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COAL and PETROLEUM CONTROL BOARD

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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, 1948.

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

Victoria, B.C., 1949.

Annual Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board

For the Calendar Year ended December 31st, 1948.

During 1948 some 131,096,059 gallons of gasoline were sold in the Province of British Columbia, according to figures reported to the Board by the various oil companies. Of this amount, service-stations sold 85,726,655 gallons, an increase over 1947 of some 8,174,753 gallons and an increase over the year 1939 of 42,751,027 gallons. The rise and decline of gasoline sales covering the years 1939 to 1948 is shown in tables on page 12.

Some 397 applications for new licences in the petroleum industry were received during the year, as compared with 584 in 1947. After careful investigation by the Board, 197 of these applications were granted licences to commence business.

In the coal industry, retail sales were 1,381,349 tons, as compared with 1,385,055 tons in 1947.

LICENCES.

The number of licences issued by the Board under Regulation 1, and in force on January 1st, 1948, totalled 3,688. Of these, some 461 were in the coal industry. During the year 195 new operators' licences were issued in the petroleum industry and 13 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, 1948, some 3,741 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 1947, and which outlets were not ready to commence selling gasoline in 1947 due to construction of buildings not being completed.

The 195 new licences in the petroleum industry cover the following types of outlet:—

Refiner's licences—	
Restricted to re-refining (lubricating-oils)	1
Wholesale licences—	
Restricted to lubricating-oils, etc.	7
Oil company distribution-points	17
Retail licences—	
Garages	66
Service-stations	39
Auto camps	8
Store pumps or outlets where no service is rendered other than the sale of gasoline (country districts)	13
Restricted to fuel-oil, etc.	6
Marine outlets	13
Restricted to sales to truckers only (new highways)	4
Restricted to aviation fuel	4
Oil company distribution-points	17
Total	195

Summary of Licences.

Petroleum industry—		
Petroleum refiners	4	
Petroleum refiners (restricted)	3	
Petroleum wholesalers	381	
Petroleum retailers	2,901	
		3,289
Coal industry—		
Mine operators	19	
Wholesale coal-dealers	59	
Retail coal-dealers	374	
		452
Total licences		3,741

The following table gives a breakdown of petroleum licences issued by the Board during 1948, covering the wholesale and retail distribution of petroleum products:—

	Wholesale.	Retail.
Licences held by oil companies—		
Bulk plants or barrel agencies—		
Imperial Oil, Ltd.	89	89
Standard Oil Co. of B.C., Ltd.	49	49
Shell Oil Co., Ltd.	42	42
British American Oil Co., Ltd.	74	74
Home Oil Distributors, Ltd.	46	46
McColl-Frontenac Oil Co., Ltd.	10	9
United Oil, Ltd.	2	2
	312	311
Other oil company licences—		
Standard Oil Co. of B.C., Ltd. (marine)	.....	37
Home Oil Distributors, Ltd. (marine)	.....	3
Shell Oil Co., Ltd. (marine)	.....	6
Standard Oil Co. of B.C., Ltd. (company-operated service-stations)	.....	5
Imperial Oil, Ltd. (aviation outlets)	.....	6
Standard Oil Co. of B.C., Ltd. (aviation outlets)	.....	2
Total oil company licences	312	370
Wholesale licences (persons) other than oil companies	26	.....
Retail service outlets (persons) other than an oil company	.....	2,406
Licences restricted to fuel-oils, lubricating-oils, or naphtha gasoline	43	125
Total licences	381	2,901

Retail gasoline outlets serving the public are made up as follows:—

Oil-company-operated service-stations	6
Service-stations	913
Garages	762
Auto camps, store pumps, and other outlets not rendering complete service to the public	566
Outlets where licences are restricted to sales to members, employees, or to contract truckers	29
Restricted to aviation gasoline	15
Marine outlets	174
Outlets selling fuel-oils, lubricating-oils, or naphtha gasoline only	125
Oil company retail outlets selling to industrial and commercial accounts (bulk plants and barrel agencies)	311
Total	2,901

