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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, 1949.

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

Victoria, B.C., 1950.

Annual Report of the Coal and Petroleum Control Board

For the Calendar Year Ended December 31st, 1949

During 1949 some 141,782,384 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 95,373,825 gallons, an increase over 1948 of some 9,647,170 gallons and an increase over the year 1939 of 52,398,197 gallons. The rise and decline of gasoline sales covering the years 1939 to 1949 is shown in tables on page 11.

Some 348 applications for new licences in the petroleum industry were received during the year, as compared with 397 in 1948. After careful investigation by the Board, 208 of these applicants were granted licences to commence business.

In the coal industry, retail sales were 1,567,545 tons, as compared with 1,381,349 tons in 1948.

LICENCES

The number of licences issued by the Board under Regulation 1, and in force on January 1st, 1949, totalled 3,741. Of these, some 430 were in the coal industry. During the year 139 new operators' licences were issued in the petroleum industry and 23 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, 1949, some 3,815 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 1948, and which outlets were not ready to commence selling gasoline in 1948 due to construction of buildings not being completed.

The 139 new licences in the petroleum industry cover the following types of outlet:—

Wholesale licences—	
Restricted to lubricating-oils, etc.	2
Oil company distribution-points	4
Retail licences—	
Garages	42
Service-stations	42
Auto camps	4
Store pumps or outlets where no service is rendered other than the sale of gasoline (country districts)	9
Restricted to fuel-oil, etc.	16
Marine outlets	10
Restricted to sales to truckers only (new highways)	3
Restricted to aviation fuel	5
Oil company distribution-points	2
Total	139

SUMMARY OF LICENCES

Petroleum industry—		
Petroleum refiners	4	
Petroleum refiners (restricted)	3	
Petroleum wholesalers	365	
Petroleum retailers	3,015	
		3,385
Coal industry—		
Mine operators	21	
Wholesale coal-dealers	57	
Retail coal-dealers	352	
		430
Total licences		3,841

The following table gives a breakdown of petroleum licences issued by the Board during 1949, 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.	50	50
Shell Oil Co., Ltd.	43	43
British American Oil Co., Ltd.	69	69
Home Oil Distributors, Ltd.	46	46
McColl-Frontenac Oil Co., Ltd.	9	9
United Oil, Ltd.	2	2
	308	308
Other oil company licences—		
Standard Oil Co. of B.C., Ltd. (marine)	.....	39
Home Oil Distributors, Ltd. (marine)	.....	3
Shell Oil Co., Ltd. (marine)	.....	7
Standard Oil Co. of B.C., Ltd. (company-operated service-stations)	.....	5
Imperial Oil, Ltd. (aviation outlets)	.....	7
Standard Oil Co. of B.C., Ltd. (aviation outlets)	.....	4
Total oil company licences	308	373
Wholesale licences (persons) other than oil companies	22	.....
Retail service outlets (persons) other than an oil company	.....	2,520
Licences restricted to fuel-oils, lubricating-oils, or naphtha gasoline	37	122
Total licences	367	3,015

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

Oil-company-operated service-stations	6
Service-stations	962
Garages	816
Auto camps, store pumps, and other outlets not rendering complete service to the public	571
Outlets where licences are restricted to sales to members, employees, or to contract truckers	31
Restricted to aviation gasoline	20
Marine outlets	179
Outlets selling fuel-oils, lubricating-oils, or naphtha gasoline only	122
Oil company retail outlets selling to industrial and commercial accounts (bulk plants and barrel agencies)	308
Total	3,015

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 Sub-leased to Operator	Land Leased, Buildings Owned by Oil Company and Subleased to Operator	Total
Imperial Oil, Ltd.	.....	93	14	5	112
Standard Oil Co. of B.C., Ltd.	5	23	46	11	85
Shell Oil Co., Ltd.	.....	36	79	9	124
British American Oil Co., Ltd.	.....	46	34	8	88
Home Oil Distributors, Ltd.	.....	36	22	3	61
McColl-Frontenac Oil Co., Ltd.	.....	21	15	2	38
United Oil, Ltd.	.....	1	1	.....	2
Totals	5	256	211	38	510

Closed Outlets

Since the inception of the Board in 1938, 547 retail gasoline outlets have discontinued the sale of gasoline in the Province of British Columbia. The following table furnishes details covering the various types of outlets closed:—

	July 1, 1938, to December 31, 1949	
Type of Outlet	Dismantled	War or Other Conditions
Service-stations	50	78
Garages	31	57
Store pumps	70	89
Auto camps	15	16
Pump only	.....	55
Outlets restricted to sales to contract truckers or employees	.....	9
Trading-posts (no pump)	.....	12
Marine, mobile (fish-buyers)	5	43
Marine outlets	.....	17
Totals	171	376

Grand total, 547.

