2.—BULK PLANT GASOLINE SALES IN PRINCIPAL CITIES AND TOWNS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR 1943.
(In Gallons.)

City or Town.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
Vancouver and District	1,946,867	1,988,872	2,856,110	1,871,681	2,216,498	2,343,460	2,511,999	2,632,008	2,494,875	2,415,623	2,360,904	2,313,596	27,952,493
Victoria	436,552	464,560	617,772	491,047	522,427	533,782	552,945	608,996	558,930	540,966	561,191	558,956	6,448,124
Nanaimo	119,585	118,356	180,009	155,435	152,790	175,786	179,496	191,398	172,016	152,491	166,306	164,721	1,928,389
Penticton	59,767	59,500	82,589	74,600	81,512	97,046	93,414	100,420	92,430	87,586	88,583	80,013	997,460
Vernon	68,499	86,095	90,361	92,381	105,689	108,513	112,814	122,620	116,150	110,164	110,806	91,511	1,215,603
Trail (Tadanac)	58,794	53,958	70,525	59,775	71,028	76,805	76,044	81,018	81,332	74,370	69,340	65,880	838,869
Nelson	55,425	43,816	60,943	51,484	61,702	75,796	62,593	80,742	79,576	73,394	72,944	71,451	789,866
Chilliwack	58,413	69,205	110,067	107,887	113,771	116,781	117,387	132,477	125,961	123,531	116,320	113,089	1,304,889
Cranbrook	41,374	37,935	47,827	32,859	51,169	51,045	65,957	69,209	67,797	59,634	61,027	58,407	644,240
Kamloops	45,513	43,821	66,979	61,959	75,374	82,088	95,724	100,007	88,481	92,502	86,526	72,567	911,541
Kelowna	36,399	43,092	56,290	40,460	54,812	66,373	67,529	72,478	70,724	62,942	62,173	56,773	690,045
Port Alberni	34,532	37,501	61,539	52,609	45,833	52,573	54,157	58,188	48,583	55,756	55,000	55,001	611,202
Courtenay	19,000	43,651	30,425	31,664	49,683	49,876	75,372	75,611	77,883	53,831	64,124	67,610	638,728
Mission	40,206	41,398	58,082	76,640	72,567	76,488	79,109	80,131	78,932	73,170	70,916	67,697	815,336
Abbotsford	49,869	61,094	89,899	66,441	63,013	62,413	65,841	67,963	65,947	59,155	58,054	56,312	766,001
Creston	11,415	8,632	17,718	12,090	31,010	21,261	21,712	32,802	29,921	26,019	22,704	18,169	253,453
Princeton	18,196	16,735	26,098	13,714	20,146	19,386	24,019	24,701	23,651	23,432	22,454	18,183	250,715
Powell River	18,190	19,995	28,704	36,879	35,252	28,844	32,766	35,493	34,056	33,335	32,862	33,208	369,584
Quesnel	11,896	15,431	15,205	11,371	16,658	16,408	18,083	20,552	20,518	19,367	18,317	14,180	197,986
Agassiz	9,541	7,436	29,782	27,122	38,130	27,707	34,080	31,929	35,574	34,174	36,255	25,039	336,769
Prince George	49,130	55,160	78,732	52,610	61,647	75,438	82,039	71,848	79,738	80,953	61,635	72,960	821,890
Prince Rupert	118,446	164,505	278,870	207,544	267,286	253,630	263,839	294,112	211,981	179,892	175,335	143,300	2,558,740
Salmon Arm	13,598	13,599	17,774	16,450	25,744	22,554	24,078	29,117	30,274	29,686	26,984	20,668	270,526
Revelstoke	10,438	6,344	13,244	7,714	17,020	21,043	21,543	24,401	21,228	19,708	13,860	14,464	191,007
Williams Lake	14,204	22,015	25,460	22,734	23,867	27,890	25,811	26,856	22,641	25,901	26,525	24,348	288,252
Grand Forks	9,437	10,010	12,562	13,408	15,551	17,990	18,984	20,113	19,650	17,781	19,237	15,999	190,722
Ashcroft	8,050	6,548	17,153	11,891	11,673	25,730	20,562	20,739	21,661	25,404	19,171	12,518	201,100
Burns Lake	8,106	8,230	11,811	9,450	7,701	13,707	15,385	11,592	16,290	15,468	18,729	11,325	147,794

TABLE 3.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BULK PLANT SALES COVERING THE YEARS 1939–43, TOGETHER WITH A GRAPH SHOWING THE RISE AND DECLINE OF THE VARIOUS TYPES OF SALES, IN MILLIONS OF GALLONS.

