

COAL AND COKE IN CANADA, 1917.

The Mines Branch of the Department of Mines has received from the principal coal mine operators returns of their production during the first three months of 1917 on the basis of which the following estimates have been made of total production during this period. According to these estimates, the total production of coal during the first quarter of 1917 was 3,590,991 short tons, comprising 1,233,934 tons in January, 1,143,956 tons in February, and 1,213,101 tons in March. Corresponding records for the year 1916 are not available for comparison.

The record would appear to show that in Nova Scotia and British Columbia the average rate of production was less than the average rate of production during 1916; but in the provinces of New Brunswick, Saskatchewan and Alberta, greater than in 1916.

The exports of coal during the three months were 501,570 tons as against exports of 737,744 tons during the corresponding period of 1916.

The imports of coal during the three months were 3,921,824 tons, as against imports of 4,002,892 tons during the corresponding period of 1916.

The production of oven coke during the first three months of 1917 was 308,690 tons, the imports during the same period being 207,139 tons and the exports 5,606 tons.

Coal Production, Imports and Exports.**Production in 1916 and 1917.**

—1917—				
	1916, tons.	January, tons.	February, tons.	March, tons.
Nova Scotia.....	6,912,140	530,696	466,650	482,923
New Brunswick....	143,540	17,117	16,736	17,547
Saskatchewan	281,300	36,820	26,820	22,322
Alberta	4,559,054	463,158	425,435	449,066
British Columbia...	2,584,061	186,143	208,315	241,243
Yukon	3,300			

Production14,483,395 1,233,934 1,143,956 1,213,101

Imports.

Bituminous	13,009,788	1,031,719	760,545	1,114,958
Anthracite	4,570,815	300,836	277,179	436,567

Total17,580,603 1,332,555 1,037,724 1,551,525

Exports.

Total exports..... 2,135,359 174,408 120,828 206,334

Oven Coke Production, Imports and Exports.**Production.**

—1917—				
	1916, tons.	January, tons.	February, tons.	March, tons.
Nova Scotia.....	653,836	53,314	50,127	56,435
Ontario.....	452,502	31,716	26,036	27,680
Alberta	42,548	4,390	3,637	3,425
British Columbia...	299,896	10,062	16,802	25,066

Output 1,448,782 99,482 96,602 112,606

Imports. 757,116 49,394 63,849 93,896

Exports. 48,539 1,960 996 2,650

COAL AND COKE IN CANADA, 1916.**Revised Statistics and Comparison With 1915.**

Division of Mineral Resources and Statistics, Department of Mines, Ottawa.

Coal.	Calendar Years.	
	1915	1916
Production by Provinces:—	Short tons.	Short tons.
Nova Scotia	7,463,370	6,912,140
New Brunswick	127,391	143,450
Saskatchewan	240,107	281,300
Alberta	3,360,818	4,559,054
British Columbia	2,065,613	2,584,061
Yukon.....	9,724	3,300
Total.	13,267,023	14,483,395
Distribution of Coal Production:—		
Sold for consumption in Canada...	9,826,712	10,701,530
Sold for export to United States..	1,330,818	1,451,075
Sold for export to other countries.	297,343	284,513
Total sales.	11,454,773	12,437,118
Used by producers in making coke, etc.	701,975	804,814
Used by colliery operation and by workmen.	1,110,275	1,241,463
	1,812,250	2,046,277
Stocks in producers' hands, Dec. 31...	171,205	78,702
Exports (as reported by Customs Dept.)	1,776,543	2,135,539
Imports (as reported by Customs Dept.):		
Bituminous run of mine	6,106,794	9,504,552
Bituminous slack	2,286,916	3,505,236
Total bituminous	8,393,710	13,009,788
Anthracite.	4,072,192	4,570,815
Total imports	12,465,902	17,580,603
Total Canadian consumption of coal..	23,906,692	29,865,856
Used by railway locomotives (years ending June 30th)	6,677,536	8,677,354
Oven Coke.		
Coal used in making oven coke.....	1,856,393	2,134,911
Coke Output by Provinces:—		
Nova Scotia	584,993	653,836
Ontario.....	316,211	452,502
Alberta	24,187	42,548
British Columbia	275,375	299,896
Total output	1,200,766	1,448,782
Exports.	35,869	48,539
Imports.	637,857	757,116

TAMARACK.

The last step in the absorption of Tamarack by the Calumet & Hecla was taken last month when the Tamarack offices were closed, the books and records transferred to the Calumet & Hecla offices and a large part of the executive and clerical force of the Tamarack let out or transferred to other properties.

DR. DALY ON GERMAN BEER.

Professor Reginald A. Daly of Harvard blames beer for German outrages, and says latter represent the cumulative effect of "mildly alcoholic state" on the minds of men who have imbibed the national drink since childhood. Germanic peoples are the only group who feed alcohol to babies and very young children of the middle and upper classes.