Apart from the above, 99 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 348 applications for licences to commence business in the petroleum industry; of these, 334 were in connection with retail outlets. Apart from dealing with these, the Board also dealt with 40 applications held over from 1948 for further investigation. A total of 208 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 1949, 399 licences were granted to new operators. Twenty-three 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, 1949	Applications Received, 1949	Licences Granted, 1949	Applications Not Granted, 1949	Applications Pending, Dec. 31, 1949	Applications Inactive, Dec. 31, 1949
Petroleum Retailers						
Service outlets	40	290	146	90	36	49
Marine	.....	14	9	.....	.....	1
Restricted	.....	26	32	.....	.....	4
Bulk plants or agencies	.....	4	6	.....	.....	.....
Total retailers	40	334	193	90	36	54
Petroleum Wholesalers						
Bulk plants or agencies	.....	5	7	.....	.....	.....
Individuals	.....	3	2	.....	.....	.....
Restricted	.....	7	6	.....	.....	.....
Total wholesalers	.....	15	15	90	.....	.....
Total, all applications	40	348	208	90	36	54

Applications held over from 1948 for further investigation	40
Applications received during 1949	348
Total number of applications dealt with by the Board in 1949	388
Total new licences granted under section 6 during 1949	208
Licences granted in 1948, expired, and granted an extension of time in 1949	23
Licences granted in 1949, expired, and granted an extension of time in 1949	6
Licences granted in 1948 and allowed to expire in 1949	19
Licences granted in 1949 and allowed to expire in 1949	6
Existing businesses—new operators taking over retail outlets during 1949	399

Coal Industry

Class	Applications Pending, Jan. 1, 1949	Applications Received, 1949	Licences Granted, 1949	Applications Inactive, Dec. 31, 1949	Applications Pending, Dec. 31, 1949	Applications Granted and Expired
Retail coal-dealers	3	39	20	12	4	2
Wholesale coal-dealers	-----	2	3	-----	-----	-----
Mine-operators	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Totals	3	41	23	12	4	2

New operators taking over existing businesses in the coal industry, 27.

GASOLINE-SALES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

In 1949 the sales of gasoline in the Province, as reported by the various oil companies, increased by 10,686,325 gallons over 1948, this increase being as follows: Sales through retail service outlets, 9,647,170 gallons; commercial sales, 440,329 gallons; aviation gasoline, 911,567 gallons; decrease in marine sales, 312,741 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 1949 by District 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 1949.

