

The coal mined in Canada comprises the three varieties: anthracite, bituminous, and lignite. The bituminous forms by far the largest proportion of the output, being mined exclusively in the Maritime Provinces, in British Columbia, and in the Crowneast Pass region of southwestern Alberta. It is, of course, difficult to draw any sharp lines of demarcation between the different varieties, but roughly speaking, about 90 per cent of the production may be classed as bituminous.

There is but one anthracite mine in Canada, at Bankhead, near Banff, Alberta, operated by the Bankhead Mines, Limited. This mine possesses the only briquetting plant in operation in the country.

Statistics of the production by provinces during the past three years are shown in Table 1, and Table 2 shows the increases or decreases in each year as compared with the previous year.

It may be explained that the term production in these tables applies to the amount of coal actually sold or used by the producers, in contradistinction to output, which applies to the coal extracted from the mine and which in some cases includes coal lost or unsaleable or coal carried into stock on hand at the end of the year.

COAL.—TABLE 1.

Production by Provinces, 1907-8-9, in tons of 2,000 lbs.

Provinces.	1907.		1908.		1909.	
	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.	Tons.	Value.
Nova Scotia.	6,354,133	\$12,764,999	6,652,539	\$12,364,476	5,652,089	\$11,354,643
British Columbia. .	2,364,898	7,390,306	2,333,708	7,292,839	2,606,127	8,144,147
Alberta.	1,591,579	3,836,294	1,695,061	4,127,311	1,994,741	4,636,109
Saskatchewan.	151,332	252,437	150,556	253,790	192,125	306,339
New Brunswick. .	34,584	77,814	60,000	135,000	49,029	96,496
Yukon Territory. .	15,000	60,000	3,647	21,158	7,364	49,502
Totals.	10,511,426	24,381,842	10,896,311	25,194,573	10,501,475	24,781,236

COAL.—TABLE 2.

Comparison of Production, 1907 with 1908, and 1908 with 1909.

Province.	(i) INCREASE OR (d) DECREASE.			
	Years 1907 and 1908.		Years 1908 and 1909.	
	Tons.	Per cent.	Tons.	Per cent.
Nova Scotia.	(i) 298,406	4.70	(d) 1,000,450	15.04
British Columbia. .	31,190	1.32	(i) 272,419	11.67
Alberta.	94,082	5.91	(i) 309,080	18.34
Saskatchewan.	(d) 676	0.01	(i) 41,569	27.61
New Brunswick.	(i) 25,416	73.49	(d) 10,971	18.29
Yukon Territory. .	(d) 11,153	74.35	(i) 3,517	91.42
Totals for Canada. .	(i) 374,885	3.56	(d) 384,836	3.535