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## MONTHLY REPORT

## GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MAY, 1938.

The Canadian output of gold in May reached a total of 381,089 ounces; in the preceding month, 368,439 ounces were produced while in May, 1937, the production totalled 340,125 ounces, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the first five months of the current year Canada produced 1,827,475 ounces of gold; this represented an increase of 12.2 per cent over the quantity produced in the corresponding months of 1937.

Ontario produced 241,564 ounces in May of which 101,767 ounces came from the Porcupine camp, 89,081 ounces from the Kirkland Lake area, and 50,516 ounces from other sources. In April the Porcupine camp produced 100,438 ounces, the Kirkland Lake field, 83,631 ounces, and other sources, 43,022 ounces.

Production by Quebec operators in May amounted to 68,009 ounces; in April, 71,969 ounces were produced while in May, 1937, the output was 58,028 ounces. increase of 26.2 per cent was shown in the Quebec output of gold during the five months ending May compared with the production a year ago.

The output from British Columbia sources in May amounted to 48,783 ounces; in the previous month, 46,781 ounces were extracted while in May, a year ago, the production was 45,056 ounces.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan operators accounted for 18,845 ounces of gold in May as against 19,957 ounces in April.

Shipments from Nova Scotia properties to the Royal Canadian Mint in May totalled 2,119 ounces; the April total was 2,115 ounces.

The Yukon production of gold in May was recorded at 1,969 ounces; in April, 526 ounces were produced while in May, 1937, the output was 2,728 ounces.

The average price of gold in May was \$35.22 per ounce, in Canadian funds; valued at this price the month's output in Canada was worth \$13,421,955. During April gold averaged \$35.15 per ounce and the value of the production during the month was \$12,950,631.

Jewellery and scrap receipts at the Royal Canadian Mint in May contained 1,320 ounces of gold; the receipts a year ago contained 3,318 ounces.

The American Bureau of Metal Statistics estimates the world production of gold in May (exclusive of Russia) at 2,603,000 ounces compared with 2,511,000 ounces produced in the preceding month and 2,497,000 ounces in May, 1937. The South African output in May totalled 1,019,000 ounces; in the preceding month, 983,000 ounces were produced. In the United States production rose to 391,850 ounces and included 227,621 ounces received at the United States Mint, 158,175 ounces at private smelters and refiners and 6,054 ounces contained in ore and base bullion exported.

## PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA

Month	1938(a)	1957(a)	1936
	Ounces	Ounces	Ounces
January February March April May June July August September October November December TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR	361,086 340,838 376,023 368,439 381,089	328,545 310,074 326,275 323,337 340,125 344,895 347,474 348,451 348,109 358,836 352,829 361,671	278,975 267,639 300,496 300,616 309,890 318,092 321,107 330,502 332,435 335,683 320,835 331,758
TOTAL - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY	1,827,475	1,628,356	1,457,616

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

