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GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - HAY, 1940

The Canadian production of gold in May rose to 442,521 ounces from the preceding month's total of 418,636 ounces and the May, 1939 output of 432,359 ounces, according to a report just issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. During the five months ending May, Canada produced 2,120,765 ounces compared with 2,055,662 ounces a year ago and 1,826,859 ounces in the corresponding period of 1938.

An increase of 2.7 per cent was recorded in the Ontario gold production; the May total was 269,888 ounces and the April output 262,843 ounces. The Porcupine camp produced 117,347 ounces in May, the Kirkland Lake area, 87,985 ounces, and other sources 64,556 ounces. During April, the Porcupine camp's output was 114,909 ounces while the Kirkland Lake area produced 83,097 ounces and other areas, 64,837 ounces.

Quebec operators reported an output of 83,037 ounces or 0.9 per cent above the April production. During the first five months of the current year, 415,964 ounces were produced as against 409,079 ounces a year ago.

Production from British Columbia sources was 12 per cent higher at 53,309 ounces. In April, 47,591 ounces were produced while during the year to date, 251,068 ounces were produced.

Munitoba and Saskatchewan produced 22,272 ounces in May; in the preceding month, 18,821 ounces were extracted.

Yukon and the Northwest Territories produced 12,175 ounces in May as against 4,966 ounces in April. Production from these sources during the period January to May aggregated 32,073 ounces.

The Royal Canadian Mint received 1,337 ounces of gold from Nova Scotia sources in May compared with 2,111 ounces in April.

In May, gold averaged \$38.50 per ounce, in Canadian funds; at this price the Canadian output during the month was worth \$17,037,058.

Receipts of jewellery and scrap at the Royal Canadian Mint in May contained 951 ownces of gold, thus making the gold content of these receipts for the year to date 4,915 ownces.

The American Bureau of Metal Statistics reports that South Africa produced 1,186,000 ounces of gold in May compared with 1,171,000 ounces in the preceding month. Production in the United States totalled 471,442 ounces and consisted of 237,140 ounces received at private smelters and refineries, 233,901 ounces received at the Mint, and 401 ounces contained in ore and base bullion exported.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN CANADA

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Month	Average value Output per ounce Total (a) in Can- value adian funds (a)			Average value Output per ounce Total (a) in Can- value adian funds (a)			Output
771111	Ounces	\$	\$	Ounces	Ç	\$	Ounces
January February March April May June July August September October November	424,381 405,365 429,862 418,636 442,521	38.500 38.500 38.500 38.500 38.500	16,338,668 15,606,553 16,549,687 16,117,486 17,037,053	411,323 390,963 414,217 406,795 432,359 436,783 440,065 449,207 421,485 432,678 423,358 432,896	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 13,759,558 14,551,029 14,500,878 15,190,501 15,317,106 15,430,459 15,726,288 15,682,614 16,628,248 16,299,285 16,666,496	361,552 340,536 374,150 363,962 381,659 393,211 419,685 416,317 408,326 412,841 412,707 435,171
TOTAL - Calendar Year			5,092,134	• • •	184,071,490	4,725,117	
MOTAL - FIVE MONTHS ending MAY 2		• • •	81,649,452	2,055,662	• • •	72,321,016	1,826,859



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