Retail gasoline service outlets controlled by the various oil companies either by ownership or by lease:—

Name of Company.	Owned and operated by an Oil Company.	Owned by an Oil Company and leased to Operator.	Leased by an Oil Company and subleased to Operator.	Land leased, Buildings owned by Oil Company and subleased to Operator.	Total.
Imperial Oil, Ltd.	....	106	15	....	121
Standard Oil Co. of B.C., Ltd.	5	24	32	16	77
Shell Oil Co., Ltd.	....	32	65	8	105
British American Oil Co., Ltd.	....	46	32	9	87
Home Oil Distributors, Ltd.	....	56	26	4	86
McColl-Frontenac Oil Co., Ltd.	....	23	16	2	41
United Oil, Ltd.	....	1	3	....	4
Totals	5	288	189	39	521

Closed Outlets.

Since the inception of the Board in 1938, 534 retail gasoline outlets have discontinued the sale of gasoline in the Province of British Columbia. The following table furnishes details covering the various type of outlet closed:—

	July 1, 1938, to December 31, 1948.	
Type of Outlet.	Dismantled.	War or other Conditions.
Service-stations	47	75
Garages	30	55
Store pumps	69	87
Auto camps	15	16
Pump only	.....	54
Outlets restricted to sales to contract truckers or employees	.....	9
Trading-posts (no pump)	.....	12
Marine, mobile (fish-buyers)	5	43
Marine outlets	.....	16
Totals	166	367

Grand total, 533.

Apart from the above, 91 retailers, whose licences were restricted to the sale of lubricating-oils, fuel-oils, or naphtha gasoline, have discontinued in business.

New Licences.

During the year the Board received 397 applications for licences to commence business in the petroleum industry; of these, 367 were in connection with retail outlets. Apart from dealing with these, the Board also dealt with 67 applications held over from 1947 for further investigation. A total of 190 new licences were granted to commence business under section 6 of the "Coal and Petroleum Products Control Board Act," covering all types of outlets in the industry. In connection with the taking-over of existing licensed outlets in the petroleum industry during 1948, 470 licences were granted to new operators. Fourteen new licences were granted in the coal industry.

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

Petroleum Industry.

Class.	Applications pending, Jan. 1, 1948.	Applications received, 1948.	Licences granted, 1948.	Applications not granted, 1948.	Applications pending, Dec. 31, 1948.	Applications inactive, Dec. 31, 1948.
Petroleum Retailers.						
Service outlets	64	322	123	175	40	48
Marine	1	13	13	....	....	1
Restricted	....	17	14	....	....	3
Bulk plants or agencies	1	15	16	....	....	....
Total retailers	66	367	166	175	40	52
Petroleum Wholesalers.						
Bulk plants or agencies	1	15	16	....	....	....
Individuals	....	8	2	6	....	....
Restricted	....	6	5	1	....	....
Total wholesalers	1	29	23	7	....	....
Re-refining (restricted)	....	1	1	....	....	....
Total, all applications	67	397	190	182	40	52

Applications held over from 1947 for further investigation	67
Applications received during 1948	397
Total number of applications dealt with by the Board in 1948	464
Total new licences granted under section 6 during 1948	190
Licences granted in 1947, expired, and granted an extension of time in 1948	1
Licences granted in 1948, expired, granted an extension of time in 1948	38
Licences granted in 1947 and allowed to expire in 1948	28
Licences granted in 1948 and allowed to expire in 1948	19
Existing businesses—New operators taking over retail outlets during 1948	470

Coal Industry.

Class.	Applications pending, Jan. 1, 1948.	Applications received, 1948.	Licences granted, 1948.	Applications inactive, Dec. 31, 1948.	Applications pending, Dec. 31, 1948.	Applications granted and expired.
Retail coal-dealers	....	28	13	10	3	2
Wholesale coal-dealers	....	1	1	....	....	....
Mine-operators	....	....	....	....	....	....
Totals	....	29	14	10	3	2

New operators taking over existing businesses in the coal industry, 25.

