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MONTHLY REPORT

GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - DECEMBER, 1937.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that the Canadian output of gold in December amounted to 361,671 ounces compared with 352,823 ounces in November and 331,758 ounces in December, 1936. An advance of 9.1 per cent was recorded in the production during the calendar year 1937 when 4,090,321 ounces were produced as against 3,743,028 ounces, a year ago.

Gold production in Ontario during December rose 4.9 per cent to 229,562 ounces from the preceding month's total of 218,792 ounces. The Porcupine camp produced 96,259 ounces in December, the Kirkland Lake area, 87,976 ounces, and other sources, 45,327 ounces. During November the output from the Porcupine camp was 93,044 ounces, from the Kirkland Lake area, 83,829 ounces, and from other sources, 41,919 ounces. During 1937 Ontario produced 2,573,914 ounces; in the previous year 2,373,503 ounces were produced.

An increase of 10.7 per cent was shown in Quebec's output of gold in December when 68,032 ounces were extracted compared with 61,460 ounces in November. Production during the calendar year totalled 710,643 ounces while in 1936 the output was 663,905 ounces.

British Columbia operators reported an output of 43,044 ounces during the month; in November they produced 46,765 ounces. During the calendar year 1937 production in this province aggregated 507,420 ounces or 12.3 per cent above the 1936 total.

In Manitoba and Saskatchewan gold production declined to 17,008 ounces from the November output of 17,589 ounces. In 1937 these two provinces produced 226,045 ounces of gold as against 188,254 ounces in 1936.

Alluvial gold production from the Yukon was recorded at 1,827 ounces in December; during November 6,569 ounces were produced while in December, a year ago, the output was 1,902 ounces. The total quantity of gold produced in 1937 was 47,663 ounces or 5.4 per cent below the 1936 output.

Shipments from Nova Scotia properties in December amounted to 2,198 ounces; in November, 1,641 ounces were shipped. During the period January to December, 1937, Nova Scotia shipments totalled 19,885 ounces; this represented an increase of 66.3 per cent over the preceding year's total.

The average price of gold on the London market in December was \$34.93 per ounce, in Canadian funds; based on this price the month's output in Canada was worth \$12,633,168. In November gold averaged \$34.98 and the value of the month's output was \$12,341,958.

Jewellery and scrap receipts at the Royal Canadian Mint in December contained 1,563 ounces of gold; during the calendar year 1937 the gold content of these receipts totalled 22,185 ounces.

The world output of gold (exclusive of Russia) was estimated at 2,535,000 ounces for December; in November, 2,563,000 ounces were produced. Output from South Africa rose to 995,000 ounces from the November total of 979,000 ounces. The United States (including the Philippines) produced 396,076 ounces in December; this total included 224,049 ounces received at the Mint, 172,503 ounces received at private smelters and refiners, and 1,519 ounces, the gold content of ores and base bullion exported.

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The world output of gold (exclusive of Russia) in thousands of fine ounces, during the calendar years 1936 and 1937, was as follows:-

	1 9 3 6	1 9 3 7
South Africa	11,356	11,737
United States (including the Philippines)	4,296(a)	4,753(a)
Canada	3,748	4,091
Other countries	8,603	9,238
TOTAL	27,985	29,819

(a) Philippines produced 599,453 ounces in 1936 and 703,580 ounces (estimated) in 1937.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA

Month	1937(a)	1936	1935
	Ounces	Ounces	Ounces
January	328,545	278,975	238,974
February	310,074	267,639	229,637
March	326,275	300,436	249,665
April	323,337	300,616	245,963
May	340,125	309,390	269,595
June	344,895	318,092	286,093
July	347,474	321,107	285,763
August	348,451	330,502	295,896
September	348,109	332,435	281,533
October	358,836	335,683	300,866
November	352,829	320,855	293,317
December	361,671	331,753	307,588
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR	4,090,621	3,748,028	3,284,890

(a) Subject to revision.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA DURING 1937, BY MONTHS

Month	OUTPUT (a)	Average value per ounce in Canadian funds	TOTAL VALUE (a)
	Fine ounces	\$	\$
January	328,545	35.01	11,502,360
February	310,074	35.01	10,355,691
March	326,275	34.98	11,413,099
April	323,337	34.95	11,300,628
May	340,125	34.94	11,883,967
June	344,895	35.02	12,078,223
July	347,474	35.05	12,178,964
August	348,451	35.00	12,195,785
September	348,109	35.00	12,183,815
October	358,836	34.99	12,555,672
November	352,829	34.96	12,341,958
December	361,671	34.93	12,633,168
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR	4,090,621		143,123,330

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