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**STUDIES ON COAL**

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## SUMMARY

This work was carried out to investigate the nature of coal in MANCHUKUO and in North China. About 30 kinds of the North China coal and 40 of the Manchukuo coal were investigated.

Test results showed that the North China coal was suitable for high temperature carbonization, whereas the Manchukuo coal was better for low-temperature carbonization or liquerfaction by hydrogenation.

## I. INTRODUCTION

This work was begun in April, 1940. About 90 kinds of coal were investigated. It was desired to study, in detail, the chemical factors affecting caking properties of typical coals, but this project was ordered to stop in May, 1942.

The key research personnel working on the project were Eng. Cmdr. Dr. M. HAGIHARA and Eng. Lt. Cmdr. M. KUMAMOTO.

## II. DETAILED DESCRIPTION

## A. Description of Test Methods

1. Proximate Analysis. Moisture, volatile matter, ash, and fixed carbon were measured by the standard British method.

2. Ultimate Analysis. After grinding and drying the coal at 105<sup>o</sup>C, the content of carbon and hydrogen were determined by combustion. Nitrogen was determined by Kjeldahl's method, and sulphur by the Zschka method. The gross calorific value was measured by the bomb method.

3. Hydrogenation Test. 300 grams of coal (sized through to 60 mesh) and 15 grams of ZnCl<sub>2</sub> were put into an autoclave of 2.5 liters volume. After replacing the air by hydrogen gas, the hydrogen pressure was increased to 100 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> (no oil used). The autoclave was heated gradually and 3 hours were required to raise the temperature to 420<sup>o</sup>C. After one hour at this temperature, the pressure was released and the hydrogenated product removed. The moisture and benzene-soluble material in the reactant were measured. The yield of liquid and the reactivity were calculated by the following formulae:

$$A = \% \text{ Yield of liquid} = \frac{\text{total liquid product (wt)}}{\text{ideal coal (wt)}} \times 100$$

(The ideal coal is defined as the volatile matter plus fixed carbon contained in the coal.)

$$B = \% \text{ Reactivity} = \frac{\text{ideal coal} - (\text{residue} - \text{ash})}{\text{ideal coal}} \times 100$$

(The residue is the material remaining after removal of moisture and benzol soluble material from the product.)

4. Carbonization Test. The Gray-King method was used.

5. High-temperature Carbonization Test. The Lessing method was used.

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6. Caking Properties. Caking properties were determined by the usual observation of the residue from the volatile matter test, and also from the high-temperature carbonization test. It was desired to study the chemical factors affecting caking properties, especially oxygen content of typical coals, but this project was abandoned.

### III. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

Experimental results are summarized in Table I(B)20 and Table II(B)20.

### IV. CONCLUSIONS

Apparently the Manchukuo coal has more water and less fixed carbon than the North China coal. Most Manchukuo coal is a form of brown coal, but the North China coal is bituminous.

Practically all of the North-China coal is suitable for high-temperature carbonization, as compared with only 16% of the Manchukuo coal.

The average yield of liquid by hydrogenation of Manchukuo coal is 64.1%, and of the North China coal is 41.9%. The Manchukuo coal is better suited for hydrogenation or low-temperature carbonization.



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Table I(B)20 (cont'd)  
TESTS ON NORTH CHINA COAL