GASOLINE-SALES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In 1948 the sales of gasoline in the Province, as reported by the various oil companies, increased by 13,952,190 gallons over 1947, this increase being as follows: Sales through retail service outlets, 8,174,753 gallons; commercial sales, 3,613,744 gallons; marine sales, 1,079,934 gallons; aviation gasoline, 1,083,659 gallons. Commercial sales are sales made direct by a wholesaler to industrial or commercial users and to farmers.

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

Table 1.—A Summary of Sales for 1948 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 1948.

Table 3.—Comparative Statement of Bulk-plant Sales covering the Years 1939 to 1948, together with a Graph showing the Rise and Decline of the Various Types of Sales.

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF GASOLINE-SALES MADE THROUGH THE VARIOUS BULK PLANTS FOR 1948, BY DISTRICTS AND ZONES.

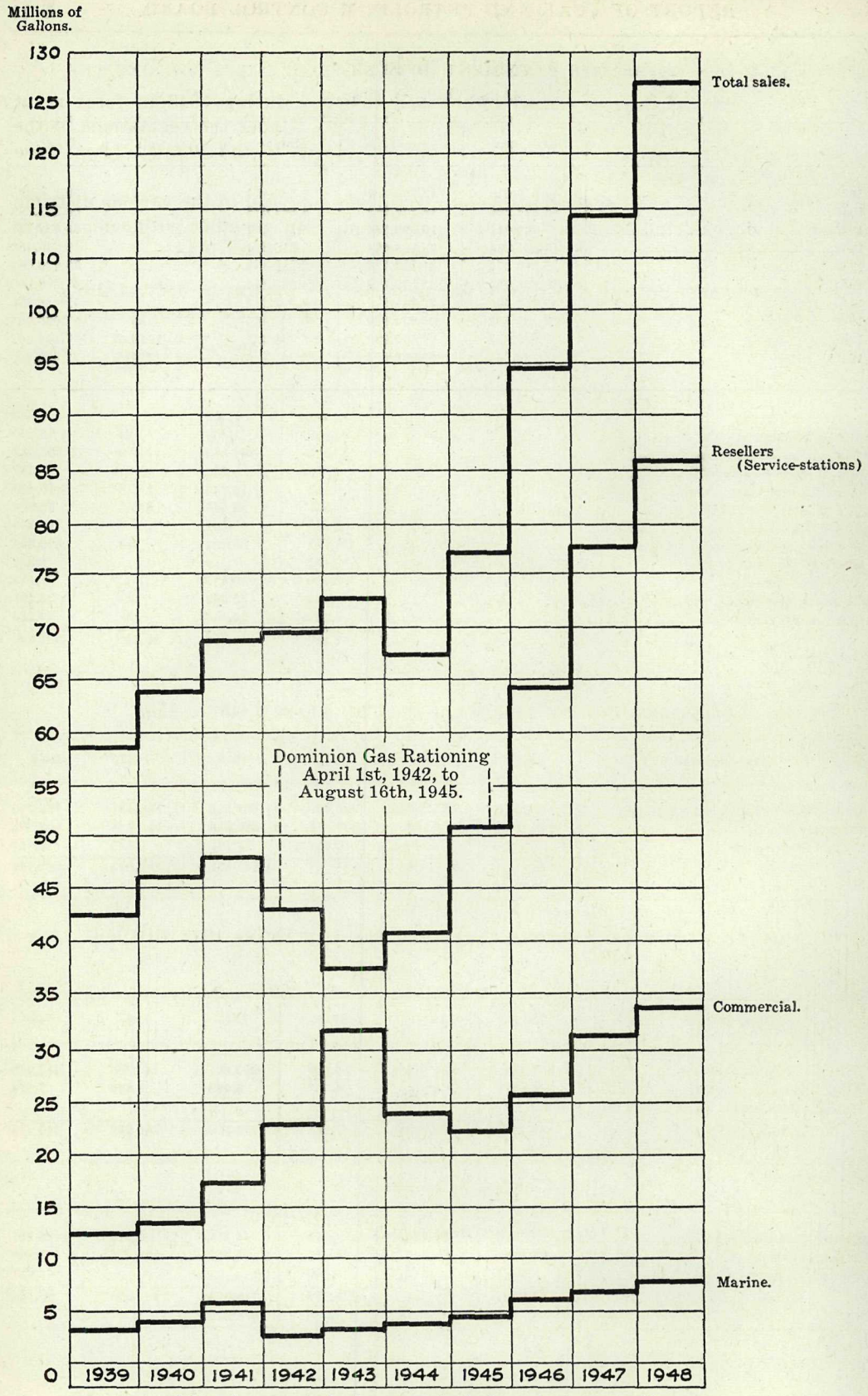
Area.	Resellers.	Commercial.	Marine.	Aviation.	Total.
