

THE COAL RESOURCES OF THE WORLD

ESTIMATE OF THE COAL RESERVES OF ASIA

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	
Corea.....	40	14	27	81
China.....	387,484	607,623	600	995,587
Japan.....	62	7,130	778	7,970
Manchuria.....	68	1,140		1,208
Siberia.....	1	66,034	107,844	173,879
Indo-China.....	20,002			20,002
India.....		76,399	2,602	79,001
Persia.....		1,858		1,858
Total.....	407,637	760,098	111,851	1,279,586

Actual Reserve..... 20,502 million tons
 Probable Reserve..... 1,259,084 "

Total estimated Reserve..... 1,279,586 million tons

AFRICA

THE most important coal reserves of Africa are confined to the southern portion of the continent: the northern portion is practically without coal, with the possible exception of some small streaks of lignite in Tertiary rocks. In the central part, small deposits of lignite of Tertiary age have been found in Abyssinia and important ones in Southern Nigeria, where coal is also found in beds of Upper Cretaceous age.

PALÆOZOIC COALS

The coal-bearing formations of the southern portion of Africa are all included in the Karroo system which is made up of a succession of deposits ranging in age from Carboniferous to Jurassic. The coal-beds of the Karroo cover extensive tracts and contain the major portion of the reserve of the continent. The lowest formation (Ecca series) in which coal is found is Permo-Carboniferous in age; it contains most of the coal found in Rhodesia and Nyasaland, and an important reserve in Belgian Congo. The coal-bearing rocks of the