

THE COAL RESOURCES OF THE WORLD

THE RESERVE

In the compilation of the following tables the figures given for Actual Reserve include only those so given in the reports received from the various countries. Owing to the incomplete classification of the reserves in many of the reports the figures for Probable Reserve, in many cases include Actual and Probable and in other cases Probable and Possible Reserves.

The reports deal with a very large variety of coals but in the following table they are grouped in only three divisions, anthracitic, bituminous and the less-altered coals.

In considering the amount of the reserve relative to the duration of the supply it should be borne in mind that in this estimate no deduction is made for coal not at present mineable nor for loss of coal in mining. A large part of the coal included in the estimate will be very difficult to mine and generally the loss in mining will be great.

ESTIMATE OF THE COAL RESERVES OF THE WORLD

IN MILLION TONS

	CLASS A	CLASSES B & C	CLASS D	TOTALS
	Anthracitic Coals, including some Dry Coals	Bituminous Coals	Sub-bituminous Coals, Brown- coals and Lignites	
Oceania.....	659	133,481	36,270	170,410
Asia.....	407,637	760,068	111,851	1,279,556
Africa.....	11,062	46,123	1,054	57,839
America.....	22,542	2,271,080	2,811,906	5,105,528
Europe.....	54,346	693,162	36,682	784,190
	496,846	3,902,914	2,997,763	7,397,533

For the purpose of comparison with the total estimated coal supply indicated in the above table, a statement of the annual production of the principal countries of the world, compiled from statistics published in *Mineral Industry*, New York, is given in the following table.