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COAL and PETROLEUM CONTROL BOARD

Year ended 31st December, 1946

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To His Honour CHARLES ARTHUR BANKS,
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, 1946.

W. A. CARROTHERS,
Coal and Petroleum Control Board.

Victoria, B.C., 1947.

Annual Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board

For the Calendar Year ended December 31st, 1946.

During 1946, sales of gasoline soared to an all-time high. Oil companies were seeking every possible opportunity to open new outlets in all sections of the Province with a view to increasing their post-war output, this expansion of business being particularly noted in the rural areas of the Province, where there has been a big increase in population and considerable new development. As a result of this, the Board received some 763 applications for licences in the petroleum industry, as compared with 421 applications in 1945. The only major change in the petroleum industry during 1946 was carried out by the British American Oil Company, Limited, who, by taking over the Union Oil Company of Canada, Limited, were able to extend their operations to cover the whole of the Province. Previously their activities were confined principally to the eastern and central parts of the Province.

The sale of gasoline through service-stations during the year was 64,137,550 gallons, an increase of 13,773,145 gallons over 1945.

In the coal industry, retail sales were 1,543,638 tons, an increase of 4,911 tons over 1945. Of particular interest is the increase of sales in this Province of coal brought in from the Province of Alberta; the sale of this coal has increased from 104,898 tons in 1941 to 660,315 tons in 1946.

LICENCES.

The number of licences issued by the Board under Regulation 1, and in force on January 1st, 1946, totalled 3,277. Of these, some 511 were in the coal industry. During the year a number of licences were reinstated in connection with outlets closed during the war years; 336 new operators' licences were issued in the petroleum industry and 44 in the coal industry following the granting of new licences under section 6 of the "Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act." Various licences were discontinued during the year, leaving in force as at December 31st, 1946, some 3,505 licences.

The new operators' licences issued during the year under Regulation 1 in the petroleum industry include a number of licences in connection with new outlets granted permission to commence business in 1945, and which outlets were not ready to commence selling gasoline in 1945 due to construction not being completed.

These 336 new operators' licences in the petroleum industry cover the following types of outlet:—

Re-refining and cleaning of used lubricating-oils		2
Wholesale licences (oil company distribution points)	22	
Wholesale licences (individuals) (restricted to fuel-oils and lubricants)	8	
	—	30
Retail licences—		
Garages	116	
Service-stations	88	
Auto camps	12	
Stores (no service), country districts	18	
Restricted to lubricating and fuel oils, naphtha	17	
Marine outlets	20	

Retail licences—*Continued.*		
Oil company distribution points	28	
Restricted to aviation fuel	5	
	—	304
Total		336

SUMMARY OF LICENCES.

Petroleum industry—		
Petroleum refiners	5	
Petroleum refiners restricted	4	
Petroleum wholesalers	379	
Petroleum retailers	2,634	
		3,022
Coal industry—		
Mine operators	27	
Wholesale coal-dealers	73	
Retail coal-dealers	383	
	—	483
Total licences		3,505

The following table gives a breakdown of petroleum licences issued by the Board during 1946 to the various oil companies and individuals in connection with the operation of retail outlets, bulk plants, barrel agencies, or distribution points, and licences restricted to the sale of fuel and lubricating oils:—

	Wholesale	Retail
Imperial Oil Co., Ltd.	91	89
Standard Oil Co. of B.C., Ltd.	42	73
Shell Oil Co., Ltd.	45	52
British American Oil Co., Ltd.	73	78
Home Oil Distributors, Ltd.	43	51
McColl-Frontenac Oil Co., Ltd.	8	6
Signal Oil Co., Ltd.	1	0
United Oil Co., Ltd.	2	2
Total oil company licences	305	351
Others	33	2,138
Restricted, fuel-oils, lubricants, or naphtha gasoline	41	145
Total licences	379	2,634

Gasoline outlets serving the public are made up as follows:—

Garages	620
Service-stations	797
Auto camp and store pumps, and outlets not rendering complete service to the public	552
Outlets where licence is restricted to sales to members of an association, or to employees	20
Restricted to selling to aircraft	6
Marine outlets	143
Total	2,138

NOTE:—In addition to the 2,138 licences shown above, the 351 retail licences issued to the various oil companies' distributing plants supply gasoline to commercial and industrial accounts.

