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MONTHLY REPORT

GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA, MARCH, 1944

Gold production in Canada during March, 1944 totalled 266,644 fine ounces compared with 347,683 fine ounces in March, 1943 and 256,803 ounces in February, 1944. The value of the March, 1944 gold production was \$10,265,794.

Of the total gold production for March, 1944, 220,307 fine ounces came from auriferous quartz mines and alluvial deposits and 46,337 fine ounces originated in base metal mines.

Gold produced by auriferous quartz mines and placers dropped 22.7 per cent in March, 1944 as compared with the production from the corresponding sources in March, 1943. Production of gold from base metal mines decreased 26.1 per cent in a comparison of the same periods.

Employees in producing auriferous quartz mines, including both salaried employees and wage-earners, numbered 17,268 in March, 1944; the corresponding total for active but non-producing mines was 522.

GOLD PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCES, 1943(a) 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	76,534	70,438	200,360	150,500	26,215	19,389
February	583	539	84,280	71,523	137,293	150,018	23,477	17,028
March	1	527	95,499	72,305	195,701	155,492	25,368	19,019
April	626		84,748		132,880		24,612	
May	106		85,605		175,841		21,512	
June	405		77,873		190,153		23,094	
July	261		71,101		137,523		23,300	
August	317		71,740		168,087		22,207	
September ...	287		74,298		158,352		20,255	
October	414		71,451		166,237		18,182	
November	440		68,549		158,818		18,243	
December	158		69,065		156,980		18,666	
TOTAL--								
Calendar year	4,129		930,803		2,108,825		265,831	
TOTAL--Three months ending March.	1,115	1,798	256,373	214,324	583,954	456,010	75,060	55,436

Month	British Columbia		Yukon		Northwest Territories		C A N A D A	
	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944
January	23,802	14,106	119	826	6,295	1,741	334,510	257,793
February	25,218	15,601	602	315	5,945	1,779	327,404	256,803
March	24,502	17,223	406	...	6,206	2,080	347,683	266,644
April	23,653		153		6,454		323,126	
May	22,075		1,955		6,478		313,572	
June	21,497		7,044		6,859		326,925	
July	18,150		5,952		6,453		292,740	
August	17,793		6,747		6,453		293,358	
September ...	17,637		7,133		4,225		282,204	
October	15,128		7,389		1,261		280,062	
November	13,981		5,816		1,250		267,797	
December	15,281		1,555		1,177		262,882	
TOTAL--								
Calendar year	238,722		44,871		59,061		3,652,263(d)	
TOTAL--Three months ending March.	73,522	46,930	1,127	1,141	18,446	5,600	1,009,537	781,240(b)

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes 1 ounce 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(x) and 1944(x)

Month	Gold production from base metal mines		Gold production from auriferous quartz mines and placer deposits	
	1943(x)	1944(x)	1943(x)	1944(x)
	(Fine ounces)			
January	45,239	46,134	289,271	211,659
February	53,987	42,030	273,417	214,773
March	62,688	46,337	284,995	220,307
April	53,190		269,936	
May	43,415		270,157	
June	61,867		265,058	
July	50,139		242,601	
August	49,139		244,219	
September	49,246		232,958	
October	50,204		229,858	
November	48,925		218,872	
December	46,840		216,042	
TOTAL--Calendar year	614,879		3,037,384	
TOTAL--Three months ending March	161,914	134,501	847,683	646,739

(x) Subject to revision.

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

Month	Quebec		Ontario		British Columbia		Other dis- tricts and provinces		C A N A D A	
	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944	1943	1944
January ...	5,268	4,071	13,766	11,086	1,448	1,062	828	225	21,310	16,444
February ..	5,319	4,624	13,310	11,163	1,428	1,075	781	234	20,838	17,096
March	5,303	4,640	13,137	11,282	1,368	1,108	779	238	20,587	17,268
April	5,158		12,739		1,301		710		19,908	
May	4,866		12,603		1,290		642		19,401	
June	4,654		12,433		1,222		670		18,979	
July	4,233		12,246		1,139		654		18,272	
August	4,162		11,828		1,019		564		17,573	
September..	4,019		11,281		1,053		293		16,646	
October ...	4,004		11,045		923		230		16,207	
November ..	4,019		10,885		910		228		16,042	
December ..	4,024		10,938		976		225		16,223	

(/) Mines with 15 or more employees.

(x) Subject to revision.

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

Month	1943	1944(x)
	Number	
January	191	880
February	417	513
March	364	522
April	310	
May	147	
June	166	
July	602	
August	691	
September	775	
October	844	
November	941	
December	824	

(x) Subject to revision.