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## MONTHLY REPORT

## GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - OCTOBER, 1937.

Canadian producers reported an output of 358,836 ounces of gold in October, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In September, 348,109 ounces were produced while in October, 1936, production amounted to 335,683 ounces. During the ten months ending October, 1937, gold output in Canada aggregated 5,376,121 ounces compared with 3,095,435 ounces, a year ago.

An advance of 3.1 per cent was recorded in the production of gold in Ontario during October; the month's total was 217,118 ounces while the September output was 210,680 ounces. The Porcupine camp produced 96,355 ounces in October; the Kirkland Lake area, 80,618 ounces, and other sources, 40,145 ounces. During September the Porcupine camp accounted for an output of 92,429 ounces, the Kirkland Lake area for 78,491 ounces, and other sources for 39,760 ounces.

The Quebec output increased 5.4 per cent in October to 64,268 ounces from the preceding month's output of 60,995 ounces. During the first ten months of 1937 gold production rose 4.2 per cent to 581,155 ounces compared with the output during the period January to October, 1936.

British Columbia operations resulted in the extraction of 47,614 ounces of gold in October; during the previous month 46,254 ounces were extracted.

Operators in Manitoba and Saskatchewan produced 19,729 ounces of gold during October, this made the cumulative total for the year 191,448 ounces or 25 per cent above the output a year ago.

Alluvial gold production in the Yukon amounted to 7,975 ounces in October against 3,158 ounces in the preceding month and 7,445 ounces in October, 1936.

Shipments from Nova Scotia properties to the Royal Canadian Mint advanced to 2,132 ounces from the September total of 1,646 ounces. The October output was the highest on record for 1937.

The average price of gold on the New York market in October was \$34.99 per ounce, in Canadian funds; in September gold averaged 35.00 per ounce. Based on these average prices, the October output in Canada was worth \$12,555,672 and the September, (12,183,815.

The Royal Canadian Mint received 3,249 crude ounces of jewellery and scrap in October; these shipments contained 1,332 ounces of gold. Receipts of jewellery and scrap during the first ten months of 1937 contained 19,257 ounces of gold.

The world output of gold (exclusive of Russia) in October was estimated by the American Bureau of Metal Statistics at 2,558,000 ounces compared with 2,488,000 ounces produced in October, 1936. Production in 1937 to the end of October (exclusive of Russia) aggregated 24,704,000 ounces or 6.8 per cent above the total, a year ago. South African producers reported an output of 984,000 ounces; in September, 976,000 ounces were produced. In the United States (including the Philippines) 457,055 ounces were extracted in October; this output consisted of 262,129 ounces received at the United States Mint, 188,505 ounces at private smelters and refiners, and 6,421 ounces, the gold content of ores and base bullion exported.

## PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA

Month	1937(a)	1936	1935
	Ounces	Ounces	Ounces
January February March April May June July August September October November December	328,545 310,074 326,275 323,337 340,125 344,395 347,474 348,451 348,109 358,836	278,975 267,639 300,496 300,616 309,890 318,092 321,107 330,502 332,435 335,633 320,835 331,758	238,974 229,637 249,665 245,963 269,595 286,093 285,763 295,996 281,533 300,866 293,317 307,588
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		3,748,028	3,284,890
TOTAL - TEN MONTHS ending OCTOBER	3,376,121	3,095,435	2,683,985

<sup>(</sup>a) Subject to revision.