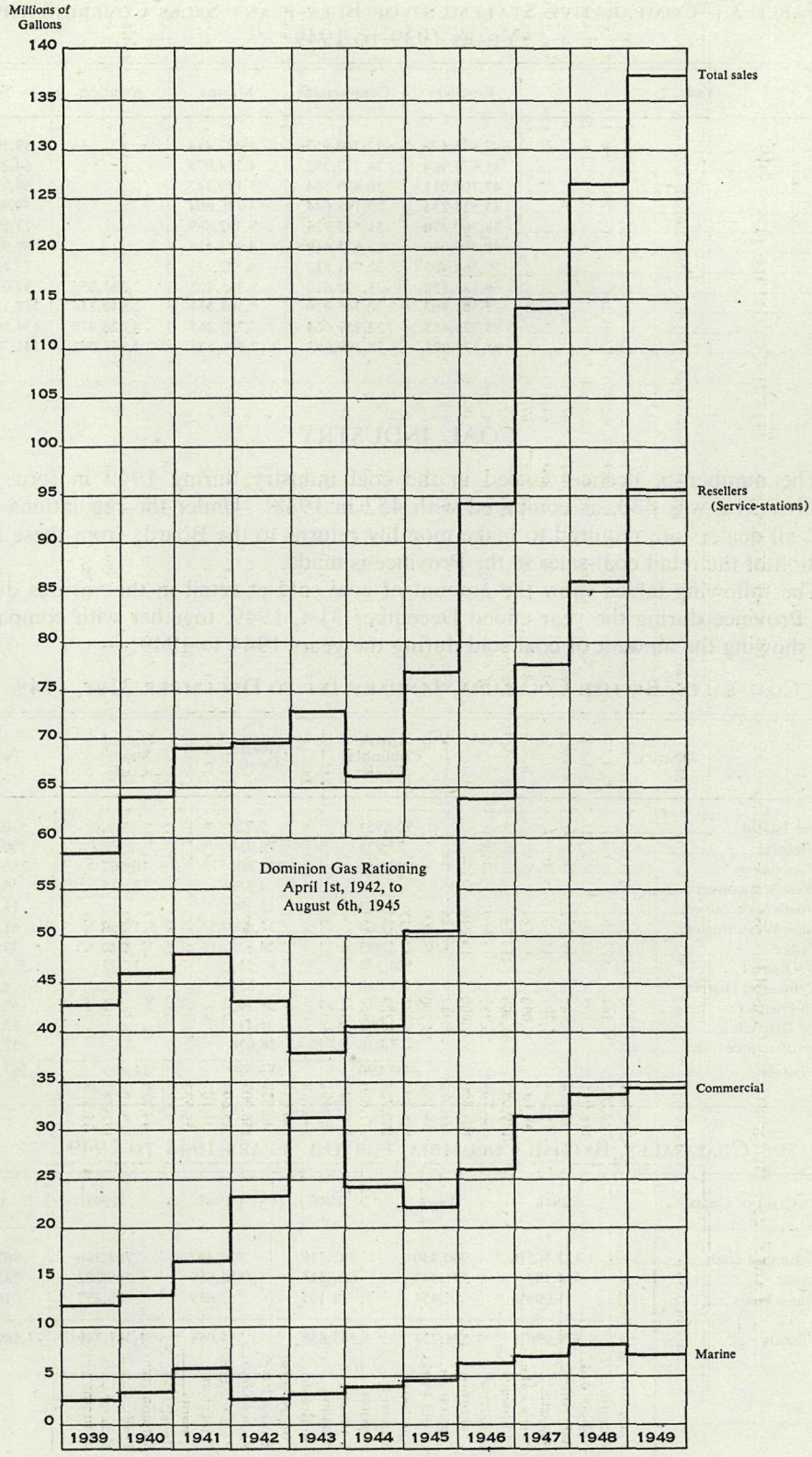
Table 3.—Comparative Statement of Bulk-plant Sales Covering the Years 1939 to 1949, together with a graph showing the Rise and Decline of the Various Types of Sales.

TABLE 1.—SUMMARY OF GASOLINE SALES MADE THROUGH THE VARIOUS BULK PLANTS FOR 1949, BY DISTRICTS AND ZONES

Area	Resellers	Commercial	Marine	Aviation	Total
Victoria	9,132,139	2,365,138	164,582	12,009	11,673,868
Vancouver and district	46,587,692	11,950,096	1,473,316	2,137,445	62,148,549
Balance of Province	39,653,994	20,084,759	5,432,626	2,788,588	67,959,967
Totals	95,373,825	34,399,993	7,070,524	4,938,047	141,782,384
Zone 1 (*less* Victoria)	5,197,927	2,449,337	307,484	32,346	7,987,094
Zone 3	3,846,148	3,285,588	5,011,697	362,219	12,505,652
Zone 4	3,124,579	1,088,415	19,622	1,936	4,234,552
Zone 5	2,255,956	1,167,575	20,171	19,702	3,463,404
Zone 6	710,474	461,169	1,729	----------	1,173,372
Zone 7	295,535	109,140	----------	124	404,799
Zone 8	2,964,685	1,542,764	45	28,067	4,535,561
Zone 9	8,158,193	3,386,907	303	80,878	11,626,281
Zone 10	3,525,042	1,231,370	134	25,378	4,781,924
Zone 11	376,724	213,554	195	468	590,941
Zone 12	405,927	334,609	----------	127	740,663
Zone 13	1,982,850	504,140	----------	26,026	2,513,016
Zone 14	414,371	244,683	----------	10	659,064
Zone 15	6,395,583	4,065,508	72,975	1,737,768	12,271,834
Aviation gasoline (balance of Province) not listed in zones	----------	----------	----------	471,810	471,810

TABLE 2.—BULK-PLANT GASOLINE-SALES IN PRINCIPAL CITIES AND TOWNS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA FOR 1949
(In Gallons)