Coal Field	Proximate Analysis (%)						Ultimate Analysis (%)						Cal. Value (Btu/gal)	Hydrogenation (s)			Low Temp. Carbonization			High Temp. Carbonization			Caking Property						
	MM.L.		FIZ.C.		FUEL		C		H		N			S		O		A	B	Coke wt %	Tar wt %	Gas wt %		Coke wt %	Tar wt %	Gas wt %	Coke wt %	Tar wt %	Gas wt %
	Moist.	Vol.	Moist.	Vol.	Moist.	Vol.	Moist.	Vol.	Moist.	Vol.	Moist.	Vol.		Moist.	Vol.	Moist.	Vol.												
Lima	Mo-1	1.8	26.9	49.2	24.1	1.98	80.9	5.2	1.4	1.8	7.7	6.335	34.5	64.9	87.9	7.1	4.7	77.6	7.2	10.6	good caking								
	Mo-2	2.5	77.2	34.4	14.9	2.00	81.9	5.0	1.5	2.9	8.2	6.966	43.5	76.0	87.5	6.2	6.1	75.5	8.0	14.2	good caking								
	Mo-3	1.9	20.0	41.1	24.0	1.44	80.3	5.4	1.5	1.1	8.8	5.351	41.7	60.5	88.5	6.7	3.7	73.5	5.6	11.3	good caking								
	Mo-4	1.4	24.8	48.3	24.5	1.96	84.9	5.3	1.5	1.2	7.2	6.115	59.9	43.6	86.8	5.8	7.1	77.2	8.1	11.0	good caking								
	Mo-5	1.1	27.3	53.1	14.5	1.92	81.8	5.2	1.2	2.1	5.7	6.638	44.4	74.8	84.9	6.0	7.0	75.4	7.6	12.4	good caking								
Coking China	Mo-1	1.2	32.5	54.1	11.2	1.69	80.4	5.8	1.4	1.6	10.6	7.701	56.3	75.4	94.0	2.9	3.1	80.9	6.5	11.4	good caking								
	Mo-2	1.2	30.0	54.4	12.4	1.88	82.5	5.5	1.5	1.2	9.3	7.588	45.9	52.3	94.0	2.4	3.6	77.2	5.1	16.8	good caking								
	Mo-3	1.2	24.8	64.2	7.8	2.67	85.8	5.6	1.5	3.5	3.6	7.829	26.6	31.4	86.6	9.1	2.2	85.5	3.2	9.6	good caking								
	Mo-4	1.1	21.0	62.9	15.0	2.99	80.7	6.6	1.5	0.7	7.9	7.244	9.6	22.9	86.9	7.8	3.3	79.4	6.7	12.6	good caking								
	Mo-5	1.3	25.3	61.1	12.5	2.12	85.4	5.2	1.4	1.7	6.3	7.574	56.9	70.1	90.8	2.1	6.9	82.9	3.5	11.7	good caking								
Cherry Ping	Mo-1	1.0	20.2	59.0	14.8	2.54	85.4	5.6	1.4	1.4	6.3	7.202	49.0	58.1	90.1	3.4	5.4	82.9	6.6	8.1	good caking								
	Mo-2	1.8	23.5	70.1	3.4	2.98	84.9	5.4	1.4	1.9	4.4	8.187	42.2	58.5	89.4	5.4	4.8	70.9	4.4	22.9	good caking								
	Mo-3	1.3	21.0	69.2	8.5	3.79	86.9	5.4	1.7	0.6	3.4	7.889	28.7	28.1	86.7	6.7	5.6	78.5	7.9	11.6	good caking								
	Mo-4	1.8	21.0	64.5	3.7	3.00	86.4	4.8	1.4	0.6	4.8	7.303	41.7	72.5	88.5	6.8	5.5	81.0	5.8	11.4	good caking								
	Mo-5	1.8	22.5	54.0	19.7	2.19	84.1	5.0	1.5	3.4	6.0	6.725	27.7	32.2	88.7	5.7	5.4	79.9	6.4	11.4	good caking								
Peking	Mo-1	2.3	20.8	54.7	19.2	2.40	79.5	4.3	1.5	4.6	10.1	6.101	19.0	37.2	86.9	0.5	6.5	79.2	1.5	10.6	none caking								
	Mo-2	1.2	22.1	54.7	17.0	2.65	82.3	5.2	1.6	3.4	7.5	7.072	41.3	44.9	87.0	6.3	6.5	79.4	6.3	12.2	good caking								
	Mo-3	2.7	20.1	54.1	14.1	2.40	71.3	6.3	1.5	1.1	19.9	6.455	55.2	81.2	78.2	15.7	5.3	67.2	10.7	12.5	good caking								
	Mo-4	1.2	23.4	45.1	18.3	1.35	75.0	5.3	1.4	1.3	20.9	6.464	39.2	54.4	80.8	11.9	6.8	66.3	11.7	13.3	good caking								
	Mo-5	1.0	33.7	33.5	9.8	1.99	75.8	5.1	1.5	0.6	17.0	7.244	47.3	77.8	78.9	14.0	6.6	66.9	9.3	15.2	good caking								
Huangpe	Mo-1	1.8	37.0	49.0	11.2	1.32	72.7	5.5	1.2	4.6	16.1	7.279	44.5	61.6	77.1	15.8	6.5	63.1	15.4	13.5	good caking								
	Mo-2	1.2	33.7	43.7	18.4	1.26	64.3	5.1	1.4	4.8	23.8	6.538	14.9	43.6	72.5	10.2	15.8	67.8	11.7	12.2	good caking								
	Mo-3	1.1	24.8	63.8	6.3	2.34	78.2	5.4	1.6	0.8	15.7	7.778	11.2	18.3	84.8	9.7	5.5	69.7	11.8	1.58	good caking								
	Mo-4	1.3	30.3	60.2	6.3	2.00	78.2	5.9	1.7	4.2	9.9	7.986	16.7	19.9	93.1	3.1	3.8	71.7	11.1	16.9	good caking								