Victoria	8,548,742	2,257,619	232,562	5,277	11,044,200
Vancouver and district	42,834,776	11,516,816	1,630,672	742,847	56,725,111
Balance of Province	34,343,137	20,185,229	5,520,031	3,278,351	63,326,748
Totals	85,726,655	33,959,664	7,383,265	4,026,475	131,096,059
Zone 1 less (Victoria)	4,630,483	2,400,220	342,685	16,976	7,390,364
Zone 3	3,696,535	3,495,377	4,956,335	90,560	12,238,807
Zone 4	2,877,805	1,036,831	1,005	1,320	3,916,961
Zone 5	2,082,695	1,098,724	13,820	22,296	3,217,535
Zone 6	651,113	423,955	.....	.....	1,075,068
Zone 7	249,036	110,948	.....	.....	359,984
Zone 8	2,537,756	1,414,827	1,440	10,144	3,964,167
Zone 9	7,142,387	3,273,514	438	22,294	10,438,633
Zone 10	2,934,209	1,155,537	555	4,938	4,095,239
Zone 11	288,338	183,582	.....	.....	471,920
Zone 12	393,812	332,369	.....	360	726,541
Zone 13	1,603,772	467,140	.....	268	2,071,180
Zone 14	429,830	239,133	.....	.....	668,963
Zone 15	4,825,366	4,553,072	203,753	445,230	10,027,421
Aviation gasoline (balance of Province) not listed in zones	.....	.....	.....	2,663,965	2,663,965