City or Town	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Vancouver and district	3,982,001	3,627,550	4,789,951	5,118,167	5,611,858	5,763,499	5,582,627	6,116,193	5,730,752	5,422,676	5,209,072	5,194,203	62,148,750
Victoria	722,202	726,141	897,784	967,401	1,010,435	1,048,714	1,079,059	1,188,949	1,066,945	1,005,306	970,779	990,153	11,673,868
Abbotsford	118,941	115,798	151,042	200,723	205,802	207,569	204,992	194,470	194,830	160,558	153,410	141,299	2,049,434
Ashcroft	29,574	34,186	39,083	46,777	66,652	76,238	119,755	118,435	107,213	98,925	70,250	49,361	856,449
Agassiz	25,243	15,391	37,866	49,230	62,334	54,458	53,742	61,869	61,813	41,393	60,431	36,988	560,758
Burns Lake	38,985	27,090	37,724	21,585	36,031	58,009	57,800	61,255	67,798	54,057	52,225	52,063	564,622
Chilliwack	149,089	165,006	214,889	242,784	275,201	272,694	288,082	289,225	279,270	232,602	242,835	205,930	2,857,607
Courtenay	66,709	56,787	75,809	106,075	107,371	136,639	127,653	147,816	142,364	114,995	117,497	96,849	2,227,166
Cranbrook	104,490	107,000	113,070	142,650	186,790	199,433	268,198	283,645	238,173	207,085	194,482	174,822	2,219,838
Creston	31,013	29,312	36,124	60,483	69,386	69,822	66,177	98,131	80,493	72,583	71,088	57,002	741,614
Grand Forks	38,199	28,100	27,800	43,532	53,419	61,763	63,788	73,689	62,861	57,509	56,013	57,280	618,953
Kamloops	128,307	133,771	122,619	173,836	212,361	246,098	283,929	286,859	290,398	241,141	215,975	176,096	2,511,390
Kelowna	140,928	130,324	139,482	294,094	213,457	216,196	228,555	251,409	238,602	229,158	192,936	178,295	2,453,436
Mission	77,850	85,452	128,432	158,588	146,518	138,938	123,168	124,030	127,535	108,988	111,441	101,945	1,432,885
Nanaimo	269,727	256,117	346,119	417,420	450,558	464,739	489,377	537,843	489,792	452,032	429,622	403,539	5,006,935
Nelson	89,461	88,371	92,883	114,458	146,291	162,929	180,150	208,511	178,175	174,394	155,851	143,453	1,734,927
Penticton	190,278	177,007	209,073	271,878	288,369	302,043	336,448	350,408	318,416	286,195	305,648	267,065	3,302,828
Port Alberni	90,615	90,535	119,611	133,817	141,397	148,166	138,692	153,501	157,451	152,895	127,133	125,583	1,579,396
Powell River	40,039	36,356	48,322	46,997	60,119	66,686	59,743	56,876	61,707	50,278	52,221	48,959	628,303
Prince George	138,903	127,094	150,889	56,386	105,528	163,769	177,405	198,692	197,545	145,992	134,353	149,229	1,745,785
Prince Rupert	45,604	47,978	49,857	76,923	110,710	148,319	162,608	190,354	126,190	88,668	73,758	76,424	1,197,393
Princeton	31,187	27,837	35,323	38,959	49,600	79,659	82,883	83,148	85,952	64,825	81,985	55,637	716,995
Quesnel	52,532	54,468	61,226	42,380	68,662	93,484	85,733	87,952	103,151	88,136	86,177	63,931	887,832
Revelstoke	19,835	16,940	13,947	21,657	37,405	60,442	100,111	100,139	70,785	46,383	39,717	25,133	552,494
Salmon Arm	44,736	39,085	44,978	64,154	87,413	90,074	97,348	108,730	98,013	85,766	76,697	65,610	902,604
Trail	124,187	108,384	98,091	146,316	163,888	176,741	176,721	207,746	181,201	177,090	157,479	146,596	1,864,440
Vernon	171,362	165,382	177,026	249,261	279,384	289,302	317,389	351,416	332,762	285,035	246,313	212,522	3,077,154
Williams Lake	31,359	28,766	32,404	38,345	59,207	64,186	68,961	75,695	71,095	83,254	66,171	42,189	661,632



The above graph does not include aviation gasoline.

