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Monthly Report

GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - DECEMBER, 1948

Gold production during December totalled 326,938 fine ounces compared with 311,343 fine ounces in November and with 274,753 fine ounces in November, 1947. The value of gold production in December, 1948 was $11,442,830.

Production in December included 294,853 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 32,085 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous quartz mines and placers increased 18.4 per cent, and production from base metal mines increased 24.7 per cent over December, 1947.

Table 1 - Gold Production, by Provinces, 1947(*) and 1948

Month	Nova Scotia		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba and Saskatchewan	
	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948
	(Fine ounces)							
January	395	...	36,801	55,108	160,701	170,827	14,657	14,229
February	317	...	37,200	58,715	153,724	155,295	13,531	14,992
March	486	...	53,042	64,285	173,804	172,350	14,270	15,287
April	9	1	51,507	64,108	166,661	172,449	13,603	15,846
May	...	10	52,897	64,001	176,072	175,970	14,649	15,010
June	5	43	51,871	61,542	171,263	170,073	16,484	17,247
July	23	25	50,914	63,690	159,073	173,457	14,694	18,795
August	9	29	55,358	64,064	157,649	173,155	13,837	18,381
September	9	61	50,084	64,631	150,638	171,311	12,410	16,947
October	13	13	50,979	67,931	154,028	176,431	13,751	17,400
November	2	...	51,284	68,241	154,655	179,523	12,389	(*)16,916
December	3	7	56,190	70,710	166,551	199,573	12,378	15,161
TOTAL	1,271	189	598,127	767,026	1,944,819	2,090,414	166,653	196,211

	British Columbia		Yukon		Northwest Territories		C A N A D A (x)	
January	16,453	27,457	376	19	4,811	5,726	234,194	273,366
February	14,380	25,562	...	528	3,919	6,511	225,071	261,603
March	17,030	27,415	432	47	4,860	8,324	263,933	287,708
April	18,458	26,531	45	91	4,668	7,022	254,951	286,073
May	20,131	25,114	30	13	5,196	6,947	268,975	287,065
June	19,453	25,181	4,937	8,198	5,139	7,755	269,163	290,049
July	25,179	26,092	6,432	4,617	5,143	9,518	261,461	296,194
August	20,489	29,357	9,267	11,249	4,321	9,162	260,954	305,397
September	21,198	24,065	8,098	7,830	5,261	10,065	247,703	294,910
October	25,682	24,005	8,360	11,063	6,013	10,091	258,828	306,928
November	21,847	24,643	5,511	12,162	6,528	9,815	252,235	(*)311,343
December	28,711	26,289	4,257	4,788	6,658	10,410	274,753	326,938
TOTAL	249,011	311,711	47,745	60,605	62,517	101,346	3,070,221	3,527,574

(*) Revised.
(x) Includes small quantities for Alberta.

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Table 2 - Production of Gold from Auriferous Quartz and Base Metal Mines, 1947(*) and 1948(x)

Month	Gold production from base metal mines		Gold production from auriferous quartz mines and placer deposits	
	1947	1948	1947	1948
	(Fine ounces)			
January	16,430	32,231	217,764	241,135
February	14,797	30,999	208,274	230,604
March	26,849	30,800	237,084	256,908
April	23,847	33,887	231,104	252,186
May	28,351	33,890	240,624	253,175
June	29,508	29,953	239,655	260,096
July	26,310	34,277	235,151	261,917
August	28,092	31,644	232,862	273,753
September	26,458	31,092	221,245	263,818
October	27,325	30,785	231,503	276,143(*)
November	23,427	32,138	228,808	279,205
December	25,723	32,085	249,030	294,853
TOTAL	297,117	383,781	2,773,104	3,143,793

(*) Revised.
(x) Preliminary figures--subject to revision.

Table 3 - Employment in Lode Gold Mines (*) in Canada, by Provinces, 1947 and 1948

Month	Quebec		Ontario		British Columbia		Other districts and provinces		C A N A D A	
	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948
January	3,442	4,737	13,607	14,196	1,048	2,424	339	1,434	18,436	22,791
February	3,567	4,726	13,620	14,009	1,221	2,283	333	1,412	18,741	22,430
March	3,542	4,703	13,510	14,070	1,418	2,317	324	1,458	18,794	22,548
April	3,389	4,663	13,454	14,113	1,446	2,609	376	1,471	18,665	22,856
May	3,025	4,647	13,585	14,079	1,577	2,728	348	1,517	18,535	22,971
June	3,162	4,633	13,579	14,211	1,674	2,584	322	1,545	18,737	22,973
July	4,247	4,681	14,440	14,252	2,678	2,314	1,443	1,612	22,808	22,859
August	4,232	4,720	13,825	14,084	2,672	2,162	1,417	1,619	22,146	22,585
September	4,123	4,734	13,324	13,844	2,572	2,058	1,427	1,567	21,446	22,203
October	4,168	4,792	13,528	13,928	2,561	2,075	1,446	1,586	21,703	22,381
November	4,323	4,777	13,720	13,986	2,581	1,904	1,447	1,545	22,071	22,212
December	4,490	(x)	13,948	(x)	2,391	(x)	1,357	(x)	22,186	(x)

(*) Mines with 15 or more employees. Includes producing mines only to June, 1947 but both producing and active non-producing mines beginning with figures for July, 1947.
(x) Not yet available.

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