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MONTHLY REPORT
GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA, MAY, 1944.

Gold production in Canada during May, 1944 totalled 256,837 fine ounces compared with 313,572 fine ounces in May, 1943 and 244,804 ounces in April, 1944. The value of the May, 1944 gold production was \$9,888,225.

Of the total gold production for May, 1944, 212,198 fine ounces came from auriferous quartz mines and alluvial deposits and 44,639 fine ounces originated in base metal mines.

Gold produced by auriferous quartz mines and placers decreased 21.4 per cent in May, 1944 as compared with the production from the corresponding sources in May, 1943. Production of gold from base metal mines increased 2.8 per cent in a comparison of the same periods.

Employees in producing auriferous quartz mines, including both salaried employees and wage-earners, numbered 16,708 in May, 1944; the corresponding total for active but non-producing mines was 323. In May, 1944 employees in non-ferrous metal mines, smelters, and refineries totalled 41,470.

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	76,594	70,498	200,960	150,500	26,215	19,389
February	589	539	84,280	71,523	187,293	150,018	23,477	17,028
March	1	527	95,499	72,303	195,701	155,492	25,368	19,019
April	626	408	84,748	64,546	182,880	143,008	24,612	18,293
May	106	326	85,605	68,292	175,841	150,381	21,512	16,394
June	405		77,873		190,153		23,094	
July	261		71,101		167,523		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		18,943	
December	158		69,065		156,980		18,666	
TOTAL--								
Calendar year	4,129		930,803		2,108,825		265,831	
TOTAL--Five months ending May.	1,847	2,532	426,726	347,162	942,675	749,399	121,184	90,123

	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	16,321	153	128	6,454	2,100	323,126	244,804
May	22,075	18,357	1,955	4	6,478	3,056	313,572	256,837
June	21,497		7,044		6,859		326,925	
July	18,150		5,952		6,453		292,740	
August	17,798		6,747		6,458		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--Five months ending May.	119,250	81,608	3,235	1,273	31,378	10,756	1,646,295	1,282,881(b)

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Includes 28 ounces from Alberta. (c) Nova Scotia figures taken from returns to the Royal Mint. (d) Includes 21 ounces from Alberta.



Gold

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	39,959	269,936	204,845
May	43,415	44,639	270,157	212,198
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--Five months ending May.	258,519	219,099	1,387,776	1,063,782

(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	11,166	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		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		928		230		16,207	
November .	4,019		10,885		910		228		16,042	
December .	4,024		10,998		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

EMPLOYMENT IN NON-FERROUS MINING, SMELT-
ING AND REFINING INDUSTRIES IN CANADA,
1943 and 1944

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

(x) Subject to revision.

(/) Revised.