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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, 1944.

W. A. CARROTHERS,

Coal and Petroleum Control Board.

Victoria, B.C., 1945.

Annual Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board

for the Calendar Year ended December 31st, 1944.

In the petroleum industry there were no major changes during the year. Sales of gasoline for use in private passenger automobiles continued to keep on a lower level than before rationing commenced in 1942. There was also a substantial reduction during the year in the sale of gasoline for industrial and commercial purposes; this reduction amounting to 7,958,107 gallons under that sold in 1943.

Three new retail licences were granted during the year for the sale of gasoline and other petroleum products; two of these were restricted to sales for marine use only, and the other restricted to sales to contract truckers on a wood-fuel project at Canal Flats.

In the coal industry there were also no major changes during the year, a number of small dealers discontinued in the industry and fourteen new retail licences were granted. Two new licences were granted for the mining of coal in connection with new development in the industry.

In 1944 the retail sales of coal in the Province totalled 1,579,096 tons, a decrease from 1943 of some 57,874¼ tons. The sale of coal brought into the Province from Alberta was 454,193 tons, being a decrease from that sold in 1943 of 33,989¾ tons.

Throughout the year the Coal and Petroleum Control Board has continued to work in co-operation with both the Dominion Oil Controller and the Dominion Coal Controller. Statistics in respect of both gasoline and coal were forwarded to each department every month.

LICENCES.

The number of licences issued by the Board under Regulation 1, and in force on January 1st, 1944, totalled 3,190. Of these, some 527 were in the coal industry. During the year twenty-two new licences were granted, three being in the petroleum industry and nineteen 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, 1944, some 3,119 licences.

Summary of Licences.

Petroleum industry—		
Petroleum refiners	8	
Petroleum wholesalers	334	
Petroleum retailers	2,274	
		2,616
Coal industry—		
Mine operators	26	
Wholesale coal-dealers	74	
Retail coal-dealers	403	
		503
Total		3,119

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	82	83
Standard Oil	25	53
Shell Oil	44	53
Union Oil	55	55
Home Oil	35	42
British American Oil	17	17
McColl-Frontenac Oil	3	3
B.C. Fuel	3	1
Signal Oil	1	------
Total oil company licences	265	307
Others	34	1,837
Restricted, fuel-oil, lubricants, or naphtha gasoline	35	130
Total licences	334	2,274

Licensed gasoline outlets serving the general public are:—

Garages and service-stations	1,318
Pumps only (no service)	396
Marine retail outlets	123
Total	1,837

NOTE.—In addition to the 1,837 licences shown above, the 307 retail licences issued to the various oil company distribution plants supply gasoline to commercial and industrial 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 in the petroleum industry have the approval of the Dominion Oil Controller.

Applications for new licences in the coal industry have been dealt with in co-operation with the Dominion Coal Controller.

NEW LICENCES.

During the year forty applications for new licences to commence business in either the coal or the petroleum industries were dealt with by the Board, resulting in twenty-two new licences being granted.

Special licences granted under section 6 of the Act during 1944 to persons commencing new businesses in the petroleum industry were as follows:—

Petroleum retailers (3)—

Western Chemical Industries, Ltd., at Dodger Cove, Diana Island, Barkley Sound (Marine).

C. C. Hansen, Brentwood Bay, Vancouver Island (Marine).

Marwell Construction Company, Ltd., Canal Flats, restricted to sales to contract truckers only.

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

Petroleum retailers	265
Petroleum wholesalers	2

Thirty-five gasoline retail outlets selling to the public closed during the year, divided into the following types of businesses: Seven garages, nine service-stations,

fifteen pumps (located at stores, auto camps, etc., or connected with businesses not catering exclusively to the automobile trade), and four 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., Ltd.
Union Oil Company of Canada, Ltd.
Standard Oil Company of B.C., Ltd.
McColl-Frontenac Oil Company, Ltd.
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 in the industry totalled nineteen licences:—