NEW LICENCES.

In granting new licences under section 6 of the "Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act," careful consideration has been given to public convenience and necessity. During the year, apart from dealing with applications for licences received in 1946, the Board reviewed a number of applications received in 1945, which applications had been held over from the previous year pending further investigation of conditions in the areas in which the applications were made. Many of the applications received were from ex-service men, and in dealing with these particular care was taken to ascertain that the applicant would have a reasonable opportunity to re-establish himself in civilian life.

In 1946 the Board received 763 applications for licences in the petroleum industry and 45 applications in the coal industry. Apart from this it also dealt with 265 applications in the petroleum industry and 6 in the coal industry held over from 1945. A total of 532 new licences was granted in the petroleum industry and 49 in the coal industry under section 6 of the "Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act"; 471 retail outlets licensed in the petroleum industry and 28 in the coal industry were taken over by new operators. Apart from these, 61 retail and 65 wholesale licences in connection with oil company distribution points were also taken over by other operating companies.

The following gives a breakdown of applications dealt with, and licences granted during the year:—

Petroleum Industry.

Class.	Applications pending Dec. 31, 1945.	Applications received, 1946.	Licences granted, 1946.	Applications not granted.	Applications pending Dec. 31, 1946.	Applications inactive Dec. 31, 1946.
Petroleum retailers—						
Service outlets	251	640	404	169	88	230
Marine	8	24	32	.....	.....	.....
Restricted (lubricating-oils)	1	20	21	.....	.....	.....
Bulk plants or agencies	2	34	32	.....	4	.....
Total retailers	262	718	489	169	92	230
Petroleum wholesalers—						
Bulk plants	2	34	32	.....	4	.....
Individuals	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Restricted	.....	9	9	.....	.....	.....
Total wholesalers	3	43	41	1	4	.....
Re-refining of lubricating-oils	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Totals, all applications	265	763	532	170	96	230

Applications held over from 1945 for further investigation	265
Applications received during 1946	763
Total number of applications dealt with by the Board (1946)	1,028
Total new licences granted under section 6 during 1946	532
Licences granted to ex-service men during 1946	189
Licences granted in 1945, expired—granted an extension of time in 1946	21

Licences granted in 1946, expired—granted an extension of time in 1946	27
Licences allowed to expire in 1946	44
Existing businesses—	
New operators taking over retail outlets during 1946—	
Individuals	471
B.A. Oil from Union Oil	58
McColl-Frontenac Oil from B.C. Fuels	3
New operators taking over wholesale outlets during 1946—	
B.A. Oil from Union Oil	58
McColl-Frontenac Oil from B.C. Fuels	5
Others	2
Outlets reopened during 1946	51

Coal Industry.

Class.	Applications pending Dec. 31, 1945.	Applications received, 1946.	Licences granted, 1946.	Applications not granted.
Retail coal-dealers	6	39	43	2
Wholesale coal-dealers	....	4	4	....
Mine operators	....	2	2	....
Totals	6	45	49	2

New operators taking over existing businesses in the coal industry, 28.

GASOLINE-SALES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In 1946 the sales of gasoline in the Province (aviation gasolines not included), as reported by the various oil companies, increased by 17,279,506 gallons over 1945, this increase being as follows: Sales through retail service outlets, 13,773,145 gallons; commercial sales, 2,482,808 gallons; and marine outlets, 1,023,553 gallons. Commercial sales are sales made direct by a wholesaler to industrial or commercial users and to farmers. Gasoline-sales for use in aircraft totalled 2,331,056 gallons.

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

Table 1.—A Summary of Sales for 1946, 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 1946.

