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## MONTHLY REPORT

## GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - APRIL, 1940

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports that the Canadian output of gold in April amounted to 418,636 ounces compared with 429,862 ounces in March, and 406,795 ounces in April, 1939. Production during the first four months of 1940 aggregated 1,678,244 ounces or 3.4 per cent above the output a year ago.

Ontario operators produced 262,843 ounces of gold in April of which 114,909 ounces came from the Porcupine camp, 83,097 ounces from the Kirkland Lake area and 64,837 ounces from other sources. In the preceding month, the Porcupine camp produced 120,937 ounces, the Kirkland Lake area, 84,783 ounces and other sources 65,537 ounces.

Quebec produced 82,304 ounces as against 86,511 ounces in the previous month and 78,427 ornces in April, 1939. A 1.5 per cent increase was recorded in the Quebec output during the first four months of the current year compared with the output in the corresponding period of 1939; the totals were 332,927 ounces and 328,116 ounces, respectively.

British Columbia's production totalled 47,591 ounces; in Merch, 45,901 ounces were produced while in April, a year ago, 50,250 ounces were extracted.

The output from Manitoba and Saskatchewan sources amounted to 18,821 ounces in April; the total for the first four months was 80,182 ounces. During April, 1939, the production from these sources was 20,448 ounces.

Yukon's alluvial gold output and the Northwest Territories' lode gold production in April rose to 4,966 ounces from the April, 1939 total of 4,390 ounces.

Shipments of gold from Nova Scotia to the Royal Canadian Mint in April were recorded at 2,111 ounces compared with 1,791 ounces in the preceding month.

The average price of gold in April was \$38.50 per ounce in Canadian funds; based on this price, the Canadian production during the month was worth \$16,117,486.

In addition to new gold, the Royal Canadian Mint received, in April, jewellery and scrap containing 1,132 ounces of gold; the gold content of these receipts during the four months ending April totalled 3,964 ounces.

The South African output of gold in April amounted to 1,171,000 ounces compared with 1,147,000 ounces in March. The United States produced 468,787 ounces in April, made up of 240,003 cunces received at the Mint, 228,473 cunces received at private smelters and refiners, and 311 ounces contained in ore and base bullion exported.

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## PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA

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Month	Output (a)	Average value per ounce in Can- adian funds	Total value (a)	Output (a)	Average value per ounce in Can- adian funds	Total value (a)	Output
	Ounces	\$	\$	Ounces	\$	<b>ξ</b> ;	Ounces
January. February. March April May June July August September October November. December.	424,381 405,365 429,862 418,636	38.500 38.500 38.500 38.500	16,358,668 15,606,553 16,549,687 16,117,486	411,328 390,963 414,217 406,795 432,359 436,783 440,065 449,207 421,485 432,678 423,358 432,896	35.298 35.194 35.129 35.155 35.134 35.068 35.064 35.009 37.208 38.431 38.500 38.500	14,519,056 13,759,552 14,551,029 14,300,878 15,190,501 15,317,106 15,430,439 15,726,288 15,682,614 16,628,248 16,299,283 16,666,496	361,552 340,556 374,150 368,962 381,659 393,211 419,635 416,317 408,326 412,341 412,707 435,171
TOTAL - Calendar Year			5,092,134		184,071,490	4,725,117	
TOTAL-FOUR MONTHS endi APRIL (2) Subject	1,678,244	on.	64,612,594	1,623,303		57,130,515	1,445,200



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