Retail coal-dealers (14)—
The Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada, Corbin.
The Hasler Creek Coal Company, Ltd., Dawson Creek.
The Oliver Lumber Company, Ltd., Osoyoos.
G. J. Kingsley, Christina Lake.
The Wilson Freightways, Ltd., Dawson Creek.
J. M. Kennedy, Lantzville, Vancouver Island.
C. W. Loughbridge, Victoria.
Allan Castley, Cowichan Lake, Vancouver Island.
Osoyoos Co-operative Growers, Osoyoos.
W. R. McFarlane, Pouce Coupe.
The Shuswap Lake Co-op. (Union) Growers, Sorrento.
Messrs. Berkley, Lunan, Gerrard & Allen, Merritt.
F. H. Ingham, Elko.
R. Hornby, Sandwick, Vancouver Island.

Wholesale coal-dealers (3)—
The Hasler Creek Coal Company, Ltd., Dawson Creek.
The Wilson Freightways, Ltd., Dawson Creek.
Messrs. Berkley, Lunan, Gerrard & Allen, Merritt.

Mine operators (2)—
The Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co. of Canada, Corbin.
The Hasler Creek Coal Company, Ltd., Hasler Creek.

Eleven new operators took over existing businesses in the coal industry during the year and twenty-six small retailers went out of business.

GASOLINE SALES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In 1944 the sales of gasoline in the Province, as reported to the Board by the various oil companies, decreased by 5,291,392 gallons from 1943. While there was a decrease in the total sales of gasoline this year, it is to be noted that sales made through service-stations and other resale outlets increased in the amount of 2,015,690 gallons. Sales made direct to consumers by the oil companies decreased by 7,958,107 gallons and marine sales increased by 651,025 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 1944, 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 1944.

Table 3.—Comparative Statement of Bulk Plant Sales covering the Years 1939–44, 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 1944, BY DISTRICTS AND ZONES.

