

Canada Has Greatest Coal Deposits in the World in the West

Should the most unlooked-for contingency arise and Nova Scotia coal as well as that from the United States be unobtainable for Eastern Canada, this country would not be without the carboniferous fuel. Alberta, Saskatchewan and British Columbia embrace what is said by experts to be the largest coal field in the whole world. There are mines at Lethbridge, in the Crow's Nest Pass, in the mountains beyond Calgary, and at various small workings, some operated by ranchers and farmers, scattered all over the western prairie. It is all soft coal, but much of it is of good steaming quality.

The long haul prevents the products of these mines being shipped to Eastern Canada, and the supply is consumed locally and across the border. Curiously enough, there is very little coal in the western States, but the duty on the Canadian product necessitates all but a small quantity being brought from the Pennsylvania fields, and affords Canada not much benefit.

British Columbia has workings in the Nicola Valley and on Vancouver Island from which large source of supply most of the fuel used on vessels operating on the Pacific Coast is mined.