

**Coal.**—The total estimated coal production of the world in 1938, the latest year for which complete figures are available, amounted to about 1,420,000,000 long tons, a decrease of 6 p.c. from the previous year.

**Petroleum.\***—Oil production for the world, in 1946, reached a total of 2,750,705,000 bbl., including the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics which was responsible for 164,000,000 bbl. in this period. The countries contributing the major part of this total were: United States, 1,733,939,000 bbl.; Venezuela, 388,486,000 bbl.; Near and Middle East, 256,164,000 bbl.; Mexico, 49,235,000 bbl.; and Roumania 31,206,000 bbl. The production of each of these areas, with the exception of Roumania, showed an increase over 1945.

The British Empire produces only about 2 p.c. of world production of petroleum. Table 39 shows Empire production for the years 1943 to 1946.

**39.—Petroleum Production in the British Empire, 1943-46**

Country	1943	1944	1945	1946	P.C. of Total 1946
	bbl.	bbl.	bbl.	bbl.	
Bahrein Island.....	6,570,000	6,800,000	7,304,000	8,010,000	0.29
Borneo, British Sarawak and Brunei.....	Nil	15,000,000	12,000,000	2,100,000	0.08
Burma.....	913,000	750,000	750,000	700,000	0.03
Canada.....	10,123,205	10,099,404	8,567,947	7,668,000	0.28
Great Britain.....	Nil	670,000	500,000	412,000	0.02
India.....	2,555,000	3,000,000	3,000,000	2,193,000	0.07
Trinidad.....	25,000,000	22,000,000	21,500,000	20,233,000	0.74
<b>Totals, British Empire.....</b>	<b>45,161,205</b>	<b>58,319,404</b>	<b>53,621,947</b>	<b>41,316,000</b>	—
P.C. British Empire of World.....	1.95	2.27	2.15	1.50	—

A general estimate of world oil production for 1947, with presently procurable figures, gives an average daily production of 8,231,299 bbl. or a grand total of 3,004,424,000 bbl. The United States, responsible for 61.78 p.c. of world production stood first in quantity of production. Venezuela held second place with 14.47 p.c. of the world total, followed by the Middle East with 10.11 p.c. and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics which produced 5.73 p.c. of the world figure.

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