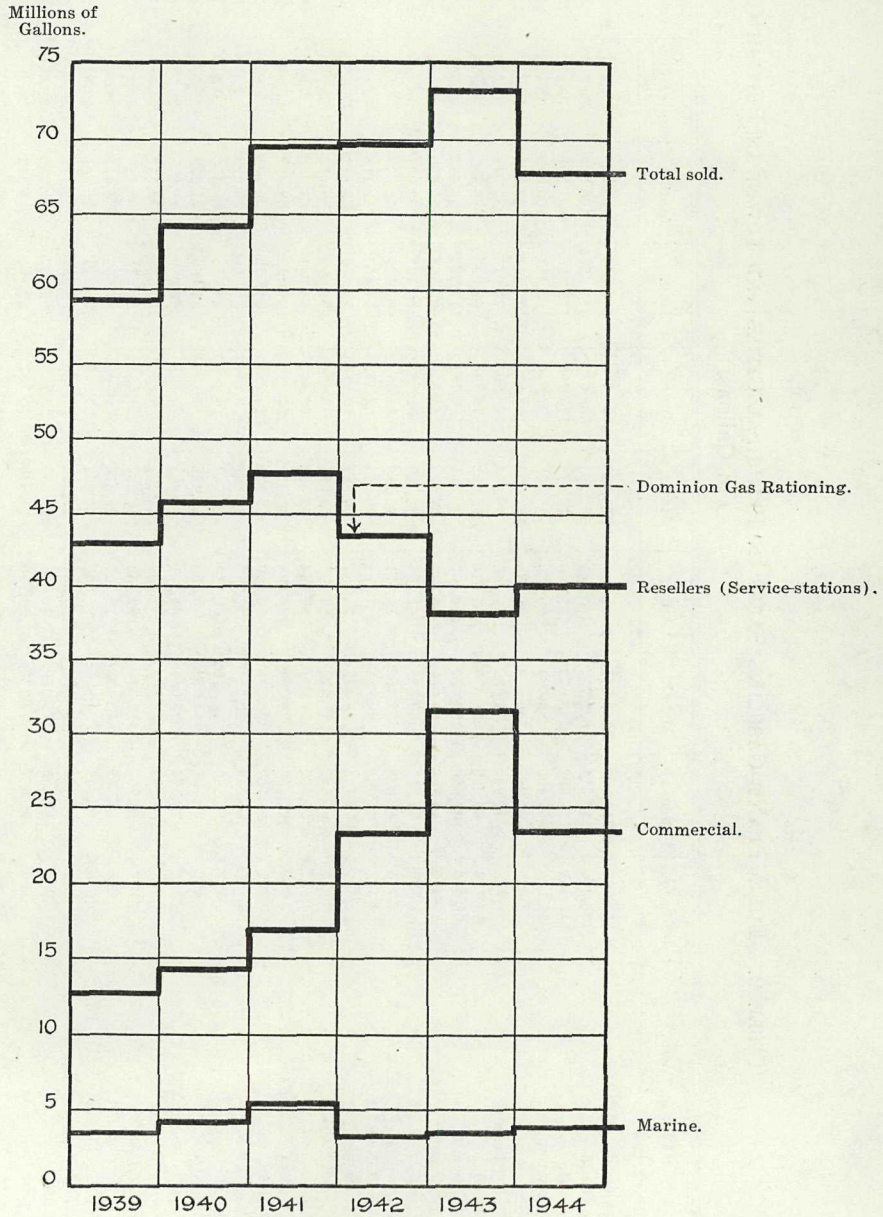
Area.	Resellers.	Commercial.	Marine.	Total.
Victoria	4,551,498	1,814,612	133,768	6,499,878
Vancouver and District	22,031,095	6,496,699	1,292,298	29,820,092
Balance of Province	13,793,467	15,264,308	2,607,448	31,665,223
Totals	40,376,060	23,575,619	4,033,514	67,985,193
Zone 1 (less Victoria)	1,635,632	1,397,720	252,634	3,285,986
Zone 3	1,579,039	4,191,903	2,211,246	7,982,188
Zone 4	1,045,543	643,627	3,824	1,692,994
Zone 5	1,044,942	856,019	927	1,901,888
Zone 6	91,572	127,456	4,578	223,606
Zone 7	149,909	27,028	.....	176,937
Zone 8	1,082,330	502,094	.....	1,584,424
Zone 9	2,641,424	1,742,122	.....	4,383,546
Zone 10	1,374,732	769,671	.....	2,144,403
Zone 11	126,244	126,238	.....	252,482
Zone 12	198,312	120,417	.....	318,729
Zone 13	578,599	295,866	.....	874,465
Zone 14	166,958	239,875	.....	406,833
Zone 15	2,078,231	4,224,272	134,239	6,436,742

TABLE 2.—BULK PLANT GASOLINE SALES IN PRINCIPAL CITIES AND TOWNS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR 1944.
(In Gallons.)