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Table II(B)20  
TESTS ON MANCHUKUO COAL

Coal Field	Proximate Analysis (%)					Ultimate Analysis (%)					Hydrogenation (%)		Caking Property	Low Temp. Carbonisation (%)			
	Moist.	Vol.M.	Fix.C.	Ash	Fuel Ratio	C	H	N	S	O	A	B		Coalite	Tar	Gas	
Salinor	19.8	55.7	20.8	3.7	0.37	74.6	7.3	1.3	0.3	18.4	49.4	87.1	none caking	52.3	7.4	16.3	
Sincheng	13.6	37.7	44.9	3.8	1.19	75.9	5.4	1.2	0.6	16.8	59.7	91.5	none caking	70.8	11.9	10.5	
Padogo	No.1	15.9	35.4	39.8	8.9	1.12	76.1	5.2	1.1	2.3	15.2	64.6	88.2	none caking	70.9	7.0	12.5
	No.2	14.1	35.8	40.0	10.1	1.11	76.2	4.7	1.3	1.7	16.1	68.6	91.6	none caking	67.1	8.0	12.9
Taiping	10.8	36.2	49.4	3.6	1.36	78.3	6.2	0.9	1.4	13.3	81.3	92.5	none caking	71.1	10.9	9.8	
Sun Kawan	11.0	35.3	44.2	9.5	1.25	77.9	4.2	1.2	0.9	15.8	65.5	92.4	none caking	65.3	6.9	10.5	
Peipiao	No.1	11.9	39.6	41.9	6.6	1.08	77.4	3.9	1.0	2.9	14.8	69.1	89.8	none caking	69.5	16.2	6.1
	No.2	13.1	38.1	43.2	5.6	1.13	76.8	5.1	0.9	1.4	15.8	64.8	91.6	none caking	71.5	7.8	8.8
	No.3	11.4	40.1	42.4	6.1	1.06	76.3	5.8	0.9	1.4	15.6	65.2	92.9	none caking	65.6	11.3	8.2
	No.3	7.2	36.5	52.4	9.9	1.43	86.0	6.1	1.2	0.2	4.7	64.9	80.4	caking	94.3	14.5	9.2
	No.4	2.1	33.7	44.7	19.5	1.32	82.0	5.7	1.2	0.6	9.5	65.9	81.2	caking	78.6	11.0	6.1
	No.5	2.2	33.8	44.8	19.4	1.33	84.7	5.7	1.2	0.4	4.0	67.3	80.2	caking	75.1	12.4	8.2
Halian	No.1	9.3	36.2	46.2	8.3	1.27	74.0	5.5	1.2	0.8	14.3	68.2	93.2	none caking	72.7	6.5	12.0
	No.2	9.4	36.2	45.1	9.3	1.24	77.9	5.8	2.0	1.5	12.9	63.0	87.0	none caking	64.3	10.1	11.6
Talesang	No.1	11.2	30.7	40.4	17.7	1.31	75.8	5.7	1.0	0.5	17.0	65.1	83.0	none caking	75.4	3.3	6.3
	No.2	10.5	41.5	41.6	6.4	1.00	75.6	5.9	1.5	0.7	17.3	64.1	91.1	none caking	64.3	10.3	9.4
	No.3	11.0	34.3	35.6	17.7	1.00	78.8	6.2	2.4	0.7	12.6	70.8	89.7	none caking	64.9	9.8	8.6
Chiaobe	No.1	7.5	28.6	39.1	23.8	1.37	77.3	4.9	1.4	0.6	13.7	67.0	62.1	none caking	76.1	8.9	17.6
	No.2	4.7	31.0	37.5	24.8	1.21	79.3	6.1	1.8	0.7	12.7	78.1	88.3	none caking	52.2	9.1	7.8