TABLE 2.—BULK-PLANT GASOLINE-SALES IN PRINCIPAL CITIES AND TOWNS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR 1948.
(In Gallons.)

City or Town.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
Vancouver and district	4,314,771	3,464,433	4,558,093	4,651,866	4,672,694	5,150,011	5,317,448	5,230,946	5,090,353	4,834,322	4,779,381	4,660,793	56,725,111
Victoria	823,276	705,669	859,658	890,671	890,767	993,542	1,064,809	1,029,278	1,019,861	909,628	903,068	953,973	11,044,200
Abbotsford	139,367	101,166	147,908	155,060	154,703	192,941	225,353	201,895	199,391	163,743	151,350	149,484	1,982,361
Ashcroft	44,273	27,401	38,272	42,296	55,420	43,420	96,966	116,904	123,002	98,405	80,247	52,967	819,444
Agassiz	28,657	24,413	29,458	34,342	65,591	33,018	68,944	60,110	63,585	48,877	51,296	25,312	533,603
Burns Lake	39,023	33,951	31,322	21,400	17,988	44,364	54,709	54,397	53,694	52,493	54,667	39,519	497,527
Chilliwack	185,602	158,461	192,724	221,225	232,606	257,806	255,834	274,690	264,441	217,892	209,949	205,278	2,676,508
Courtenay	89,997	64,898	80,355	108,260	121,023	116,307	137,114	136,087	143,013	117,679	112,416	88,982	1,316,131
Cranbrook	124,542	83,149	103,655	98,709	129,920	137,048	214,079	230,780	196,190	169,459	167,145	150,235	1,804,911
Creston	47,945	32,493	36,353	51,710	70,396	70,188	75,299	86,260	78,659	67,679	62,306	47,253	726,541
Grand Forks	30,624	24,277	30,237	41,077	50,470	44,224	60,607	56,928	59,208	50,712	44,504	39,309	532,177
Kamloops	143,146	110,559	114,616	141,361	169,692	187,371	232,691	251,777	239,192	212,333	213,064	150,573	2,166,375
Kelowna	148,128	126,408	144,886	184,778	184,194	200,422	218,024	225,893	226,513	200,007	183,815	155,662	2,198,730
Mission	83,910	60,096	82,045	96,695	83,990	101,922	130,818	139,476	132,619	133,077	129,458	112,291	1,286,397
Nanaimo	327,780	265,758	350,973	373,129	380,617	437,852	466,154	497,877	465,299	443,591	411,930	390,524	4,811,484
Nelson	112,541	96,833	102,433	115,180	134,758	152,606	177,339	178,075	175,881	145,612	151,468	133,445	1,791,607
Penticton	196,976	171,509	209,711	231,113	239,343	235,937	296,759	298,182	296,041	258,319	254,319	209,739	2,897,948
Port Alberni	122,119	114,545	122,753	126,233	138,154	141,883	143,102	138,246	145,849	124,642	131,200	121,443	1,570,169
Powell River	65,055	46,700	61,824	71,684	66,639	83,584	86,707	84,206	84,054	73,137	48,882	47,212	819,684
Prince George	160,764	136,495	158,527	71,302	64,486	152,466	150,445	147,058	155,207	130,042	145,128	140,823	1,612,743
Prince Rupert	62,056	52,028	57,391	71,953	114,250	115,145	116,492	111,885	117,030	79,077	63,570	51,492	1,012,369
Princeton	34,772	23,791	44,931	34,415	43,445	56,773	65,905	64,430	67,001	54,684	56,060	44,354	590,561
Quesnel	54,686	49,560	59,609	42,170	50,795	75,943	74,025	74,419	76,451	79,131	73,522	57,240	767,551
Revelstoke	24,511	14,825	14,689	14,390	33,671	37,362	87,977	80,120	69,194	44,069	33,824	35,933	490,565
Salmon Arm	57,488	37,138	39,519	54,604	63,281	82,080	90,663	91,753	86,704	77,153	77,503	57,242	815,128
Trail	104,707	81,243	70,960	106,180	110,988	115,320	143,455	144,063	128,750	139,285	129,466	110,275	1,384,692
Vernon	191,584	142,698	161,989	227,724	233,334	242,250	292,489	286,767	312,709	272,402	228,887	191,715	2,784,548
Williams Lake	32,769	24,168	27,186	29,049	44,331	50,204	59,547	58,443	71,622	63,575	74,348	39,460	574,702

TABLE 3.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BULK-PLANT SALES COVERING THE YEARS 1939 TO 1948.

Year.	Resellers.	Commercial.	Marine.	Aviation.	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	2,331,056	97,039,051
1947	77,551,902	30,345,920	6,303,331	2,942,716	117,143,869
1948	85,726,655	33,959,664	7,383,265	4,026,475	131,096,059



The above graph does not include aviation gasoline.

COAL INDUSTRY.

The number of licences issued in the coal industry during 1948 in force as at December 31st was 452, as compared with 461 in 1947. 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, 1948, together with comparative tables showing the amount of coal sold during the years 1943 to 1948:—

COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1948.

Districts.	British Columbia Coals.	Alberta Coals.	United States Coals.	Total.
Vancouver Island	242,039	7,594	.....	249,633
City of Victoria	22,967	71,209	1,924	96,100
City of Vancouver	56,070	287,589	9,379	353,038
City of West Vancouver	79	5,358	.....	5,437
City of North Vancouver	5,165	10,746	2,518	18,429
City of New Westminster	23,531	33,030	3,240	59,801
Fraser Valley	3,620	18,467	156	22,243
Kootenay District	426,952	58,998	654	486,604
Merritt-Princeton District	3,235	1,119	.....	4,354
Okanagan District	2,279	30,413	.....	32,692
Kamloops District	1,443	22,069	283	23,795
Balance of Province	6,010	23,110	103	29,223
Totals	793,390	569,702	18,257	1,381,349

COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FOR THE YEARS 1943 TO 1948.

