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MONTHLY REPORT

GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - DECEMBER, 1939

Gold production in Canada during December was recorded at 432,896 ounces according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. In November, 423,358 ounces were produced while in December, 1938 the output amounted to 435,171 ounces. During the calendar year 1939, the Canadian output totalled 5,092,134 ounces; this represented an increase of 7.8 per cent over the production a year ago.

Ontario operators reported an output of 270,605 ounces in December compared with 261,061 ounces in the preceding month. The December total included 118,248 ounces from the Porcupine camp, 82,154 ounces from the Kirkland Lake area and 70,003 ounces from other sources. In November, the Porcupine camp produced 116,602 ounces, the Kirkland Lake area, 77,849 ounces and other sources, 66,610 ounces. Production from the Cordova mine in southeastern Ontario is included in the December total.

The Quebec output in December rose to 82,911 ounces from the November total of 75,390 ounces. This province produced 954,340 ounces during the calendar year 1939 as against 881,263 ounces in 1938. The first output by the Wood Cadillac Mines, Ltd. is included in the December records.

The output from British Columbia sources in December amounted to 46,389 ounces or 11 per cent below the production a year ago. An increase of 3 per cent was recorded in the 1939 output compared with the preceding year's production; the totals were 623,605 ounces and 605,617 ounces, respectively.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan produced 21,957 ounces of gold in December; in the previous month, 21,389 ounces were produced. Production from these provinces aggregated 257,843 ounces in 1939; a year ago, 235,727 ounces were produced.

Lode gold production in the Northwest Territories and alluvial gold output in Yukon totalled 8,908 ounces in December as against 12,668 ounces in November. During the calendar year 1939, the Northwest Territories produced 49,679 ounces and Yukon, 87,760 ounces.

Shipments of gold from Nova Scotia to the Royal Canadian Mint in December reached a total of 2,110 ounces; in November, 2,044 ounces were shipped. Shipments during the twelve months amounted to 29,943 ounces.

Gold averaged \$38.50 per ounce, in Canadian funds, in December; based on this price, the month's production in Canada was worth \$16,666,496. The November average price was the same as that for December and the estimated value of the output during the month was \$16,299,283.

Jewellery and scrap receipts at the Royal Canadian Mint in December contained 868 ounces of gold. The total gold content of these receipts during the calendar year 1939 was 12,251 ounces.

The output of gold in South Africa, Canada and the United States, in thousands of fine ounces, during the twelve months ending December, 1938 and 1939, was as follows:

South Africa	1939	12,157
Canada	5,092	4,725
United States (mine production) (a)	5,593	5,171

⁽a) Including 990,000 ounces produced in the Philippines in 1939 and 903,000 ounces in 1938.

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PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA

		1 9 3 9		1938	1937
Month	Output(a)	Average value per ounce in Canadian funds	Total Value	Output	Output
	Ounces	\$	\$	Ounces	Ounces
January	411,328	35.298	14,519,056	361,552	329,023
February	390,963	35.194	13,759,552	340,536	310,485
March	414,217	35.129	14,551,029	374,150	526,738
April	406,795	35.155	14,300,378	388,962	323,835
May	432,359	35.134	15,190,501	331,659	340,498
June	436,783	35.068	15,317,106	393, 211	345,359
July	440,065	35.064	15,430,439	419,685	347,716
August	449,207	35.009	15,726,288	416,317	349,108
September	421,485	37.208	15,682,614	408, 326	348,523
October	432,678	38.431	16,628,248	412,841	359,395
November	423,358	38.500	16,299,283	412,707	353,281
December	432,896	38.500	16,666,496	435,171	362,197
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR	5,092,134		184,071,490	4,725,117	4,096,213

⁽a) Subject to revision.

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