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MONTHLY REPORT

GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - DECEMBER, 1936.

Gold production in Canada during December was recorded at 330,130 ounces, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In November, 319,265 ounces were produced while in December, 1935, the output was 307,588 ounces. During the calendar year 1936 Canada produced 3,730,006 ounces as compared with 3,284,890 ounces, a year ago.

Ontario operators reported an output of 216,075 ounces in December, made up of 92,832 ounces from the Porcupine camp, 88,092 ounces from the Kirkland Lake field, and 35,151 ounces from other fields. In November, the Porcupine camp produced 91,495 ounces, the Kirkland Lake area, 77,031 ounces, and other sources, 34,865 ounces.

Production from Quebec properties amounted to 53,640 ounces as against 55,748 ounces in November. The Quebec output during the calendar year 1936 totalled 669,243 ounces or 42.2 per cent above the 1935 total.

An advance of 5.9 per cent was shown in British Columbia's production in December as compared with the preceding month's output; the totals were 30,706 ounces and 37,502 ounces, respectively.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan produced 17,532 ounces in December; during November, 17,663 ounces were produced while in December, 1935, the output was 13,667 ounces.

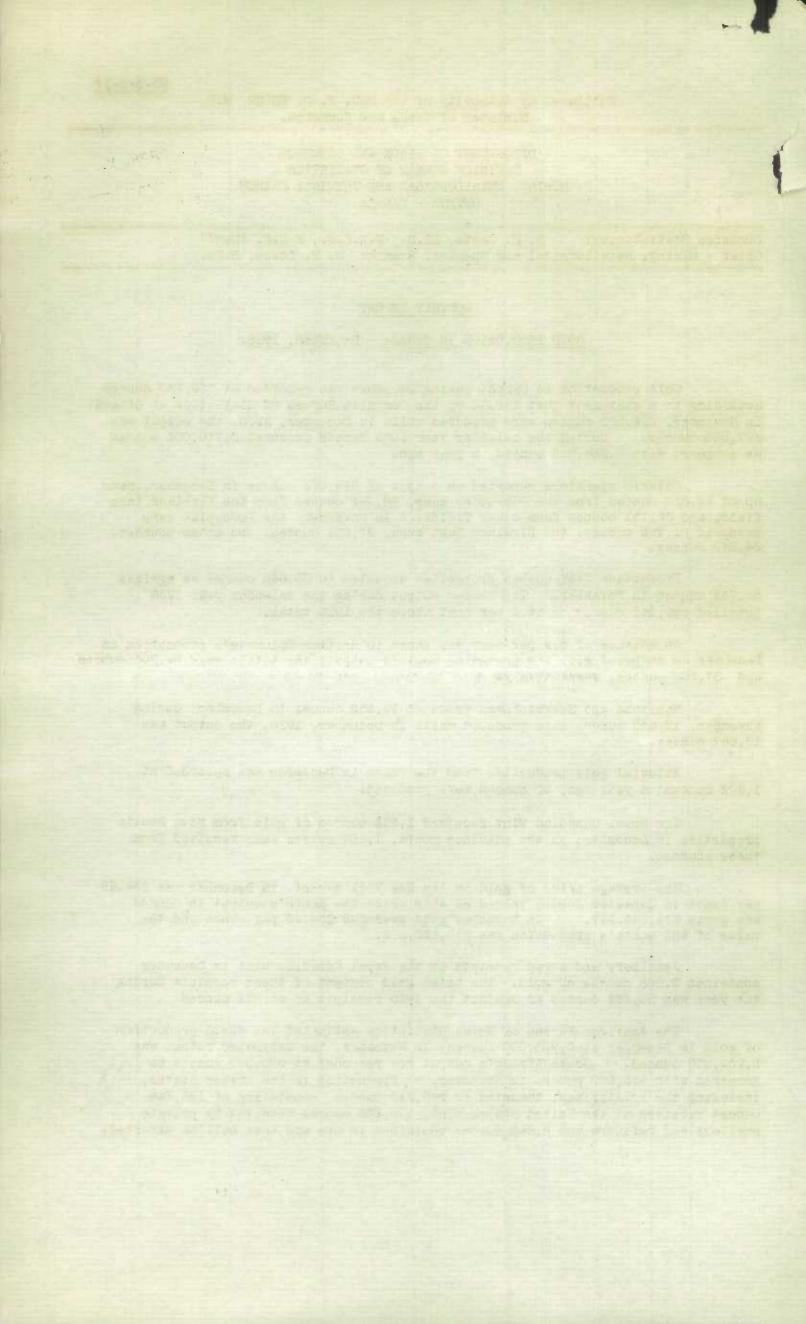
Alluvial gold production from the Yukon in December was recorded at 1,902 ounces; a year ago, 53 ounces were produced.

