

- (5) Appointment of regional representatives of the Coal Administrator in Winnipeg, Calgary and Vancouver to regulate and allocate distribution.

East - Head of Lakes and Eastward

There have been no serious difficulties in this area with the possible exception of isolated anthracite shortages due to the strike in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields during January. Even prior to the anthracite strike the anthracite mines were some two months behind in their deliveries.

Some slight difficulties occurred in distribution due to lack of labour and heavy weather conditions.

Summary

The Government has recently set up an Emergency Coal Production Board headed by the Coal Administrator, Mr. J. McG. Stewart. It has had a number of important meetings and has done considerable investigative work into the human financial and statistical facts of Canadian coal production. Study has also been given to Manpower, Absenteeism, Transportation, and Distribution. (Order in Council creating the Board and Press release attached).

Notwithstanding the extensive Government publicity all last summer advising the public to buy and store their coal early and also the financial credit arrangements made to assist the public to buy early, there was a failure on the part of many to heed these warnings.

Coal supplies have been maintained to meet all industrial, railway, and war plant requirements.