City or Town.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
Vancouver and District	2,171,487	2,310,196	2,769,055	2,069,213	2,561,629	2,506,715	2,572,804	2,801,983	2,584,241	2,496,354	2,494,452	2,481,963	29,820,092
Victoria	486,862	513,321	602,732	491,541	553,201	539,032	551,366	566,963	536,870	571,347	540,418	546,225	6,499,878
Nanaimo	141,441	151,582	183,972	161,105	172,611	175,786	179,496	191,398	172,016	152,491	166,306	164,721	2,012,925
Penticton	65,191	63,459	88,434	90,870	98,376	97,046	93,414	100,420	92,430	87,586	88,583	80,013	1,045,822
Vernon	72,623	74,287	106,009	96,278	127,304	108,513	112,814	122,620	116,150	110,164	110,806	91,511	1,249,079
Trail (Tadanac)	58,743	53,990	64,662	59,302	76,273	76,805	76,044	81,018	81,332	74,370	69,340	65,880	837,759
Nelson	56,723	60,659	68,575	61,616	72,602	75,796	62,593	80,742	79,576	73,394	72,944	71,451	836,671
Chilliwack	85,640	101,820	123,920	120,602	129,337	116,781	117,387	132,477	125,961	123,531	116,320	113,089	1,406,865
Cranbrook	47,970	49,858	61,967	38,043	57,487	51,045	65,957	69,209	67,797	59,634	61,027	58,407	688,401
Kamloops	48,889	53,911	69,535	75,366	82,799	82,088	95,724	100,007	88,481	92,502	86,526	72,567	948,395
Kelowna	48,774	46,099	62,452	59,121	70,169	66,373	67,529	72,478	70,724	62,942	62,173	56,773	745,607
Port Alberni	53,488	49,835	66,850	47,762	49,421	52,573	54,157	58,118	48,583	55,756	55,000	55,001	646,544
Courtenay	44,061	58,445	86,379	70,583	90,887	49,876	75,372	75,611	77,883	53,831	64,124	67,610	814,662
Mission	58,576	62,381	71,570	80,307	68,614	76,488	79,109	80,131	78,932	73,170	70,916	67,697	867,891
Abbotsford	50,831	36,467	71,081	80,244	69,400	62,413	65,841	67,963	65,947	59,155	58,054	56,312	763,708
Creston	17,046	13,680	24,203	24,671	31,639	21,261	21,712	32,802	29,921	26,019	22,704	18,169	283,827
Princeton	17,201	14,562	22,243	16,399	18,124	19,386	24,019	24,701	23,651	23,432	22,454	18,183	244,355
Powell River	26,751	34,049	30,381	42,717	38,842	28,844	32,766	35,493	34,056	33,335	32,862	33,208	403,304
Quesnel	16,397	14,866	14,415	13,310	17,740	16,408	18,085	20,552	20,518	19,367	18,317	14,180	204,155
Agassiz	15,432	27,738	44,062	40,109	38,788	27,707	34,080	31,929	35,574	34,174	36,255	25,039	390,887
Prince George	72,374	73,526	75,689	64,851	85,881	75,438	82,039	71,848	79,738	80,953	61,635	72,960	896,932
Prince Rupert	123,948	169,562	169,830	162,462	151,388	253,630	263,839	294,112	211,981	179,892	175,335	143,300	2,299,279
Salmon Arm	16,723	14,767	17,440	22,859	35,982	22,554	24,078	29,117	30,274	29,686	26,984	20,668	291,132
Revelstoke	7,295	10,297	11,408	12,701	29,214	21,043	21,543	24,401	21,288	19,708	13,860	14,464	207,222
Williams Lake	19,539	19,647	20,847	20,372	21,252	27,890	25,811	26,856	22,641	25,901	26,525	24,348	281,629
Grand Forks	11,486	10,489	13,921	15,084	18,985	17,990	18,984	20,113	19,650	17,781	19,237	15,999	199,719
Ashcroft	11,700	11,103	15,079	16,071	21,333	25,730	20,562	20,739	21,661	25,404	19,171	12,518	221,071
Burns Lake	11,500	11,975	13,230	12,195	14,525	15,707	15,385	11,592	16,290	15,468	18,729	11,325	167,921

TABLE 3.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BULK PLANT SALES COVERING THE YEARS 1939–44, 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
1944	40,376,060	23,575,619	4,033,514	67,985,193



COAL INDUSTRY.

The number of licences issued in the coal industry during 1944 in force as at December 31st was 503 as compared with 527 in 1943. 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, 1944, together with comparative tables showing the amount of coal sold during the years 1940–44:—

COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1944.

Districts.	British Columbia Coals.	Alberta Coals.	U.S.A. Coals.	Totals.
Vancouver Island	321,836½	4,514	.....	326,350½
City of Victoria	56,254	55,590	.....	111,844
City of Vancouver	140,698¾	239,954½	1,091¼	381,744½
District of West Vancouver	50¾	3,549¾	.....	3,600½
City of North Vancouver	6,218	7,458½	.....	13,676½
City of New Westminster	34,636½	16,956½	7	51,600
Fraser Valley	5,080	17,098¼	.....	22,178¼
Kootenay District	519,415½	48,956¾	.....	568,372¼
Merritt-Princeton District	24,654¾	2,961	.....	27,615¾
Okanagan District	2,151¼	25,684	.....	27,835¼
Kamloops District	1,499	14,131½	.....	15,630½
Balance of Province	11,310¼	17,338¼	.....	28,648½
Totals	1,123,805¼	454,193	1,098¼	1,579,096½

COAL-SALES, 1940–44.

