

Subsection 2.—Government Controls

Control of Non-Ferrous Metals.*—The controls established to stimulate the production of non-ferrous metals, petroleum and coal during the war years 1939-45 were, by 1945, either dissolved or remained functions of supply distribution and prices taken over by the Wartime Prices and Trade Board (see 1947 Year Book, p. 441).

During the first six months of 1947 ceiling prices were increased on copper, lead, zinc, their alloys and scrap, and tin. In June, however, ceiling prices were removed from all non-ferrous metals with the exception of tin, its alloys and ingot metal containing tin, which, because of limited supply, remained under strict control.

The Dominion Coal Board.†—This Board was created in October, 1947 (11 Geo. VI, c. 57) to take over the powers, duties and functions of the Dominion Fuel Board that had systematically studied the fuel situation on behalf of the Government since 1922 (see 1947 Year Book, p. 441). The powers of the Dominion Coal Board are, however, much wider and its authority broader than those of the former Fuel Board. It has, for instance, wide emergency powers in regard to production and marketing and will administer the coal policy of the Government with the aim of securing a stable and prosperous industry with a minimum of public assistance.

Specifically the Board is charged with the responsibility of implementing the recommendations of the Royal Commission on Coal and the Act specifically states that it may undertake researches and investigations with respect to:—

- (a) the systems and methods of mining coal;
- (b) the problems and techniques of marketing and distributing coal;
- (c) the physical and chemical characteristics of coal produced in Canada with a view to developing new uses therefor;
- (d) the position of coal in relation to other forms of fuel or energy available for use in Canada;
- (e) the cost of production and distribution of coal and the accounting methods adopted or used by persons dealing in coal;
- (f) the co-ordination of the activities of Government Departments relating to coal; and
- (g) such other matters as the Minister may request or as the Board may deem necessary for carrying out any of the provisions or purposes of this Act.

The Board will also administer, in accordance with regulations of the Governor in Council, any subventions or subsidies relating to coal voted by Parliament. (See Chapter XX).

Wide powers are provided to deal with production and distribution and use of fuel in case of a national fuel emergency.

Subsection 3.—Estimates of Resources

The Coal Reserves of Canada.‡—A description of the coal deposits and coal resources of Canada appears in the 1946 Year Book, pp. 337-347. The classification of coals described and indicated on the legends of the accompanying maps in that

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