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MONTHLY REPORT

GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA, DECEMBER, 1944

Gold production in Canada during December, 1944 totalled 228,901 fine ounces compared with 262,813 fine ounces in December, 1943 and 223,102 ounces in November, 1944. The value of the December, 1944 gold production was \$8,812,638.

Of the total gold production for December, 1944 193,378 fine ounces came from auriferous quartz mines and alluvial deposits, and 35,523 fine ounces originated in base metal mines.

Gold produced in auriferous quartz mines and placers decreased 11.5 per cent in December, 1944 as compared with the production from the corresponding sources in December, 1943. Production of gold from base metal mines decreased 19.7 per cent in a comparison of the same periods.

Employees in producing auriferous quartz mines, including both salaried employees and wage-earners, numbered 15,405 in December, 1944; the corresponding total for active non-producing mines was 648. In December, 1944 employees in non-ferrous metal mines, smelters, and refineries totalled 35,570.

GOLD PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCES, 1943 AND 1944(a) - (fine ounces)

Month	Nova Scotia (c)		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba and Saskatchewan	
	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944
January ....	525	732	75,914	70,498	201,759	150,400	26,218	19,389
February ...	589	539	83,532	71,523	188,038	150,013	23,480	17,028
March .....	1	527	94,651	72,303	196,480	155,492	25,371	19,019
April .....	626	408	83,995	64,546	183,608	143,008	24,615	18,293
May .....	106	326	84,344	68,292	176,541	150,381	21,515	16,394
June .....	405	438	77,181	60,164	190,909	140,297	23,097	17,355
July .....	261	574	70,469	56,136	168,189	140,456	23,303	17,684
August ....	317	405	71,102	56,414	168,756	145,100	22,210	13,984
September ..	287	471	73,638	57,927	158,982	138,919	20,258	13,754
October ...	414	455	70,816	57,240	166,898	136,206	18,184	15,434
November ..	440	483	67,940	55,345	159,450	134,860	18,945	14,090
December ...	158	483	68,451	57,397	157,605	140,351	18,669	13,867
TOTAL -								
Calendar year	4,129	5,841	922,533	747,785	2,117,215	1,725,588	265,865	196,291

## GOLD PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCES, 1943 AND 1944(a) - (fine ounces) Concluded.

Month	British Columbia		Yukon		Northwest Territories		C A N A D A	
	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944
January	23,605	14,106	109	826	6,292	1,741	334,422	257,793
February	25,185	15,601	552	315	5,942	1,779	327,318	256,803
March	24,513	17,223	372	...	6,203	2,080	347,591	266,644
April	23,606	16,321	140	128	6,451	2,100	323,041	244,804
May	22,215	18,357	1,793	4	6,475	3,056	313,489	256,837
June	21,930	17,106	6,461	2,825	6,856	1,731	326,839	239,916
July	18,531	14,535	5,460	4,526	6,450	1,707	292,663	235,618
August	18,248	15,219	6,189	4,797	6,455	950	293,281	236,870
September	18,182	16,670	6,543	3,842	4,223	4,822	282,130	236,405
October	15,638	16,171	6,778	4,495	1,260	...	279,988	230,023
November	14,366	16,004	5,336	1,548	1,249	772	267,726	223,102
December	15,327	16,293	1,427	510	1,176	...	262,813	228,901
TOTAL - Calendar year	241,346	193,606	41,160	23,816	59,032	20,738	3,651,301(d)	2,913,716(b)

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Includes 51 ounces from Alberta.

(c) Nova Scotia figures taken from returns to the Royal Mint.

(d) Includes 21 ounces from Alberta.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD FROM AURIFEROUS QUARTZ MINES AND BASE METAL MINES,  
1943 AND 1944

Month	Gold production from base metal mines		Gold production from auriferous quartz mines and placer deposits	
	1943	1944(x)	1943	1944(x)
	(fine ounces)			
January	42,700	46,134	291,722	211,659
February	50,957	42,030	276,361	214,773
March	59,170	46,337	288,421	220,307
April	50,205	39,959	272,836	204,845
May	40,978	44,639	272,511	212,198
June	58,395	41,332	268,444	198,584
July	47,325	37,993	245,338	197,625
August	46,381	36,689	246,900	200,181
September	46,482	35,996	235,648	200,409
October	47,386	38,404	232,602	191,619
November	46,179	36,449	221,547	186,653
December	44,211	35,523	218,602	193,378
TOTAL - Calendar year	580,369	481,485	3,070,932	2,432,231

(x) Subject to revision.

(/ ) EMPLOYMENT IN PRODUCING LODE GOLD MINES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1943 AND 1944 (x)

Month	Quebec		Ontario		British Columbia		Other districts and provinces		C A N A D A	
	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944
January	5,258	4,071	13,766	11,086	1,448	1,062	828	225	21,310	16,444
February	5,319	4,624	13,310	11,166	1,428	1,092	781	234	20,838	17,116
March	5,303	4,640	13,137	11,271	1,368	1,117	779	238	20,587	17,266
April	5,158	4,511	12,739	11,091	1,301	1,128	710	239	19,908	16,969
May	4,866	4,268	12,603	11,065	1,290	1,133	642	242	19,401	16,708
June	4,654	4,190	12,433	10,954	1,222	1,096	670	254	18,979	16,494
July	4,233	4,167	12,246	10,813	1,139	930	654	254	18,272	16,164
August	4,162	4,054	11,828	10,708	1,019	919	564	223	17,573	15,904
September	4,019	3,852	11,281	10,442	1,053	1,026	293	206	16,646	15,526
October	4,004	3,415	11,045	10,436	928	1,064	230	152	16,207	15,067
November	4,019	3,580(+)	10,885	10,466	910	1,094	228	174	16,042	15,314(+)
December	4,024	3,582	10,998	10,501	976	1,147	225	175	16,223	15,405

(/) Mines with 15 or more employees.

(x) Subject to revision.

(+) Revised.

EMPLOYMENT IN ACTIVE BUT NON-PRODUCING  
LODE GOLD MINES IN CANADA,  
1943 AND 1944

Month	1943	1944(x)
January	191	880
February	417	513
March	364	522
April	310	403
May	147	323
June	166	319
July	602	536
August	691	518
September	775	398
October	844	326
November	941	569
December	824	648

EMPLOYMENT IN NON-FERROUS MINING, SMELTING  
AND REFINING INDUSTRIES IN CANADA,  
1943 AND 1944

Month	1943	1944(x)
January	46,323	45,835
February	46,621	44,837
March	46,968	44,255
April	46,137	42,030
May	45,499	41,467
June	46,754	41,239
July	46,888	41,181
August	46,471	38,782
September	45,354	37,855
October	45,168	36,871
November	46,231	37,454(+)
December	45,783	35,570

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