Table 3.—Comparative Statement of Bulk Plant Sales covering the Years 1939–46, together with a Graph showing the Rise and Decline of the Various Types of Sales, in Millions of Gallons.

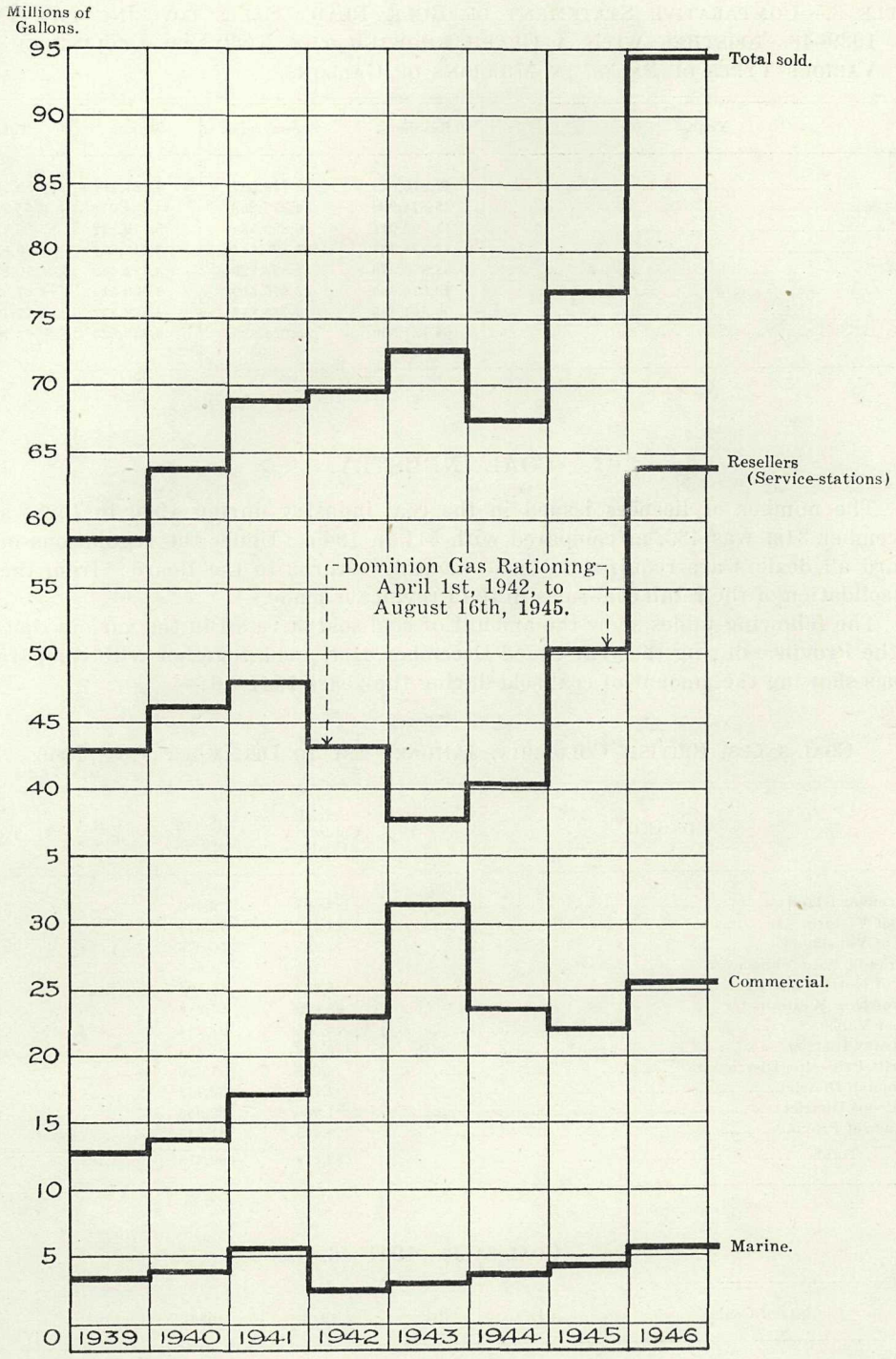
TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF GASOLINE-SALES MADE THROUGH THE VARIOUS BULK PLANTS FOR 1946, BY DISTRICTS AND ZONES.

