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MONTHLY REPORT

GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - DECEMBER, 1940

The Canadian output of gold in December amounted to 450,132 ounces; in the preceding month, 450,006 ounces were produced while in December, 1939 the output was 434,546 ounces, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the calendar year 1940 Canada produced 5,302,920 ounces compared with 5,094,379 ounces a year ago.

Production in Ontario rose to 280,048 ounces made up of 126,602 ounces from the Porcupine camp, 83,187 ounces from the Kirkland Lake area and 70,259 ounces from other sources. In November, the Porcupine camp produced 124,008 ounces, the Kirkland Lake area, 82,848 ounces and other sources, 71,624 ounces.

An increase of 2.4 per cent was recorded in the output of gold in Quebec; the December production was 88,472 ounces and the November total, 86,369 ounces. During the calendar year, Quebec produced 1,017,403 ounces or 6.7 per cent above the output a year ago.

Operators in British Columbia reported an output of 51,192 ounces; this represented an increase of 9.8 per cent above the production a year ago. Output in this province during the calendar year totalled 615,005 ounces or 1.9 per cent below the 1939 total.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan produced 21,618 ounces in December as against 21,970 ounces a year ago.

Yukon's production of alluvial gold was recorded at 916 ounces compared with 4,176 ounces in December, 1939.

Mines in the Northwest Territories produced 6,999 ounces or 27.6 per cent above the output in November, and 41.6 per cent above the December, 1939 production.

Shipments to the Royal Canadian Mint from Nova Scotia in December amounted to 871 ounces; in the preceding month, 2,241 ounces were shipped from this province.

Jewellery and scrap receipts at the Royal Canadian Mint during 1940 contained 10,642 ounces of gold; in the preceding year, the gold content of these receipts was 12,251 ounces.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA

Month	1940			1939			1938
	Output (a)	Average value per ounce in Canadian funds	Total value (a)	Output	Average value per ounce in Canadian funds	Total value	Output
	Ounces	\$	\$	Ounces	\$	\$	Ounces
January	424,381	38.50	16,338,668	410,803	35.298	14,500,524	361,552
February ...	405,365	38.50	15,606,553	391,040	35.194	13,762,262	340,536
March	429,862	38.50	16,549,687	413,483	35.129	14,525,244	374,150
April	418,636	38.50	16,117,486	406,445	35.155	14,288,574	368,962
May	442,521	38.50	17,037,058	431,660	35.134	15,165,942	381,659
June	451,277	38.50	17,374,165	436,538	35.068	15,308,515	393,211
July	456,626	38.50	17,580,101	439,925	35.064	15,425,530	419,685
August	466,223	38.50	17,949,585	449,474	35.009	15,735,635	416,317
September ..	440,450	38.50	16,957,325	422,392	37.208	15,716,362	408,326
October	467,441	38.50	17,996,478	433,086	38.431	16,643,928	412,841
November ...	450,006	38.50	17,325,231	424,987	38.500	16,361,999	412,707
December ...	450,132	38.50	17,330,082	434,546	38.500	16,730,021	435,171
TOTAL-Calendar Year	5,302,920	...	204,162,419	5,094,379	...	184,164,536	4,725,117

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