Year.	Resellers.	Commercial.	Marine.	Total.
1939	42,975,628	12,743,957	3,387,414	59,106,999
1940	45,674,964	14,277,252	4,284,078	64,236,294
1941	47,700,011	16,899,584	5,179,142	69,778,737
1942	43,524,234	23,198,644	3,216,604	69,939,482
1943	38,360,370	31,533,726	3,382,489	73,276,585



COAL INDUSTRY.

The number of licences issued in the coal industry during 1943 in force as at December 31st was 527 as compared with 515 in 1942. Under the regulations of the Board all dealers are required to make monthly returns to the Board; from these a consolidation of the retail coal-sales in the Province is made.

The following tables show the amount of coal sold at retail in the various districts of the Province during the year ended December 31st, 1943, together with comparative tables showing the amount of coal sold during the years 1940–43:—

COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1943.

Districts.	British Columbia Coals.	Alberta. Coals.	U.S.A. Coals.	Totals.
Vancouver Island	307,930½	4,407	.....	312,337½
City of Victoria	60,172¼	63,418¼	308½	123,899
City of Vancouver	214,316½	252,233	1,125	467,674½
District of West Vancouver	491	4,551¼	10½	5,052¾
City of North Vancouver	14,510½	10,476	.....	24,986½
City of New Westminster	47,082	20,495½	48½	67,626
Fraser Valley	5,405	11,853½	.....	17,258½
Kootenay District	431,112	51,383¾	.....	482,495¾
Merritt-Princeton District	49,534	1,129½	.....	50,663½
Okanagan District	4,066	27,379½	.....	31,345½
Kamloops District	2,011½	17,234	.....	19,245½
Balance of Province	10,665¼	23,621	.....	34,286¼
Totals	1,147,296½	488,182¾	1,492½	1,636,970¾

COAL-SALES, 1940–43.

	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
British Columbia coals	1,156,847½	1,212,669¾	1,195,705½	1,147,296½
Alberta coals	87,869½	104,898¾	282,246½	488,182¾
United States coals	689½	905	955½	1,492½
Totals	1,245,406½	1,318,573½	1,478,907½	1,636,970¾

RETAIL COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FOR THE YEARS 1940–43.

Vancouver Island.

Class of Coals.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
British Columbia coals	481,586	413,531¾	371,045½	307,930½
Alberta coals	375	752	3,141	4,407
United States coals	2½	.....	.....	.....
Totals for year	481,963½	414,283¾	374,186½	312,337½

City of Victoria.

British Columbia coals	41,355½	47,217½	56,591½	60,172¼
Alberta coals	5,589	8,835¼	43,247	63,418¼
United States coals	26	110½	92½	308½
Totals for year	46,970½	56,163¼	99,931	123,899

Retail Coal-sales, British Columbia, for the Years 1940–43—*Continued.*

City of Vancouver.

Class of Coals.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
British Columbia coals	102,549	90,402¼	120,965½	214,316½
Alberta coals	22,919½	31,942½	128,438	252,233
United States coals	553	773	691½	1,125
Totals for year	126,021½	123,117¾	250,095	467,674½

District of West Vancouver.

British Columbia coals	819	412	209½	491
Alberta coals	569	793¾	2,144½	4,551¼
United States coals	4½	.....	.....	10½
Totals for year	1,392½	1,205¾	2,354	5,052¾

City of North Vancouver.

British Columbia coals	6,922½	8,082	9,993½	14,510½
Alberta coals	1,423	1,469¾	4,765	10,476
United States coals	46	.....	.....	.....
Totals for year	8,391½	9,551¾	14,758½	24,986½

City of New Westminster.

British Columbia coals	23,857½	26,708½	32,446	47,082
Alberta coals	2,014½	2,802¼	9,601½	20,495½
United States coals	58	21½	13½	48½
Totals for year	25,930	29,532¼	42,061	67,626

Fraser Valley.

British Columbia coals	4,819½	5,187¾	4,689	5,405
Alberta coals	3,468	4,891	10,063	11,853½
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for year	8,287½	10,078¾	14,752	17,258½

Kootenay District.

British Columbia coals	448,279	564,175	536,747½	431,112
Alberta coals	24,544	28,008	35,715	51,383¾
United States coals	.....	.....	½	.....
Totals for year	472,823	592,283	572,463	482,495¾

Merritt-Princeton District.

British Columbia coals	35,019	36,792	40,010½	49,534
Alberta coals	106½	72	305	1,129½
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for year	35,125½	36,864	40,315½	50,663½

RETAIL COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FOR THE YEARS 1940–43—*Continued.*

Okanagan District.