TABLE 3.—COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF BULK-PLANT SALES COVERING THE YEARS 1939 TO 1949

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
1949	95,373,825	34,399,993	7,070,524	4,938,042	141,782,384

COAL INDUSTRY

The number of licences issued in the coal industry during 1949 in force as at December 31st was 430, as compared with 452 in 1948. 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, 1949, together with comparative tables showing the amount of coal sold during the years 1944 to 1949:—

COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, JANUARY 1ST TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1949

Districts	British Columbia Coals	Alberta Coals	United States Coals	Total
Vancouver Island	320,951	9,728	.....	330,679
City of Victoria	23,936	76,480	.....	100,416
City of Vancouver	67,249	272,801	10,567	350,617
City of West Vancouver	.....	4,558	2,435	6,993
City of North Vancouver	5,603	13,391	.....	18,994
City of New Westminster	28,004	31,880	1,869	61,753
Fraser Valley	2,483	24,838	230	27,551
Kootenay District	504,540	67,252	1,733	573,525
Merritt-Princeton District	4,580	331	.....	4,911
Okanagan District	2,515	35,192	1	37,708
Kamloops District	1,293	31,113	.....	22,406
Balance of Province	5,936	26,056	.....	31,992
Totals	967,090	583,620	16,835	1,567,545

COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FOR THE YEARS 1944 TO 1949

Class of Coals	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
British Columbia coals	1,123,805¼	940,430	882,218	824,497	793,390	967,090
Alberta coals	454,193	591,843	660,315	556,869	569,702	583,620
United States coals	1,098¼	6,454	1,105	3,689	18,257	16,835
Totals	1,579,096½	1,538,727	1,543,638	1,385,055	1,381,349	1,567,545

Retail Coal-sales, British Columbia, for the Years 1944 to 1949

Vancouver Island

Class of Coals	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
British Columbia coals	321,836½	260,980	293,607	260,385	242,039	320,951
Alberta coals	4,514	4,757	6,493	5,699	7,594	9,728
United States coals	.....	1,631	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	326,350½	267,368	300,100	266,084	249,633	330,679

City of Victoria

British Columbia coals	56,254	54,078	44,498	35,929	22,967	23,936
Alberta coals	55,590	73,611	74,575	66,076	71,209	76,480
United States coals	.....	1,190	.....	.....	1,924	.....
Totals	111,844	128,879	119,073	102,005	96,100	100,416

City of Vancouver

British Columbia coals	140,698¾	112,320	71,287	62,470	56,070	67,249
Alberta coals	239,954½	320,379	356,276	297,957	287,589	272,801
United States coals	1,091¼	1,262	1,081	2,578	9,379	10,567
Totals	381,744½	433,961	428,644	363,005	353,038	350,617

District of West Vancouver

British Columbia coals	50¾	26	123	287	79	.....
Alberta coals	3,549¾	3,729	4,846	4,029	5,358	4,558
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	31	.....	2,435
Totals	3,600½	3,755	4,969	4,347	5,437	6,993

City of North Vancouver

British Columbia coals	6,218	6,249	5,332	6,400	5,165	5,603
Alberta coals	7,458½	11,774½	15,194	12,150	10,746	13,391
United States coals	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,518	.....
Totals	13,676½	18,023½	20,526	19,283	18,429	18,994

City of New Westminster

British Columbia coals	34,636½	31,669	28,620	29,448	23,531	28,004
Alberta coals	16,956½	28,470	34,216	27,713	33,030	31,880
United States coals	7	15	20	275	3,240	1,869
Totals	51,600	60,154	62,856	57,436	59,801	61,753

Fraser Valley

British Columbia coals	5,080	4,459	3,547	3,647	3,620	2,483
Alberta coals	17,098¼	26,668	28,214	18,741	18,467	24,838
United States coals	.....	2,313	4	11	156	230
Totals	22,178¼	33,440	31,765	22,399	22,243	27,551

RETAIL COAL-SALES, BRITISH COLUMBIA, FOR THE YEARS 1944 TO 1949—*Continued.*

Kootenay District

Class of Coals	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949
British Columbia coals	519,415½	450,382	416,476	410,532	426,952	504,540
Alberta coals	48,956¾	47,784	61,254	56,742	58,998	67,252
United States coals	----------	----------	----------	----------	654	1,733
Totals	568,372¼	498,166	477,730	467,274	486,604	573,525

Merritt-Princeton District

British Columbia coals	24,654¾	4,667	6,038	4,043	3,235	4,580
Alberta coals	2,961	219	1,496	918	1,119	331
United States coals	----------	----------	----------	----------	----------	----------
Totals	27,615¾	4,886	7,534	4,961	4,354	4,911

Okanagan District

British Columbia coals	2,151¼	2,164	2,199	1,907	2,279	2,515
Alberta coals	25,684	32,274	33,753	26,702	30,413	35,192
United States coals	----------	43	----------	----------	----------	1
Totals	27,835¼	34,481	35,952	28,609	32,692	37,708

