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MONTHLY REPORT

GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - AUGUST, 1938.

Canadian producers reported an output of 412,135 ounces of gold in August, according to a statement just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In July, 420,778 ounces were produced while in August, 1937, the production totalled 349,108 ounces. During the first eight months of the current year, 3,051,031 ounces of gold were produced compared with 2,672,812 ounces in the corresponding period of last year.

Ontario produced 257,700 ounces made up of lll,966 ounces from the Porcupine camp, 92,270 ounces from the Kirkland Lake field, and 53,464 ounces from other sources. During July the Porcupine camp produced ll8,761 ounces, the Kirkland Lake field, 88,885 ounces, and other sources, 51,564 ounces. The Cline mine in the Michipicoten area commenced production in August. A small shipment of gold, recovered in sampling operations, was made from the Preston East Dome mine during the month. In addition, the Deep Lake, Minto and J. M. Consolidated, former producers, again made shipments of gold.

Production in Quebec rose slightly to 71,951 ounces from the July total of 71,535 ounces. During the eight months ending August, 567,997 ounces were produced in Quebec, or 24.4 per cent above the output a year ago.

British Columbia's output was recorded at 51,688 ounces compared with 58,728 ounces produced in the preceding month and 45,151 ounces in August, 1937.

Output from Manitoba and Saskatchewan declined to 19,724 ounces from the July total of 20,879 ounces. In August, a year ago, 20,128 ounces were produced.

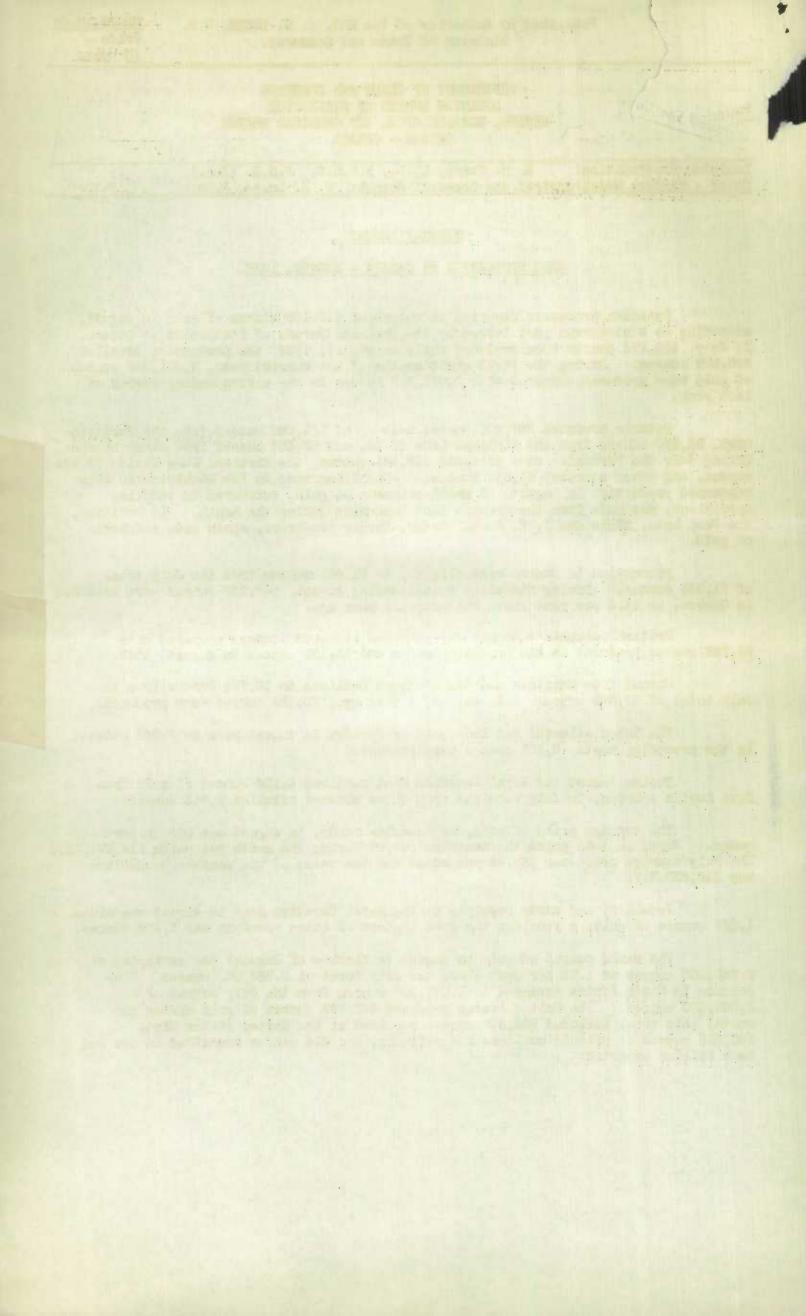
The Yukon alluvial and lode gold production in August rose to 8,965 ounces; in the preceding month, 8,101 ounces were produced.

During August the Royal Canadian Mint received 2,106 ounces of gold from Nova Scotia sources; in July receipts from these sources totalled 2,313 ounces.

The average price of gold, in Canadian funds, in August was \$35.12 per ounce. Based on this price the Canadian output during the month was worth \$14,474,181. The July average price was \$35.24 per ounce and the value of the month's production was \$14,828,217.

Jewellery and scrap receipts at the Royal Canadian Mint in August contained 1,032 ounces of gold; a year ago the gold content of these receipts was 1,379 ounces.

The world output of gold in August (exclusive of Russia) was estimated at 2,765,000 ounces or 1.05 per cent above the July total of 2,636,000 ounces. Production in South Africa advanced to 1,047,000 ounces from the July output of 1,035,000 ounces. The United States produced 467,193 ounces of gold during the month; this total included 286,493 ounces received at the United States Mint, 180,215 ounces at private smelters and refiners, and 485 ounces contained in ore and base bullion exported.



PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA

Month	1938(a)	1937	1936	
	Ounces	Ounces	Ounces	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	361,086 340,838 376,023 368,439 381,089 390,693 420,778 412,135	329,023 310,485 326,738 323,885 340,498 345,359 347,716 349,108 348,528 359,395 353,281 362,197	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 - CALENDAR YEAR		4,096,213	3,748,028	
TOTAL - EIGHT MONTHS ending AUGUST	3,051,081	2,672,812	2,427,317	

⁽a) Subject to revision.