Class of Coals.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
British Columbia coals	2,633	4,100½	6,833	4,066
Alberta coals	6,131½	6,724	14,872½	27,379½
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for year	8,764½	10,824½	21,705½	31,345½

Kamloops District.

British Columbia coals	2,590½	2,151	2,314	2,011½
Alberta coals	6,029½	7,056¾	11,777	17,234
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for year	8,620	9,207¾	14,091	19,245½

Balance of Province.

British Columbia coals	6,416½	13,909½	13,860	10,665½
Alberta coals	14,700	11,551½	18,177	23,621
United States coals	.....	.....	157½	.....
Totals for year	21,116½	25,461	32,194½	34,286½

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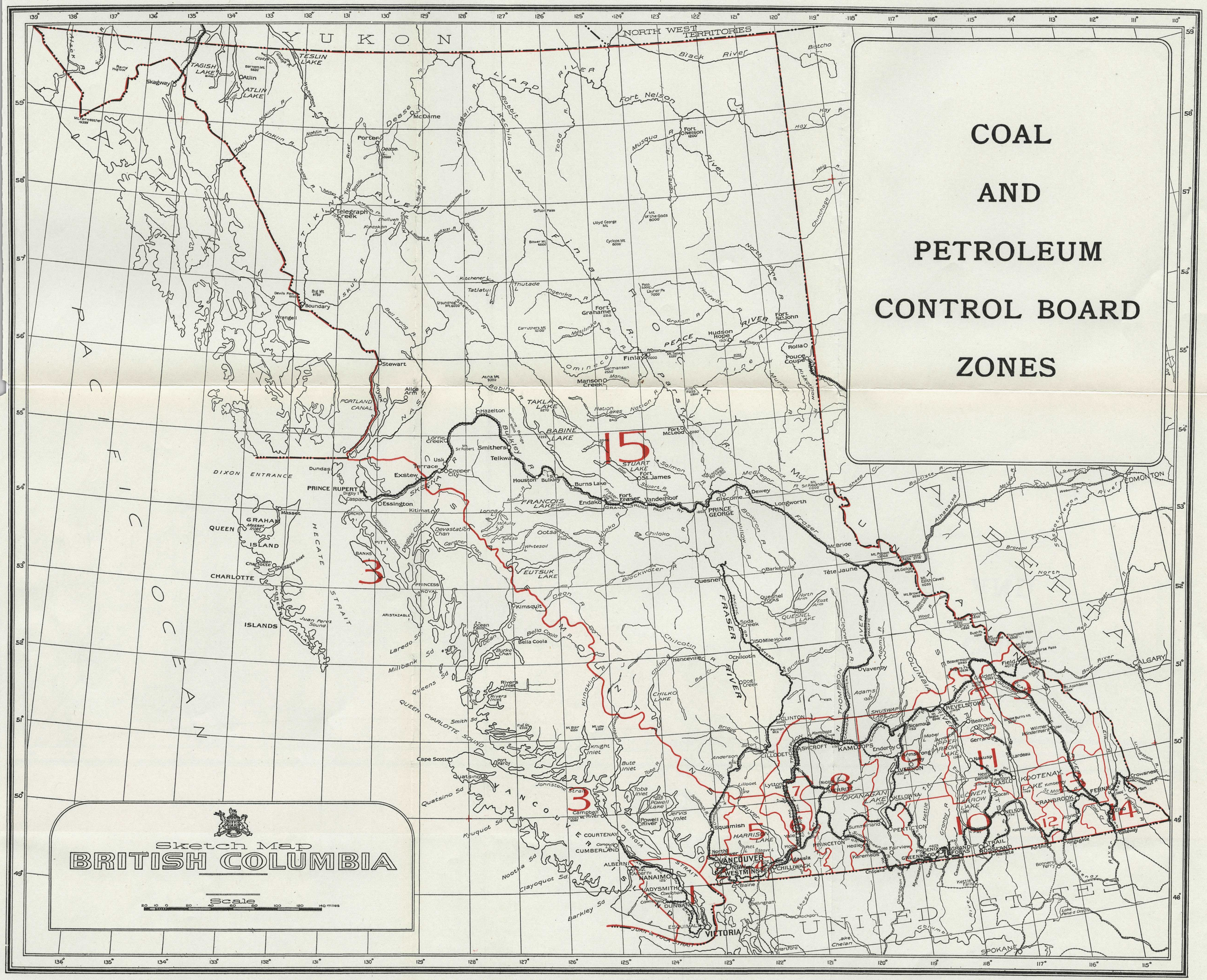
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