Class of Coals.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
British Columbia coals	1,147,296½	1,123,805¼	940,430	882,218	824,497	793,390
Alberta coals	488,182¾	454,193	591,843	660,315	556,869	569,702
United States coals	1,492½	1,098¼	6,454	1,105	3,689	18,257
Totals	1,636,970¾	1,579,096½	1,538,727	1,543,638	1,385,055	1,381,349

RETAIL COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FOR THE YEARS 1943 TO 1948.

Vancouver Island.

Class of Coals.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
British Columbia coals	307,930½	321,836½	260,980	293,607	260,385	242,039
Alberta coals	4,407	4,514	4,757	6,493	5,699	7,594
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	312,337½	326,350½	267,368	300,100	266,084	249,633

City of Victoria.

British Columbia coals	60,172¼	56,254	54,078	44,498	35,929	22,967
Alberta coals	63,418¼	55,590	73,611	74,575	66,076	71,209
United States coals	308½	.....	1,190	.....	.....	1,924
Totals	123,899	111,844	128,879	119,073	102,005	96,100

Retail Coal-sales, British Columbia, for the Years 1943 to 1948—*Continued.*

City of Vancouver.

Class of Coals.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
British Columbia coals	214,316½	140,698¾	112,320	71,287	62,470	56,070
Alberta coals	252,233	239,954½	320,379	356,276	297,957	287,589
United States coals	1,125	1,091¼	1,262	1,081	2,578	9,379
Totals	467,674	381,744½	433,961	428,644	363,005	353,038

District of West Vancouver.

British Columbia coals	491	50¾	26	123	287	79
Alberta coals	4,551¼	3,549¾	3,729	4,846	4,029	5,358
United States coals	10½	.....	.....	.....	31	.....
Totals	5,052¾	3,600½	3,755	4,969	4,347	5,437

City of North Vancouver.

British Columbia coals	14,510½	6,218	6,249	5,332	6,400	5,165
Alberta coals	10,476	7,458½	11,774	15,194	12,150	10,746
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,518
Totals	24,986½	13,676½	18,023	20,526	19,283	18,429

City of New Westminster.

British Columbia coals	47,082	34,636½	31,669	28,620	29,448	23,531
Alberta coals	20,495½	16,956½	28,470	34,216	27,713	33,030
United States coals	48½	7	15	20	275	3,240
Totals	67,626	51,600	60,154	62,856	57,436	59,801

Fraser Valley.

British Columbia coals	5,405	5,080	4,459	3,547	3,647	3,620
Alberta coals	11,853½	17,098¼	26,668	28,214	18,741	18,467
United States coals	.....	.....	2,313	4	11	156
Totals	17,258½	22,178¼	33,440	31,765	22,399	22,243

Kootenay District.

British Columbia coals	431,112	519,415½	450,382	416,476	410,532	426,952
Alberta coals	51,383¾	48,956¾	47,784	61,254	56,742	58,998
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	654
Totals	482,495¾	568,372¼	498,166	477,730	467,274	486,604

Merritt-Princeton District.

British Columbia coals	49,534	24,654¾	4,667	6,038	4,043	3,235
Alberta coals	1,129½	2,961	219	1,496	918	1,119
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	50,663½	27,615¾	4,886	7,534	4,961	4,354

RETAIL COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FOR THE YEARS 1943 TO 1948—*Continued.*

Okanagan District.

Class of Coals.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.	1947.	1948.
British Columbia coals	4,066	2,151¼	2,164	2,199	1,907	2,279
Alberta coals	27,379½	25,684	32,274	33,753	26,702	30,413
United States coals	.....	.....	43	.....	.....	.....
Totals	31,345½	27,835¼	34,481	35,952	28,609	32,692

Kamloops District.

British Columbia coals	2,011½	1,499	1,277	1,066	1,890	1,443
Alberta coals	17,234	14,131½	18,291	22,953	21,207	22,069
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	41	283
Totals	19,245½	15,630½	19,568	24,019	23,138	23,795

Balance of Province.