Kamloops District

British Columbia coals	1,499	1,277	1,066	1,890	1,443	1,293
Alberta coals	14,131½	18,291	22,953	21,207	22,069	21,113
United States coals	----------	----------	----------	41	283	----------
Totals	15,630½	19,568	24,019	23,138	23,795	22,406

Balance of Province

British Columbia coals	11,310¼	12,159	9,425	7,559	6,010	5,936
Alberta coals	17,338¼	23,887	21,045	18,935	23,180	26,056
United States coals	----------	----------	----------	20	103	----------
Totals	28,648½	36,046	30,470	26,514	29,223	31,992

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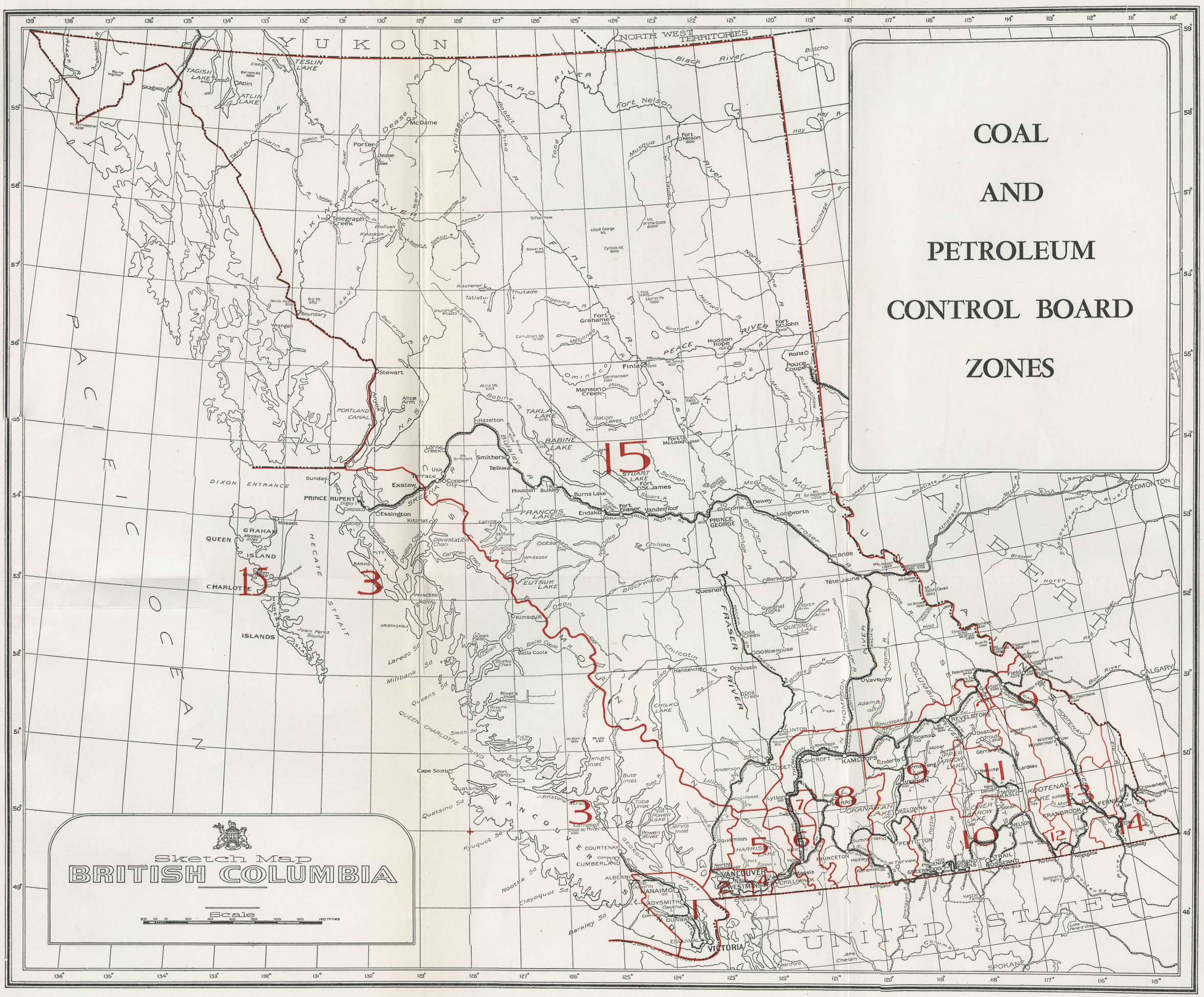
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