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GOLD PRODUCTION

FEBRUARY - 1952

Gold production during February, 1952 totalled 352,667 fine ounces, compared with 354,561 fine ounces in the previous month and with 347,091 fine ounces in February, 1951. The value of gold production in February, 1952 was $12,353,925, calculated at average price paid by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Production in February included 307,504 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 45,163 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers increased 1.4 per cent, and production from base metal mines increased 2.8 per cent from February, 1951.

Table 1 - Gold Production, by Provinces, 1951 and 1952

Month	Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba and Saskatchewan	
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
	(fine ounces)					
January	91,201	89,984(x)	216,786	206,448	25,939	19,754
February	82,339	92,790	201,871	200,684	22,957	19,104
Total Two Months	173,540	182,774	418,657	407,132	48,896	38,858
March	91,327		213,824		24,935	
April	89,806		209,817		21,630	
May	95,505		211,357		20,973	
June	89,952		200,324		23,625	
July	88,486		178,585		23,228	
August	85,696		183,007		23,477	
September	85,091		199,479		21,192	
October	90,377		210,096		21,160	
November	85,705		215,673		23,727	
December	91,532		219,207		21,560	
Total	1,067,017		2,460,026		274,403	

Month	British Columbia		Yukon		Northwest Territories		TOTAL (*)	
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
January	22,369	19,149	16	47	17,470	18,566	374,483	354,561(x)
February	22,575	22,022	419	39	16,204	17,418	347,091	352,667
Total Two Months	44,944	41,171	435	86	33,674	35,984	721,574	707,228
March	22,261		429		18,926		372,396	
April	23,030		13		18,152		363,077	
May	20,553		721		19,319		369,373	
June	21,512		7,250		19,195		362,621	
July	21,659		15,835		15,888		344,412	
August	21,694		11,553		18,904		345,096	
September	22,865		13,309		16,541		358,968	
October	23,164		16,104		16,690		378,368	
November	23,302		5,394		17,934		372,374	
December	19,783		6,462		16,705		375,996	
Total	264,767		77,505		211,928		4,364,255	

(x) Revised.

(*) Includes small quantities for Alberta, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

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Table 2 - Production of Gold from Auriferous Quartz and Base Metal Mines, 1951 and 1952

Month	Gold production from base metal mines		Gold production from auriferous quartz mines and placer deposits	
	1951	1952	1951	1952
	(fine ounces)			
January	52,202	45,868	322,281	308,693(x)
February	43,927	45,163	303,164	307,504
Total Two Months	96,129	91,031	625,445	616,197
March	46,892		325,504	
April	45,370		317,707	
May	44,430		324,943	
June	46,847		315,774	
July	47,826		296,586	
August	50,269		294,827	
September	48,287		310,681	
October	47,179		331,189	
November	49,230		323,144	
December	46,324		329,672	
Total	568,783		3,795,472	

(x) Revised.

Table 3 - Employment in Lode Gold Mines (x), by Provinces, 1951 and 1952

Month	Quebec		Ontario		British Columbia		Other districts and provinces		CANADA	
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
January	4,918	4,784	13,996	13,319	1,968	1,896	1,562	1,569	22,444	21,568
February	4,857	(*)	13,872	(*)	1,943	(*)	1,546	(*)	22,218	(*)
March	4,796		13,823		1,860		1,528		22,007	
April	4,727		13,693		1,894		1,469		21,783	
May	4,642		13,533		2,079		1,464		21,718	
June	4,581		13,516		2,098		1,424		21,619	
July	4,624		12,281		2,130		1,544		20,579	
August	4,649		11,964		2,223		1,498		20,334	
September	4,578		13,124		2,130		1,477		21,309	
October	4,730		13,326		2,126		1,488		21,670	
November	4,912		13,334		2,037		1,519		21,802	
December	4,784		13,249		1,903		1,540		21,476	

(x) Mines with 15 or more employees.

(*) Not yet available.

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