Area.	Resellers.	Commercial.	Marine.	Total.
Victoria	7,096,380	2,313,569	141,820	9,551,769
Vancouver and district	32,289,565	8,574,486	1,490,569	42,354,620
Balance of Province	24,751,605	14,336,565	3,713,436	42,801,606
Totals	64,137,550	25,224,620	5,345,825	94,707,995
Zone 1 (less Victoria)	2,868,595	1,604,018	266,925	4,739,538
Zone 3	2,943,744	3,508,410	3,332,764	9,784,918
Zone 4	1,925,840	767,845	7,063	2,700,748
Zone 5	1,669,450	978,980	.....	2,648,430
Zone 6	377,714	266,113	.....	643,827
Zone 7	238,151	43,602	.....	281,753
Zone 8	2,013,532	936,924	1,328	2,951,784
Zone 9	4,891,737	2,351,496	4,518	7,247,751
Zone 10	2,107,838	846,883	1,178	2,955,899
Zone 11	202,708	134,916	.....	337,624
Zone 12	311,493	244,662	.....	556,155
Zone 13	1,232,197	306,073	.....	1,538,270
Zone 14	292,554	108,852	.....	401,406
Zone 15	3,676,052	2,237,791	99,660	6,013,503

NOTE.—Not included in the above table are 2,331,056 gallons of gasoline sold for use in aircraft.

TABLE 2.—BULK PLANT GASOLINE-SALES IN PRINCIPAL CITIES AND TOWNS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR 1946.
(In Gallons.)