Class of Coals.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
British Columbia coals	1,156,847½	1,212,669¾	1,195,705½	1,147,296½	1,123,805¼
Alberta coals	87,869½	104,898¾	282,246½	488,182¾	454,193
United States coals	689½	905	955½	1,492½	1,098¼
Totals	1,245,406½	1,318,573½	1,478,907½	1,636,970¾	1,579,096½

RETAIL COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FOR THE YEARS 1940–44.

Vancouver Island.

Class of Coals.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
British Columbia coals	481,586	413,531¾	371,045½	307,930½	321,836½
Alberta coals	375	752	3,141	4,407	4,514
United States coals	2½	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for year	481,963½	414,283¾	374,186½	312,337½	326,350½

City of Victoria.

British Columbia coals	41,355½	47,217½	56,591½	60,172¼	56,254
Alberta coals	5,589	8,835¼	43,247	63,418¼	55,590
United States coals	26	110½	92½	308½	.....
Totals for year	46,970½	56,163¼	99,931	123,899	111,844

RETAIL COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FOR THE YEARS 1940–44—*Continued.*

City of Vancouver.

Class of Coals.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
British Columbia coals	102,549	90,402¼	120,965½	214,316½	140,698¾
Alberta coals	22,919½	31,942½	128,438	252,233	239,954½
United States coals	553	773	691½	1,125	1,091¼
Totals for year	126,021½	123,117¾	250,095	467,674½	381,744½

District of West Vancouver.

British Columbia coals	819	412	209½	491	50¾
Alberta coals	569	793¾	2,144½	4,551¼	3,549¾
United States coals	4½	.....	.....	10½	.....
Totals for year	1,392½	1,205¾	2,354	5,052¾	3,600½

City of North Vancouver.

British Columbia coals	6,922½	8,082	9,993½	14,510½	6,218
Alberta coals	1,423	1,469¾	4,765	10,476	7,458½
United States coals	46	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for year	8,391½	9,551¾	14,758½	24,986½	13,676½

City of New Westminster.

British Columbia coals	23,857½	26,708½	32,446	47,082	34,636½
Alberta coals	2,014½	2,802¼	9,601½	20,495½	16,956½
United States coals	58	21½	13½	48½	7
Totals for year	25,930	29,532¼	42,061	67,626	51,600

Fraser Valley.

British Columbia coals	4,819½	5,187¾	4,689	5,405	5,080
Alberta coals	3,468	4,891	10,063	11,853½	17,098¼
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for year	8,287½	10,078¾	14,752	17,258½	22,178¼

Kootenay District.

British Columbia coals	448,279	564,175	536,747½	431,112	519,415½
Alberta coals	24,544	28,008	35,715	51,383¾	48,956¾
United States coals	.....	.....	½	.....	.....
Totals for year	472,823	592,283	572,463	482,495¾	568,372¼

Merritt-Princeton District.

British Columbia coals	35,019	36,792	40,010½	49,534	24,654¾
Alberta coals	106½	72	305	1,129½	2,961
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for year	35,125½	36,864	40,315½	50,663½	27,615¾

Okanagan District.

British Columbia coals	2,633	4,100½	6,833	4,066	2,151¼
Alberta coals	6,131½	6,724	14,872½	27,379½	25,684
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for year	8,764½	10,824½	21,705½	31,345½	27,835¼

RETAIL COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FOR THE YEARS 1940–44—*Continued.*

Kamloops District.

Class of Coals.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.
British Columbia coals	2,590½	2,151	2,314	2,011½	1,499
Alberta coals	6,029½	7,056¾	11,777	17,234	14,131½
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals for year	8,620	9,207¾	14,091	19,245½	15,630½

Balance of Province.

British Columbia coals	6,416½	13,909½	13,860	10,665½	11,310¼
Alberta coals	14,700	11,551½	18,177	23,621	17,338¼
United States coals	.....	.....	157½	.....	.....
Totals for year	21,116½	25,461	32,194½	34,286½	28,648½

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