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GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1933.

Gold production in Canada during December amounted to 247,649 ounces worth \$5,119,359 as compared with 240,969 ounces at \$4,981,271 in November and 262,178 ounces at \$5,419,700 in December, 1932, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. These values are based on the standard rate of \$20.671834 per ounce. During the calendar year 1933 the total Canadian output of new gold was 2,937,618 ounces; in the preceding year 3,044,387 ounces were produced.

The December output from Ontario sources totalled 185,813 ounces made up of 92,863 ounces from the Porcupine camp, 80,031 ounces from the Kirkland Lake area and 12,919 ounces from other sources. In November, 173,390 ounces were produced consisting of 87,673 ounces from the Porcupine camp, 79,069 ounces from the Kirkland Lake field and 6,648 ounces from other sources. Ontario gold mining companies milled 496,317 tons of ore in December as compared with 478,605 tons a year ago. During 1933 Ontario mills treated 5,614,680 tons or 1.3 per cent above the tonnage milled in 1932.

Quebec operators reported an output of 32,087 ounces as against 33,777 ounces in November and 30,090 ounces in December, 1932.

The British Columbia output in December amounted to 19,938 ounces; in the preceding month 20,476 ounces were produced.

Production from Manitoba and Saskatchewan totalled 9,312 ounces or 3.9 per cent above the November output of 8,961 ounces.

The Yukon produced 140 ounces in December as compared with 4,235 ounces in November.

Shipments to the Royal Canadian Mint from Nova Scotia and Alberta were recorded at 359 ounces; in November 130 ounces were shipped.

The Royal Canadian Mint received jewellery and scrap containing 19,335 ounces of gold during December as against 10,025 ounces in the preceding month. Receipts of jewellery and scrap during the calendar year 1933 contained 83,689 ounces of gold.

Gold quotations on the London market, in Canadian funds, recorded a low of \$31.60 per ounce on the fourth but advanced to a high of \$32.54 per ounce on the thirtieth, with an average for the month of \$32.14 per ounce. The November quotations averaged \$32.68 per ounce.

According to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics, world gold production in December was estimated at 2,095,000 ounces; in the preceding month 2,057,000 ounces were produced. Production during the calendar year 1933 amounted to 24,282,000 ounces or 0.2 per cent above the 1932 total. Transvaal's output has declined slightly during the past two months, in October 911,000 ounces were produced, in November, 898,000 ounces and in December 894,000 ounces. The United States (including the Philippines) produced 269,872 ounces in December or 5.2 per cent above the preceding month's total. The December United States output consisted of 184,622 ounces received at the Mint, 83,466 ounces received in crude forms by private smelters and refiners and 1,784 ounces contained in exports of ore and base bullion.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA

Month	1933(a)	1932	1931	1930	1929
	Ounces	Ounces	Ounces	Ounces	Ounces
January	233,456	233,889	203,227	154,506	150,554
February	228,224	226,395	195,961	145,806	145,981
March	260,154	256,796	204,872	164,187	155,932
April	237,017	244,728	222,866	169,596	153,470
May	237,661	268,770	216,597	168,695	165,139
June	261,411	270,652	229,478	175,927	170,450
July	255,656	250,371	228,878	170,697	159,346
August	256,561	264,769	229,216	170,052	164,522
September	235,596	263,739	243,109	178,291	161,543
October	243,264	254,654	239,691	186,844	182,148
November	240,969	247,446	238,354	197,688	150,497
December	247,649	262,178	241,643	219,779	168,726
TOTAL	2,937,618	3,044,387	2,693,892	2,102,068	1,928,308

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