City or Town.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
Vancouver and district	2,909,247	2,785,516	3,193,635	3,345,474	3,733,626	3,411,319	3,982,559	4,194,947	3,819,489	3,862,817	3,486,947	3,629,044	42,354,620
Victoria	691,844	693,623	749,834	792,265	850,846	791,776	949,845	981,204	787,551	780,496	737,557	744,928	9,551,769
Abbotsford	94,396	93,821	104,265	123,522	145,310	128,806	153,848	147,364	140,858	136,980	107,910	117,285	1,494,365
Agassiz	20,689	20,154	33,821	47,555	54,357	34,155	67,475	67,132	53,921	60,987	42,187	31,377	533,810
Ashcroft	20,701	17,569	25,653	36,256	45,067	71,269	77,757	72,959	79,079	88,191	55,627	36,176	626,304
Burns Lake	14,720	11,735	16,835	14,715	21,465	29,370	27,685	35,946	30,738	31,809	22,388	24,748	282,154
Chilliwack	133,230	133,108	151,290	169,537	188,930	177,070	236,404	229,480	220,497	190,803	159,954	157,364	2,147,667
Courtenay	58,643	63,096	68,071	78,253	75,272	71,137	95,545	115,244	102,570	106,049	88,782	86,177	1,008,839
Cranbrook	66,866	65,794	66,130	84,025	105,005	110,115	180,845	173,116	148,779	145,437	113,381	96,330	1,355,823
Creston	23,430	25,702	25,279	42,160	50,989	51,863	68,603	72,090	60,470	59,831	42,995	32,688	556,100
Grand Forks	19,764	15,812	18,401	25,290	32,134	33,425	43,413	48,753	42,481	37,301	32,225	26,985	375,984
Kamloops	75,273	75,843	87,399	119,466	116,106	144,544	181,403	188,570	170,945	177,669	136,789	108,302	1,582,309
Kelowna	85,950	71,338	104,733	129,264	142,925	139,891	164,715	172,055	155,950	162,860	139,063	114,230	1,582,974
Mission	77,005	68,090	87,346	96,500	106,804	101,814	124,128	126,115	112,489	115,175	92,866	98,403	1,206,735
Nanaimo	191,428	198,505	220,710	227,077	226,200	226,023	310,278	307,522	344,402	338,433	306,023	293,186	3,189,787
Nelson	70,407	53,496	72,102	79,286	107,044	106,088	134,456	134,407	118,697	127,613	102,552	83,785	1,189,933
Penticton	116,139	106,634	140,739	167,032	194,001	222,140	230,199	237,170	215,560	205,926	186,512	157,709	2,179,761
Port Alberni	54,374	53,124	63,496	65,769	60,691	48,042	75,711	76,386	92,853	88,027	104,388	96,501	879,362
Powell River	38,725	39,099	41,047	46,268	47,595	38,040	61,530	60,705	59,077	55,533	54,780	54,761	597,160
Prince George	76,037	67,270	81,923	50,528	72,120	69,767	115,751	120,264	119,786	124,781	117,570	122,181	1,137,978
Prince Rupert	54,972	51,705	65,673	65,257	115,608	97,801	110,992	112,231	94,495	82,607	55,717	41,291	948,349
Princeton	20,863	22,186	22,030	32,349	37,412	39,933	56,785	56,712	51,120	51,602	53,685	32,522	477,199
Quesnel	22,025	19,614	21,309	25,099	36,853	36,584	41,906	39,435	44,591	43,510	40,106	28,426	399,458
Revelstoke	9,820	8,819	7,680	10,490	22,372	35,611	59,983	54,989	39,083	33,022	19,439	13,634	314,942
Salmon Arm	27,080	22,383	28,536	45,185	47,938	52,151	62,262	69,763	57,463	64,028	45,918	37,365	560,072
Trail	70,415	53,278	66,915	80,325	95,390	92,975	112,257	109,995	95,574	113,252	86,275	88,979	1,065,630
Vernon	105,154	92,993	119,835	159,314	170,303	172,212	197,461	225,364	195,676	193,889	165,123	139,359	1,936,683
Williams Lake	21,113	17,009	21,126	29,188	39,758	40,328	41,276	42,582	39,014	55,362	38,196	28,007	412,959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Total sold.
Resellers (Service-stations)
Commercial.
Marine.
Dominion Gas Rationing April 1st, 1942, to August 16th, 1945.

TABLE 3.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BULK PLANT SALES COVERING THE YEARS 1939–46, 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
1945	50,364,405	22,741,812	4,322,272	77,428,489
1946	64,137,550	25,224,620	5,345,825	94,707,995

COAL INDUSTRY.

The number of licences issued in the coal industry during 1946 in force as at December 31st was 483, as compared with 511 in 1945. 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, 1946, together with comparative tables showing the amount of coal sold during the years 1941–46:—

COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1946.

Districts.	British Columbia Coals.	Alberta Coals.	U.S.A. Coals.	Total.
Vancouver Island	293,607	6,493	.....	300,100
City of Victoria	44,498	74,575	.....	119,073
City of Vancouver	71,287	356,276	1,081	428,644
District of West Vancouver	123	4,846	.....	4,969
City of North Vancouver	5,332	15,194	.....	20,526
City of New Westminster	28,620	34,216	20	62,856
Fraser Valley	3,547	28,214	4	31,765
Kootenay District	416,476	61,254	.....	477,730
Merritt-Princeton District	6,038	1,496	.....	7,534
Okanagan District	2,199	33,753	.....	35,952
Kamloops District	1,066	22,953	.....	24,019
Balance of Province	9,425	21,045	.....	30,470
Totals	882,218	660,315	1,105	1,543,638

COAL-SALES, 1941–46.