The Royal Canadian Mintreceived 1,264 ounces of gold from Nova Scotia properties in December; in the previous month, 1,106 ounces were received from these sources.

The average price of gold on the New York market, in December was \$34.98 per ounce in Canadian funds; valued at this price the month's output in Canada was worth \$11,547,947. In November gold averaged \$34.95 per ounce and the value of the month's production was \$11,158,312.

Jewellery and scrap receipts at the Royal Canadian Mint in December contained 2,353 ounces of gold. The total gold content of these receipts during the year was 30,364 ounces as against the 1935 receipts of 44,932 ounces.

The American Bureau of Metal Statistics estimated the world production of gold in December at 2,993,000 ounces; in November, the estimated output was 2,959,000 ounces. South Africa's output was recorded at 970,000 ounces as compared with 945,000 ounces in November. Production in the United States, including the Philippines, amounted to 369,313 ounces, consisting of 196,248 ounces received at the United States Mint, 170,223 ounces received by private smelters and refiners and 2,842 ounces contained in ore and base bullion exported.



The world output of gold, in thousands of fine ounces, during the calendar years 1935 and 1936, was as follows:-

	1935	1936
South Africa Russia United States (including the Philippines) Canada Other countries	10,774 5,500 3,619(a) 3,285 7,482	11,339 7,000 4,295(a) 3,730 8,546
TOTAL	30,660	34,910

(a) Philippines produced 430,655 ounces in 1935 and 600,000 ounces (estimated) in 1936.

lonth	1936(a)	1935	1934	
	Ounces	Ounces	Ounces	
anuary	277,554	238,974	231,804	
ebruary	266,422	229,637	223,753	
arch	299,102	249,665	250,653	
pril	299,269	245,963	229,735	
ay	308,492	269,595	261,125	
ine	316,670	286,093	240,279	
lly	319,505	285,763	246,145	
ugust	328,697	295,896	265,560	
eptember	330,820	281,533	244,777	
ctober	334,080	300,866	265,709	
ovember	319,265	293,317	250,596	
ecember	330,130	307,588	261,938	
TOTAL - Calendar Year	3,730,006	3,284,890	2,972,074	

PRODUCTION OF GOLD	IN CANADA, DURING 1936, BY MONTHS		
	OUTPUT(a)	Average value per ounce in Canadian funds	TOTAL VALUE (a)
	Fine ounces	\$	\$
January	277,554	35.06	9,731,043
February	266,422	35.18	9,372,726
March	299,102	35.11	10,501,471
April	299,269	35.15	10,519,305
May	308,492	35.00	10,797,220
June	316,670	35.09	11,111,950
July	319,505	34.91	11,153,920
August	328,697	35.00	11,504,395
September	330,820	34.99	11,575,392
October	334,080	34.99	11,689,459
November	319,265	34.95	11,158,312
December	330,130	34.98	11,547,947
TOTAL - Calendar Year	3,730,006		130,663,140

(a) Subject to revision.

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