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Table II(B)20 (cont'd)  
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Coal Field		Proximate Analysis (%)					Ultimate Analysis (%)					Hydrogenation (%)		Caking Property	Low Temp. Carbonisation (%)		
		Moist.	Vol.M.	Fix.C.	Ash	Fuel Ratio	C	H	N	S	O	A	B		Coalite	Tar	Gas
(Hidc East)	No.1	22.0	48.3	12.5	17.2	0.26	72.1	6.3	1.7	0.2	19.6	58.2	86.1	none caking	60.8	10.3	11.2
	No.2	23.7	47.3	15.3	13.7	0.30	71.0	6.3	1.7	0.3	20.7	50.5	92.0	none caking	60.0	20.5	10.1
	No.3	23.0	45.7	21.3	9.0	0.46	70.0	6.3	0.2	0.3	23.3	48.7	92.6	none caking	61.7	11.2	13.8
Hiyong		18.8	42.1	8.9	30.2	0.21	70.0	8.0	1.4	0.4	20.2	71.7	83.4	none caking	62.7	3.2	20.5
Feny Turho	No.1	16.8	49.2	18.4	15.6	0.37	72.0	7.0	1.6	0.2	19.1	67.0	87.8	none caking	57.4	18.5	14.8
	No.2	20.8	42.2	13.1	13.9	0.55	71.5	6.6	1.9	0.3	19.8	59.0	88.7	none caking	58.8	12.2	11.4
	No.3	19.5	44.5	25.9	10.1	0.58	69.3	5.7	1.8	0.2	22.8	66.9	93.6	none caking	58.7	12.8	11.2
Uanchun		18.7	32.8	32.2	16.3	0.98	70.3	5.0	1.0	0.3	23.3	53.8	77.3	none caking	65.5	9.3	14.5
Hulung	No.1	16.4	30.4	39.2	14.0	1.29	76.1	5.1	1.1	0.7	17.0	72.8	95.4	none caking	69.4	12.1	5.8
	No.2	11.3	28.3	40.4	20.0	1.43	75.7	5.5	1.0	1.6	16.6	61.7	77.7	none caking	79.9	3.2	5.7
Laoisang	No.1	10.5	33.5	43.1	12.9	1.29	79.3	5.1	1.2	0.5	13.9	69.6	88.3	none caking	72.9	1.1	10.3
	No.2	11.5	32.1	39.5	16.8	1.23	78.2	6.2	1.0	0.5	14.1	73.4	91.4	none caking	74.7	14.8	5.5
	No.3	7.3	33.6	42.3	16.8	1.25	79.1	5.0	1.1	0.4	14.4	72.1	88.0	none caking	75.2	8.9	8.5
Kishang	No.1	1.8	20.2	52.8	25.7	2.61	84.0	5.9	1.1	0.4	8.4	54.1	54.2	none caking	85.5	5.0	7.2
	No.2	1.0	21.2	42.0	15.8	2.92	84.8	5.7	1.2	0.7	5.0	64.0	64.4	none caking	84.1	5.5	7.2
	No.3	1.5	19.9	44.2	14.4	3.21	88.3	5.5	1.0	0.7	4.5	48.4	52.5	none caking	87.4	6.1	6.0
	No.4	1.2	20.2	60.3	18.8	2.98	88.3	5.1	1.1	0.7	4.8	41.3	60.0	none caking	85.9	6.1	7.0
Shang	No.1	2.7	20.6	53.5	13.2	1.75	85.4	5.7	0.9	0.2	9.8	47.1	81.1	none caking	81.5	7.5	7.4
	No.2	2.4	24.8	51.6	11.2	1.48	83.2	5.3	0.9	0.2	10.4	44.8	83.7	none caking	75.7	12.6	6.7
	No.3	2.3	24.1	54.8	11.0	1.14	83.3	5.3	0.8	0.8	10.3	64.4	85.7	none caking	78.4	10.9	9.4
	No.4	1.9	24.3	47.3	14.3	1.20	81.5	6.1	0.7	0.2	10.5	64.0	84.4	none caking	75.7	11.8	7.7