British Columbia coals	10,665½	11,310¼	12,159	9,425	7,559	6,010
Alberta coals	23,621	17,338¼	23,887	21,045	18,935	23,180
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	20	103
Totals	34,286½	28,648½	36,046	30,470	26,514	29,223

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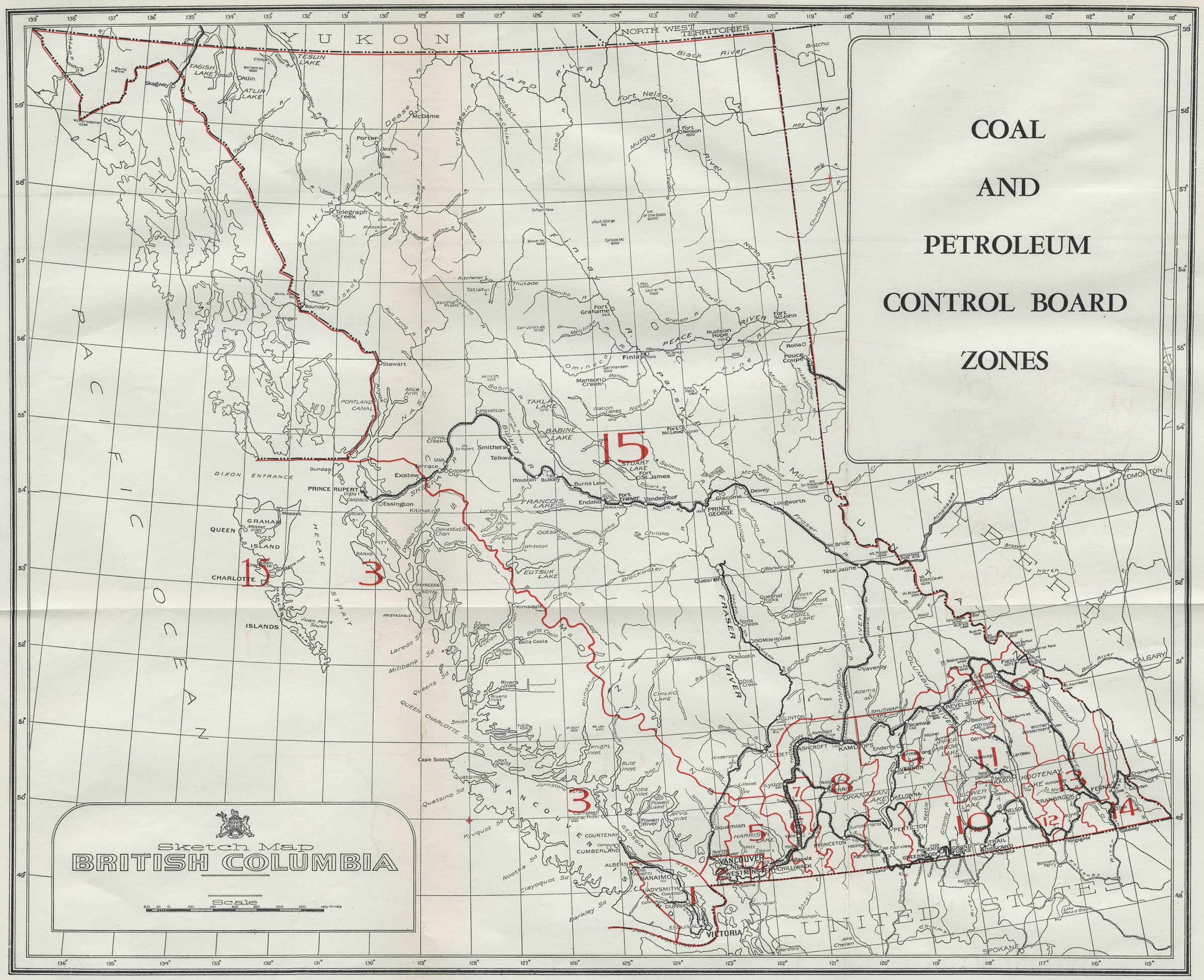
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