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MONTHLY REPORT

GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - AUGUST, 1936.

Gold production in Canada set up a new high monthly record in August when 328,697 ounces were produced, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In July, 319,505 ounces were produced while in August, 1935, the output amounted to 295,896 ounces. Production during the eight months ending August totalled 2,415,711 ounces; this represented an increase of 14.9 per cent over the output a year ago.

Ontario producers reported an output of 199,830 ounces of gold in August as against 201,392 ounces in the preceding month. The Porcupine camp produced 87,406 ounces, the Kirkland Lake area, 77,853 ounces, and other sources, 34,571 ounces. This month's report includes, for the first time this year, production from the Jackson-Manion and Hudson-Patricia properties. In July, the Porcupine camp produced 90,430 ounces, the Kirkland Lake area, 80,292 ounces, and other sources, 30,670 ounces.

A 9.1 per cent advance was shown in Quebec's gold production in August as compared with the preceding month; the totals were 61,402 ounces and 56,266 ounces, respectively. During the first eight months of 1936 Quebec produced 438,410 ounces of gold; in the corresponding period of 1935 the output was 284,005 ounces.

Production from British Columbia sources rose to 42,524 ounces in August from the July total of 38,556 ounces. The total, for the year to date, of 275,409 ounces is 12 per cent above the production a year ago.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan produced 16,011 ounces as against 14,457 ounces in the preceding month. The Laguna Gold Mines Ltd. reported production in August for the first time.

Alluvial gold output in the Yukon was recorded at 8,408 ounces; in July 7,454 ounces were produced while in August, 1935, the production was 7,208 ounces.

Shipments by Nova Scotia operators to the Royal Canadian Mint amounted to 507 ounces in August; Nova Scotia's July output was 1,380 ounces.

The average price of gold on the London market in August was \$35.00 per ounce in Canadian funds; based on this price the Canadian output during the month was worth \$11,504,395. In July, gold averaged \$34.91 per ounce and the month's output was valued at \$11,153,920.

Jewellery and scrap receipts at the Royal Canadian Mint in August contained 2,167 ounces of gold as compared with 2,570 ounces in July.

The world output of gold in August was estimated, by the American Bureau of Metal Statistics, at 2,847,000 ounces; in July, the estimated production was 2,904,000 ounces. The South African output in August totalled 965,000 ounces as against 968,000 ounces in the previous month. In the United States (including the Philippines) 387,873 ounces were produced in August; this total included United States Mint receipts of 228,557 ounces, private smelters and refiners receipts, 158,820 ounces, and the gold content of ore and base bullion exported, 496 ounces. The United States July output amounted to 428,308 ounces made up of 264,140 ounces received by the Mint, 164,114 ounces received by private smelters and refiners and 54 ounces contained in ore and base bullion exports.

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PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA

Month	1936 (a)	1935	1934
	Ounces	Ounces	Ounces
January	277,554	238,974	231,804
February	266,422	229,637	223,753
March	299,102	249,665	250,653
April	299,269	245,963	229,735
May	308,492	269,595	261,125
June	316,670	286,093	240,279
July	319,505	285,763	246,145
August	328,697	295,896	265,560
September		281,533	244,777
October		300,866	265,709
November		293,317	250,596
December		307,588	261,938
TOTAL		3,284,890	2,972,074
TOTAL - Eight months ending AUGUST	2,415,711	2,101,586	1,949,054

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