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MONTHLY REPORT

GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - APRIL, 1938.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that the Canadian output of gold in April amounted to 368,439 ounces compared with 376,023 ounces in the preceding month and 323,337 ounces in April, 1937. Production during the first four months of the current year totalled 1,446,386 ounces; a year ago, 1,288,231 ounces were produced.

Ontario operators reported an output of 227,091 ounces made up of 100,438 ounces from the Porcupine camp, 83,651 ounces from the Kirkland Lake field, and 43,022 ounces from other sources. During March the Porcupine camp produced 102,587 ounces, the Kirkland Lake field, 86,000 ounces, and other sources, 46,648 ounces.

Quebec produced 71,969 ounces of gold in April compared with 72,376 ounces in March and 56,806 ounces in April, 1937. During the period January to April the Quebec production totalled 292,089 ounces or 28.5 per cent above the output a year ago.

British Columbia producers reported an output of 46,781 ounces in April; during the preceding month, 46,773 ounces were produced. The April total includes the first record of output by the Buena Vista Mining Co.; this company's 500 ton mill commenced operations on April 1st.

An increase of 4.2 per cent was recorded in the output from Manitoba and Saskatchewan sources; in April, 19,957 ounces were produced while in March the production was 19,153 ounces.

Nova Scotia producers shipped 2,115 ounces of gold to the Royal Canadian Mint in April compared with 2,486 ounces in the preceding month.

Alluvial gold output from the Yukon in April amounted to 526 ounces; a year ago, 71 ounces were produced.

The April average price of gold was \$35.15 per ounce in Canadian funds; based on this price the Canadian output during the month was worth \$12,950,631. In March gold averaged \$35.05 per ounce and the value of the month's production was \$13,179,606.

The gold content of jewellery and scrap receipts at the Royal Canadian Mint in April was 1,629 ounces; receipts in April, 1937, contained 2,357 ounces.

According to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics, the world production of gold in April (exclusive of Russia) was 2,498,000 ounces compared with 2,539,000 ounces in March and 2,374,000 ounces in April, 1937. South Africa's output totalled 983,000 ounces; in March, 1,015,000 ounces were produced. In the United States, 352,553 ounces were produced made up of 190,201 ounces received at the United States Mint, 158,229 ounces at private smelters and refiners and 4,123 ounces contained in ore and base bullion exported.

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