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MONTHLY REPORT

GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - OCTOBER, 1938.

Gold production in Canada during October totalled 411,263 ounces, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In September, 409,612 ounces were produced while in October, 1937, the output was 359,395 ounces. During the first ten months of the current year, 3,871,956 ounces of gold were produced compared with 3,380,735 ounces, a year ago.

The output from Ontario sources amounted to 250,113 ounces made up of 106,942 ounces from the Porcupine camp, 87,394 ounces from the Kirkland Lake area, and 55,777 ounces from other sources. During September, Porcupine produced 104,947 ounces, Kirkland Lake, 87,205 ounces, and other sources, 54,018 ounces.

Quebec produced 73,657 ounces in October; during the preceding month, 73,347 ounces were produced. Quebec's output during the first ten months of 1938 totalled 714,981 ounces or 22.9 per cent above the production a year ago.

British Columbia operators reported an output of 50,765 ounces compared with 54,440 ounces produced in September and 47,467 ounces in October, 1937.

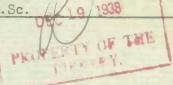
Operations in Manitoba and Saskatchewan resulted in the production of 20,962 ounces of gold or 12.2 per cent above the output in the preceding month.

Alluvial gold production in the Yukon and lode gold output in the Northwest Territories amounted to 13,585 ounces in October; in the preceding month, 14,698 ounces were produced.

Shipments by Nova Scotia operators to the Royal Canadian Mint in October amounted to 2,195 ounces as against 2,277 ounces in September.

The average price of gold in October was \$35.32 per ounce, in Canadian funds; valued at this price the Canadian output during the month was worth \$14,525,809. The September average price was \$35.12 and the value of the month's production was \$14,385,573.

According to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics the world production of gold (exclusive of Russia) totalled 2,778,000 ounces in October; a year ago, 2,574,000 ounces were produced. South Africa produced 1,036,000 ounces compared with 1,035,000 ounces in September. The United States production, including the Philippines, amounted to 459,496 ounces made up of 277,500 ounces received at the United States Mint, 181,547 ounces at private smelters and refiners, and 440 ounces contained in ore and base bullion exported.



PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA

Month	1938(a)	1937	1936
	Ounces	Ounces	Ounces
January	361,086	329,023	278,975
February	340,838	310,485	267,639
March	376,023	326,738	300,496
April	368,439	323,885	300,616
May	381,089	340,498	309,890
June	390,693	345,359	318,092
July ,	420,778	347,716	321,107
August	412,135	349,108	330,502
September	409,612	348,528	532,435
October	411,263	359,595	335,683
November		353,281	580,835
December		362,197	331,758
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		4,096,215	3,748,028
TOTAL - TEN MONTHS ending OCTOBER	3,871,956	3,380,735	3,095,435

⁽a) Subject to revision.

