

tidings-over of a threatened fuel shortage. The Dominion Fuel Board, with the Deputy Minister of the Department of Mines as chairman, was constituted on Nov. 25, 1922, to meet the need for a standing organization definitely responsible for the systematic study of the fuel position of the Dominion. The Board issued an interim report in 1923, and has since issued, in co-operation with the Department of Mines, various studies on particular fuels, notably a report, "Coke as a Household Fuel in Central Canada", published in 1925.

The coal production in 1926 amounted to 16,478,131 short tons, valued at \$59,875,094, or an average of \$3.63 per ton.¹ This represented an increase of 3,343,163 tons, or 25.4 p.c., as compared with the previous year. The production was obtained from mines in which were employed on an average 28,368 men, at a wage cost of \$35,841,796. Nova Scotia produced 6,747,477 tons of coal in 1926 as compared with 3,842,978 tons in 1925, when there was a long strike. In the west Alberta produced 6,503,705 tons, including 3,150,000 tons of lignite, 2,860,000 tons of bituminous and 490,000 tons of sub-bituminous. Saskatchewan also produced 439,803 tons of lignite. In British Columbia the bituminous coal mined amounted to 2,613,719 tons in 1926. The quantity of coal mined annually in five provinces and the Yukon Territory from 1909 to 1927 is shown in Table 28.

28.—Production of Coal in Canada, by Provinces, calendar years 1909-1927.

Note.—For annual production by provinces from 1874 to 1908, see 1911 Year Book, p. 419.

Years.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	Saskatchewan.	Alberta.	British Columbia.	Yukon Territory.	Total production.	Value.
	Short tons.	Short tons.	Short tons.	Short tons.	Short tons.	Short tons.	Short tons.	
1909.....	5,652,089	49,029	102,125	1,994,741	2,606,127	7,364	10,501,475	24,781,236
1910.....	6,431,142	55,455	181,156	2,894,469	3,330,745	16,185	12,909,152	30,909,779
1911.....	7,604,420	55,781	206,779	1,511,036	2,542,532	2,840	11,323,388	26,467,646
1912.....	7,783,888	44,780	225,342	3,240,577	3,208,997	9,245	14,512,829	36,019,044
1913.....	7,980,073	70,311	212,897	4,014,755	2,714,420	19,722	15,012,178	37,334,940
1914.....	7,370,924	98,049	232,299	3,683,015	2,239,799	13,448	13,637,529	33,471,801
1915.....	7,463,370	127,391	240,137	3,360,818	2,065,613	9,724	13,267,023	32,111,182
1916.....	6,912,140	143,540	281,300	4,559,054	2,584,061	3,300	14,483,395	38,817,481
1917.....	6,327,091	189,095	355,445	4,736,368	2,433,888	4,872	14,046,759	43,199,831
1918.....	5,818,562	268,212	346,847	5,972,816	2,568,589	2,900	14,977,926	55,192,895
1919.....	5,720,373	179,108	380,169	4,964,535	2,435,933	1,100	13,681,218	54,413,349
1920.....	6,395,545	161,164	349,860	6,859,346	2,856,920	763	16,823,598	77,326,853
1921.....	5,734,928	188,192	335,632	5,909,217	2,890,291	233	15,057,262	72,451,656
1922.....	5,569,072	287,513	382,437	5,990,921	2,927,033	465	15,157,431	65,518,497
1923.....	6,597,836	276,617	438,100	6,854,397	2,823,306	313	16,990,571	72,058,996
1924.....	5,557,441	217,121	479,118	5,189,729	2,193,667	1,121	13,638,197	53,533,988
1925.....	3,842,978	208,012	471,985	5,869,081	2,742,252	730	13,134,968	49,261,951
1926.....	6,747,477	173,111	439,803	6,503,705	2,613,719	316	16,478,131	59,875,094
1927 ^a	7,071,091	203,717	469,908	6,929,366	2,737,009	414	17,411,505	61,809,672

^a Preliminary figures.

The total coal imports in the calendar year 1926 amounted to 16,565,555 tons, as compared with 16,331,971 tons in the previous year. The exports of coal of domestic production in 1926 amounted to 1,028,200 tons, valued at \$5,739,436, or an average of \$5.51 per ton, as compared with 785,910 tons, valued at \$4,329,173, in 1927. The imports of anthracite and bituminous coal for fiscal years from 1901 to 1927 are given in Table 29, and the exports from 1901 to 1927 in Table 30.

¹ The preliminary estimate for 1927 is 17,411,505 tons valued at \$61,809,672.