Class of Coals.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
British Columbia coals	1,212,669¾	1,195,705½	1,147,296½	1,123,805¼	940,430	882,218
Alberta coals	104,898¾	282,246½	488,182¾	454,193	591,843	660,315
United States coals	905	955½	1,492½	1,098¼	6,454	1,105
Totals	1,318,573½	1,478,907½	1,636,970¾	1,579,096½	1,538,727	1,543,638

Retail Coal-sales, British Columbia, for the Years 1941–46.

Vancouver Island.

Class of Coals.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
British Columbia coals	413,531¾	371,045½	307,930½	321,836½	260,980	293,607
Alberta coals	752	3,141	4,407	4,514	4,757	6,493
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,631	.....
Totals	414,283¾	374,186½	312,337½	326,350½	267,368	300,100

City of Victoria.

British Columbia coals	47,217½	56,591½	60,172¼	56,254	54,078	44,498
Alberta coals	8,835¼	43,247	63,418¼	55,590	73,611	74,575
United States coals	110½	92½	308½	.....	1,190	.....
Totals	56,163¼	99,931	123,899	111,844	128,879	119,073

City of Vancouver.

British Columbia coals	90,402¼	120,965½	214,316½	140,698¾	112,320	71,287
Alberta coals	31,942½	128,438	252,233	239,954½	320,379	356,276
United States coals	773	691½	1,125	1,091¼	1,262	1,081
Totals	123,117¾	250,095	467,674	381,744½	433,961	428,644

District of West Vancouver.

British Columbia coals	412	209½	491	50¾	26	123
Alberta coals	793¾	2,144½	4,551¼	3,549¾	3,729	4,846
United States coals	.....	.....	10½	.....	.....	.....
Totals	1,205¾	2,354	5,052¾	3,600½	3,755	4,969

City of North Vancouver.

British Columbia coals	8,082	9,993½	14,510½	6,218	6,249	5,332
Alberta coals	1,469¾	4,765	10,476	7,458½	11,774	15,194
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	9,551¾	14,758½	24,986½	13,676½	18,023	20,526

City of New Westminster.

British Columbia coals	26,708½	32,446	47,082	34,636½	31,669	28,620
Alberta coals	2,802¼	9,601½	20,495½	16,956½	28,470	34,216
United States coals	21½	13½	48½	7	15	20
Totals	29,532¼	42,061	67,626	51,600	60,154	62,856

Fraser Valley.

British Columbia coals	5,187¾	4,689	5,405	5,080	4,459	3,547
Alberta coals	4,891	10,063	11,853½	17,098½	26,668	28,214
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,313	4
Totals	10,078¾	14,752	17,258½	22,178¼	33,440	31,765

Kootenay District.

British Columbia coals	564,175	536,747½	431,112	519,415½	450,382	416,476
Alberta coals	28,008	35,715	51,383¾	48,956¾	47,784	61,254
United States coals	.....	½	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	592,283	572,463	482,495¾	568,372¼	498,166	477,730

RETAIL COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FOR THE YEARS 1941–46—*Continued.*

Merritt-Princeton District.

Class of Coals.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
British Columbia coals	36,792	40,010½	49,534	24,654¾	4,667	6,038
Alberta coals	72	305	1,129½	2,961	219	1,496
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	36,864	40,315½	50,663½	27,615¾	4,886	7,534

Okanagan District.

British Columbia coals	4,100½	6,833	4,066	2,151¼	2,164	2,199
Alberta coals	6,724	14,872½	27,379½	25,684	32,274	33,753
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	43	.....
Totals	10,824½	21,705½	31,345½	27,835¼	34,481	35,952

Kamloops District.

British Columbia coals	2,151	2,314	2,011½	1,499	1,277	1,066
Alberta coals	7,056¾	11,777	17,234	14,131½	18,291	22,953
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	9,207¾	14,091	19,245½	15,630½	19,568	24,019

Balance of Province.

