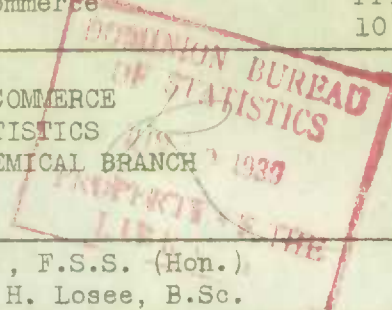


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MONTHLY REPORT

GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - APRIL, 1939.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa reports that the Canadian output of gold in April amounted to 406,795 ounces compared with 414,217 ounces in March and 368,439 ounces in April, 1938. Production during the first four months of 1939 totalled 1,623,303 ounces or 12.2 per cent above the output a year ago.

Ontario operators produced 251,964 ounces of gold in April of which 105,195 ounces came from the Porcupine camp, 88,110 ounces from the Kirkland Lake area, and 58,659 ounces from other sources. In the preceding month the Porcupine camp produced 107,435 ounces, the Kirkland Lake area, 89,967 ounces, and other sources, 57,359 ounces.

Quebec produced 78,427 ounces in April compared with 80,451 ounces in the previous month and 71,969 ounces in April, 1938. Production during the first four months of the current year aggregated 328,116 ounces; this represented an increase of 12.3 per cent over the output a year ago.

British Columbia's production totalled 50,250 ounces; in March, 50,126 ounces were produced while in April, a year ago, 46,781 ounces were extracted.

The output from Manitoba and Saskatchewan sources amounted to 20,448 ounces in April; the total for the first four months was 83,474 ounces. In April, 1938, the production from these sources was 19,957 ounces.

The Yukon's alluvial gold output and the Northwest Territories' lode gold production in April rose to 4,390 ounces from the preceding month's total of 3,467 ounces.

Shipments of gold from Nova Scotia to the Royal Canadian Mint in April were recorded at 1,316 ounces or 55.6 per cent below the preceding month's output.

The average price of gold in April was \$35.155 per ounce, in Canadian funds; valued at this price the month's output in Canada was worth \$14,300,878. The March average price was \$35.129 per ounce and the value of the output during the month was \$14,551,029.

In addition to new gold, the Royal Canadian Mint received, in April, jewellery and scrap containing 1,328 ounces of gold; the gold content of these receipts during the four months ending April totalled 4,840 ounces.

According to the American Bureau of Metal Statistics the world output of gold (exclusive of Russia) amounted to 2,731,000 ounces as against 2,785,000 ounces in March. South Africa's output was 1,017,000 ounces in April or 5.2 per cent below the March total. The United States produced 435,994 ounces of gold during the month under review of which 227,642 ounces were received at the Mint, 202,697 ounces received at private smelters and refiners and 5,655 ounces contained in ore and concentrates exported.

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PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA

Month	1939(a)	1938(a)	1937
	Ounces	Ounces	Ounces
January	411,328	361,086	329,023
February	390,963	340,838	310,485
March	414,217	376,023	326,738
April	406,795	368,439	323,885
May		381,089	340,498
June		390,693	345,359
July		420,778	347,716
August		412,135	349,108
September		409,612	348,528
October		411,263	359,395
November		410,023	353,281
December		433,877	362,197
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR		4,715,856	4,096,213
TOTAL - FOUR MONTHS ending APRIL	1,623,303	1,446,386	1,290,131

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