

The collieries of the Crows Nest Pass Coal Company in East Kootenay, and the Western Fuel Company and the Wellington Colliery Company on Vancouver island, contributed about 80 per cent of the total production.

The balance was mined from some seven smaller collieries, that are referred to by the Provincial Mineralogist in his Annual Report, as follows:—

‘In the Coast district, among the newer collieries that are beginning to make an appreciable output may be mentioned the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Company, which shipped in 1909 some 62,210 tons of coal, and this production was limited by the market which the Canadian Pacific Railway freight rates would allow it to reach, rather than by the capacity of the mines. Adjoining this colliery is the Diamond Vale Colliery Company’s property, which, though still in a state of development, mined in 1909 some 1,700 tons of coal.

‘Vermilion Forks Mining and Development Company, of Princeton, mined 150 tons of coal in 1909.

‘On Vancouver island, the Pacific Coast Coal Mines, Limited, mined at South Wellington, a few miles south of Nanaimo, some 69,055 tons of coal. Railway and bunkers have been built at Boat harbour.

‘Gilfillan colliery shut down; Henry Biggs, as an individual, produced 1,236 tons of coal from the property.

‘In the East Kootenay field, the Hosmer and Corbin collieries each produced about 60,000 tons of coal during the year; neither of these collieries is as yet in full operation.

In the following table the production during the past two years is given, the sales in Canada and sales for export being given, as well as the quantity used for making coke and that used for colliery consumption. A distinction is also made between the production from the Coast mines and that in the East Kootenay and Nicola Valley districts.

Coal.	1908.			1909.		
	Coast.	Crowsnest and Nicola Valley.	Total.	Coast.	Crowsnest and Nicola Valley.	Total.
		Long tons.			Long tons.	
Sold for consumption in Canada	703,931	227,998	931,929	781,177	198,229	979,406
“ export to United States	300,445	266,829	567,274	324,728	353,430	678,158
“ “ other countries	29,883	29,883	63,509	63,509
	1,034,259	494,827	1,529,086	1,169,414	551,659	1,721,073
Used for making coke.....	25,172	354,460	379,632	28,760	363,463	392,223
“ colliery consumption....	49,975	124,975	174,950	70,625	142,978	213,603
Production.....	1,109,406	974,262	2,083,668	1,266,799	1,060,100	2,326,899

In Table 15 the statistics of coal production in British Columbia since 1836 are given. The total production to the end of 1909 has been 36,776,164 tons, of which 20,455,415 tons, or 55.6 per cent, have been produced during the past ten years. The average annual production during this period was 2,045,541 tons, as