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MONTHLY REPORT

GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - SEPTEMBER, 1938.

The Canadian production of gold in September amounted to 409,612 ounces compared with 412,135 ounces in the preceding month and 348,528 ounces in September, 1937, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. Production during the nine months ending September totalled 3,460,393 ounces or 14.5 per cent above the output a year ago.

Ontario's production was recorded at 246,170 ounces and consisted of 104,947 ounces from the Porcupine camp, 87,205 ounces from the Kirkland Lake field, and 54,018 ounces from other sources. In August the Porcupine camp produced 111,966 ounces, the Kirkland Lake field, 92,270 ounces, and other sources, 53,464 ounces. The mine owned by the Madsen Red Lake Gold Mines Ltd. came into production in September.

Quebec operators reported an output of 73,347 ounces compared with 71,951 ounces in the preceding month. During the first nine months of the current year, 641,344 ounces were produced; this represented an increase of 23.9 per cent over the output a year ago.

Production from British Columbia sources totalled 54,440 ounces as against 51,688 ounces in August and 43,112 ounces in September, 1937.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan operations yielded 18,676 ounces or 5.3 per cent below the August total of 19,724 ounces.

Operations in the Yukon and the Northwest Territories resulted in the production of 14,693 ounces of gold. This total includes a record of the first shipments from the Con mine in the Yellowknife River area, Northwest Territories.

Nova Scotia operators shipped 2,277 ounces of gold to the Royal Canadian Mint in September; during the previous month, 2,106 ounces were shipped.

The September average price of gold was \$35.11 per ounce, in Canadian funds, at which price the Canadian output during the month was worth \$14,381,477. In August the average price was \$35.12 per ounce and the value of the month's output was \$14,474,181.

The world output of gold (exclusive of Russia) was estimated at 2,774,000 ounces compared with 2,766,000 ounces in the preceding month. South Africa's production amounted to 1,035,000 ounces; in August, 1,046,000 ounces were produced. Output in the United States, including the Philippines, advanced 2.1 per cent to 477,102 ounces and included 301,593 ounces received at the United States Mint, 175,196 ounces at private smelters and refiners, and 313 ounces contained in ore and base bullion exported.

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Table 1 - 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	332,455
October		359,395	335,683
November		353,281	320,835
December		362,197	331,758
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		4,096,213	3,748,028
TOTAL - NINE MONTHS ending SEPTEMBER	3,460,693	3,021,340	2,759,752

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Table 2 - PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, DURING THE NINE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER

Province	1938(a)	1937	1936
	Ounces	Ounces	Ounces
Nova Scotia	19,400	13,914	8,580
Quebec	641,344	517,493	498,234
Ontario	2,137,597	1,919,391	1,751,271
Manitoba and Saskatchewan	173,898	170,040	134,597
Alberta	16	33	72
British Columbia	442,710	368,858	329,831
Yukon and Northwest Territories	45,723	31,611	37,167
CANADA	3,460,693	3,021,340	2,759,752

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