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MONTHLY REPORT

GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA, AUGUST, 1946

Gold production during August, 1946, totalled 231,200 fine ounces compared with 239,554 fine ounces in the previous month and 211,754 fine ounces in August, 1945. The value of the production in the current month was $8,901,200.

Production in August included 197,643 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 33,557 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous quartz mines and placers rose 11.9 per cent over August of last year, and production from base metal mines rose 4.4 per cent.

Employees in producing auriferous quartz mines, including both salaried employees and wage-earners, numbered 17,053 in August, 1946; the corresponding total for active non-producing mines was 625. Employees in non-ferrous metal mines, smelters and refineries totalled 27,023 during the month under review.

Table 1 - GOLD PRODUCTION, BY PROVINCES, 1945 and 1946 (a) - (Fine ounces)

Month	Nova Scotia(b)		Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba and Saskatchewan	
	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946
January	654	439	59,836	56,842	141,063	147,383	13,847	16,120
February	118	319	56,249	54,084	126,166	138,638	12,152	15,355
March	84	324	61,006	61,669	135,768	150,232	14,475	18,711
April	85	388	63,298	56,487	130,371	144,466	14,280	18,076
May	64	254	59,480	54,573	130,574	151,590	12,892	17,693
June	331	247	55,384	44,109	125,023	151,810	16,254	16,703
July	534	598	50,142	55,215	122,895	155,150	16,271	16,015
August	293	213	49,261	52,355	123,367	152,500	15,982	16,070
Total 8 Months	2,163	2,782	454,656	435,334	1,035,227	1,191,769	116,153	134,743
September	340		49,648		125,455		15,737	
October	295		52,166		135,597		16,132	
November	284		43,457		141,629		14,997	
December	209		54,895		146,704		16,219	
TOTAL YEAR ...	3,291		654,822		1,584,612		179,238	

Month	British Columbia		Yukon		Northwest Territories		C A N A D A	
January	17,810	15,903	...	307	...	1,456	233,210	238,450
February	17,595	19,265	71	53	...	1,225	212,351	228,939
March	17,177	16,832	177	140	...	...	228,687	247,918
April	15,648	16,365	55	62	...	2,361	223,737	238,216
May	14,422	15,092	79	...	...	1,137	217,556	240,339
June	13,649	17,404	1,522	2,767	...	1,296	212,163	234,383
July	13,938	4,236	6,373	7,095	...	1,245	210,309	239,554
August	14,174	1,864	8,670	6,796	...	1,380	211,754	231,200(e)
Total 8 Months	124,413	106,961	16,947	17,220	...	10,100	1,749,667(c)	1,898,999(f)
September	14,421		3,886		2,042		211,529	
October	16,541		7,064		1,752		229,550	
November	16,131		2,381		1,876		220,755	
December	18,751		1,443		1,528		239,749	
TOTAL YEAR ...	190,257		31,721		7,198		2,651,250(d)	

(a) Subject to revision
(b) Nova Scotia figures taken from returns to the Royal Mint.
(c) Includes 108 ounces from Alberta.
(d) Includes 111 ounces from Alberta.
(e) Includes 22 ounces from Alberta.
(f) Includes 90 ounces from Alberta.

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Table 2 - PRODUCTION OF GOLD FROM AURIFEROUS QUARTZ AND BASE METAL MINES, 1945 and 1946 (x)

Month	Gold production from base metal mines		Gold production from auriferous quartz mines and placer deposits	
	1945	1946	1945	1946
	(fine ounces)			
January	38,507	39,475	194,703	198,975
February	33,924	38,396	178,427	190,543
March	40,018	43,356	188,669	204,562
April	38,206	41,124	185,531	197,092
May	38,059	36,538	179,497	203,801
June	37,513	27,510	174,650	206,873
July	34,370	36,326	175,839	203,228
August	35,088	33,557	176,666	197,643
Total Eight Months	295,685	296,282	1,453,982	1,602,717
September	34,435		177,094	
October	38,826		190,724	
November	28,684		192,071	
December	35,448		204,301	
TOTAL YEAR	433,078		2,218,172	

(x) Subject to revision.

Table 3 - (a) EMPLOYMENT IN PRODUCING LODE GOLD MINES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES, 1945 and 1946(b)

Month	Quebec		Ontario		British Columbia		Other districts and provinces		CANADA	
	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946
January	3,593	3,651	10,527	12,716	1,165	1,655	179	322	15,464	18,344
February	3,641	3,687	10,379	12,929	1,162	1,679	180	328	15,362	18,623
March	3,635	3,658	10,305	13,161	1,210	1,675	176	226	15,326	18,720
April	3,456	3,572	10,040	13,111	1,147	1,602	159	290	14,802	18,575
May	3,226	3,472	9,927	13,324	1,116	1,366	170	314	14,439	18,476
June	3,219	3,342	9,877	13,426	1,045	1,172	170	309	14,311	18,429
July	3,181	3,635	10,045	13,455	1,046	297	181	315	14,453	17,702
August	3,173	3,573	10,131	13,147	1,063	...	177	333	14,544	17,053
September	3,152		10,551		1,097		178		14,978	
October	3,339		11,315		1,228		291		16,173	
November	3,328		11,986		1,400		303		17,017	
December	3,487		12,265		1,564		305		17,621	

(a) Mines with 15 or more employees.
(b) Subject to revision.

Table 4 - EMPLOYMENT IN ACTIVE BUT NON-PRODUCING LODE GOLD MINES IN CANADA, 1945 and 1946 (a) (b)

Month	1945	1946
January	622	713
February	709	804
March	644	697
April	753	669
May	946	695
June	781	735
July	798	298
August	924	625
September	890	
October	844	
November	978	
December	699	

EMPLOYMENT IN NON-FERROUS MINING, SMELTING AND REFINING INDUSTRIES IN CANADA 1945 and 1946 (a) (b)

Month	1945	1946
January	34,932	25,175
February	33,956	26,182
March	34,270	25,841
April	34,607	26,206
May	33,001	26,759
June	32,734	27,129
July	31,682	26,569
August	30,497	27,023
September	27,461	
October	27,502	
November	27,144	
December	25,800	

(a) Mines with 15 or more employees.
(b) Subject to revision.