

28.—Production of Crude Petroleum in Canada, by Provinces, 1933-45

Year	New Brunswick		Ontario		Alberta ¹		Northwest Territories		Canada	
	bbl.	\$	bbl.	\$	bbl.	\$	bbl.	\$	bbl.	\$
1933.....	8,835	18,111	136,058	253,486	995,832	2,844,157	4,608	23,037	1,145,333	3,138,791
1934.....	11,106	22,277	141,385	299,874	1,253,966	3,104,823	4,438	22,188	1,410,895	3,449,162
1935.....	12,954	18,230	165,041	346,156	1,263,510	3,102,227	5,115	25,575	1,446,620	3,492,188
1936.....	17,112	24,075	165,495	350,767	1,312,368	3,019,930	5,399	26,995	1,500,374	3,421,767
1937.....	18,089	25,496	165,205	356,000	2,749,085	4,961,002	11,371	56,855	2,943,750	5,399,353
1938.....	19,276	27,246	172,641	359,268	6,751,312	8,775,094	22,855	68,565	6,966,084	9,230,173
1939.....	22,799	32,082	206,379	401,430	7,576,932	9,362,363	20,191	50,477	7,826,301	9,846,352
1940.....	22,167	31,220	187,644	397,078	8,362,203	10,694,394	18,633	37,265	8,590,978 ²	11,160,213 ²
1941.....	31,359	44,102	160,238	337,760	9,918,577	13,985,906	23,664	47,328	10,133,838	14,415,096
1942.....	28,089	39,467	143,845	306,242	10,117,073	15,514,665	75,789	108,477	10,364,796	15,968,851
1943.....	24,530	34,342	132,492	311,356	9,601,530	15,724,518	293,750	400,201	10,052,302	16,470,417
1944.....	23,296	32,832	125,067	296,420	8,727,366	14,468,061	1,223,675	632,587	10,099,404	15,429,800
1945 ³	31,000	44,000	114,000	272,000	8,039,000	13,169,000	351,000	259,000	8,550,000 ²	13,759,000 ²

¹ These figures are compiled on a somewhat different basis from the figures of the Alberta Government given on p. 352. ² Includes 331 bbl. at \$256 in Saskatchewan in 1940 and 15,000 bbl. at \$15,000 in Saskatchewan in 1945. ³ Subject to revision.

The Alberta Oil Fields.*—Over 90 p.c. of Canada's oil is produced from the wells of Alberta. The year 1942 was the peak year for oil production in that Province when, for the first time in its history, the oil fields produced over 10,000,000 barrels. Since then there has been a steady decline in production. During the first half of 1945 the rate of decline was noticeably reduced, due to the encouraging performance of newly completed wells in the Turner Valley, but the trend changed in the latter part of the year with the result that the output of Turner Valley in 1945 was 7,422,061 bbl., a decrease of 904,253 bbl. from the 1944 figure. Over 90 p.c. of Alberta's production comes from the Turney Valley.

The situation was brighter in other producing fields of the Province in which the total increased from 462,412 bbl. in 1944 to 633,379 bbl. in 1945, offsetting to some extent the decrease in the Turner Valley. Conrad, Princess, Lloydminster and Vermilion were the principal contributors to this increase. During December, 1945, the Conrad Field presented an average of 517 bbl. daily from 17 wells; Princess, 207 bbl. from 8 wells; Lloydminster, 115 bbl. from 9 wells; and Vermilion 569 bbl. from 47 wells. The figures covering Lloydminster deal only with the wells on the Alberta side of the boundary; the field extends into the Province of Saskatchewan where production is also being obtained. Ram River in the foothills area is reported to be reaming its No. 3 Well and has also started its No. 4 on the Clearwater River. Development is being continued in the Jumping Pound area and the Home Brazeau Well, about 25 miles to the northwest of the railway terminus of Brazeau, is being watched with considerable interest. This general district has for some time been regarded as possessing potential possibilities.

Exploratory work was intensified throughout the Province in 1945 and will be continued during 1946.

* Statements taken from "1945 Alberta Oil Review" by J. L. Irwin, Supervisor of Publications, Government of Alberta.