British Columbia coals	13,909½	13,860	10,665½	11,310¼	12,159	9,425
Alberta coals	11,551½	18,177	23,621	17,338¼	23,887	21,045
United States coals	.....	157½	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	25,461	32,194½	34,286½	28,648½	36,046	30,470

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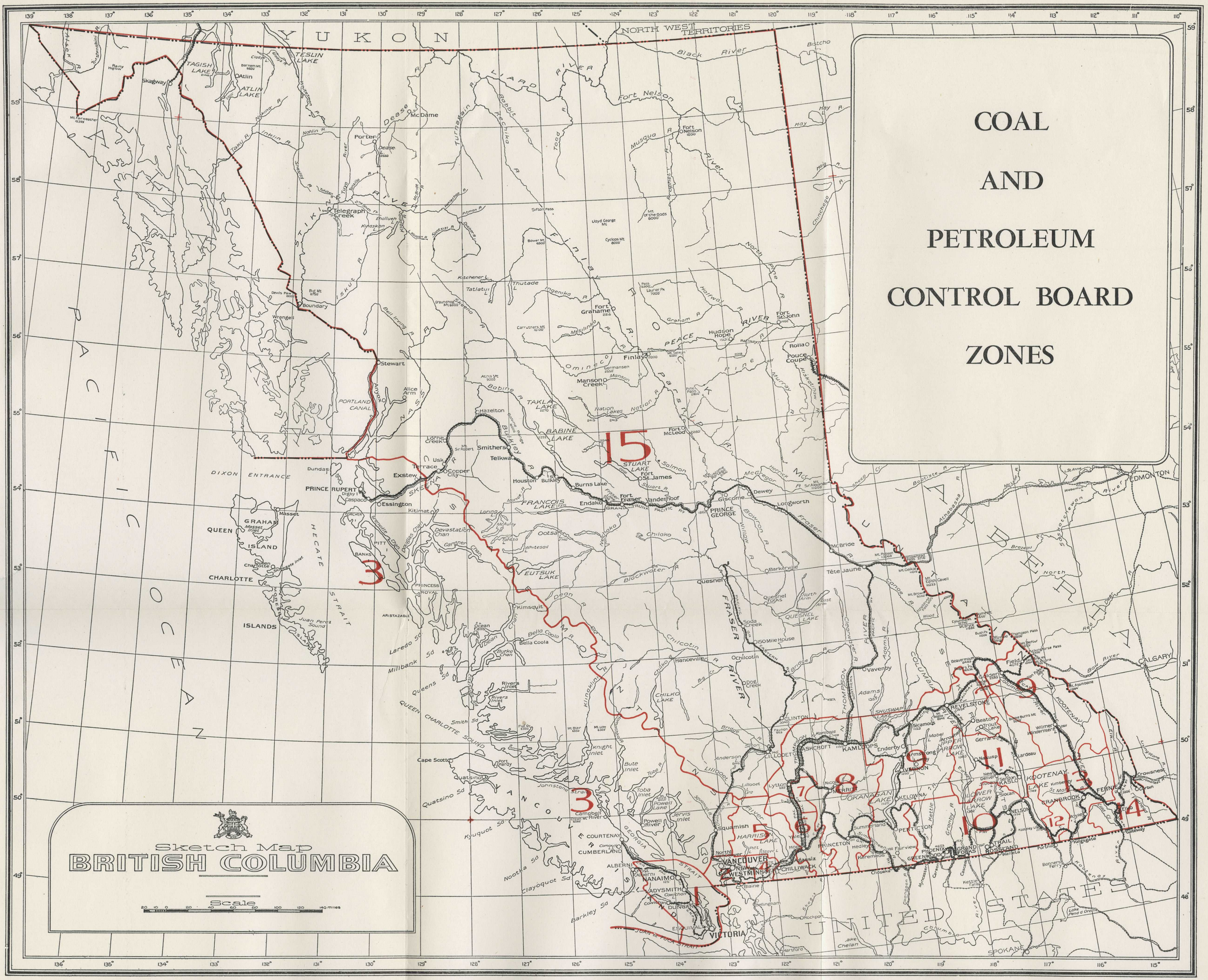
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