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GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA - MARCH, 1949

Gold production during March, 1949 totalled 342,677 fine ounces compared with 307,608 fine bunces in the previous month and with 287,708 fine ounces in March, 1948. The value of gold production In March, 1949 was ${ }^{4} 11,993,695$.

Production in March included 308,995 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 33,682 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers increased 20.3 per aent and production from base metal mines increased 9.4 per cent over March, 1948.

Table 1 - Gold Production, by Provinces, 1948 and 1942

(x) Includes small quantities for Alberta.
( $f$ ) Revised.

Table 2 - Production of Gold from Auriforous Quartz and Base Metal Mines, 1948 and 1942 ( $x$ )

| Month | Gold production from base metal mines |  | Gold production from auriferous quartz mines and placer deposits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1948 | 1949 | 1948 | 1949 |
|  | (fine ounces) |  |  |  |
| January ........................ | 32,231 | 33,032 | 241,135 | 275,957 |
| February ........................ | 30,999 | 29,307 | 230,604 | 278,301 |
| March ........................ | 30,800 | 33,682 | 256,908 | 308,995 |
| Total - Three Months .... | 94,030 | 96,021 | 728,647 | 863,253 |
| April .......................... | 33,887 |  | 252,186 |  |
| May . ............................ | 33,890 |  | 253,175 |  |
| June ............................. | 29,953 |  | 260,096 |  |
| July ............................... | 34,277 |  | 261,917 |  |
| August .......................... | 31,644 |  | 273,753 |  |
| September ........................ | 31,092 |  | 263,818 |  |
| October . | 30,785 |  | 276,143 |  |
| November | 32,138 |  | 279,205 |  |
| December | 32,085 |  | 294,885 |  |
| Total ......... | 383,781 |  | 3,143,825 |  |

(x) Preliminary figures -- subject to revision.

Table 3 - Employment in Lode Gold Mines (t) In Canade, by Provinces, 1948 and 1949

| Month | Quebec |  | Ontario |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { British } \\ & \text { Columbia } \end{aligned}$ |  | Other districts and provinces |  | CANADA |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1948 | 1949 | 1948 | 1949 | 1948 | 1949 | 1948 | 1949 | 1948 | 1949 |
| January | 4,737 | 4,760 | 14,196 | 14,070 | 2,424 | 1,632 | 1,434 | 1,547 | 22,791 | 22,009 |
| February | 4,726 | 4,760 | 14,009 | 14,071 | 2,283 | 1,665 | 1,412 | 1,516 | 22,430 | 22,012 |
| March | 4,703 | (x) | 14,070 | (x) | 2,317 | (x) | 1,458 | (x) | 22,548 | ( x ) |
| April | 4,663 |  | 14,113 |  | 2,609 |  | 1,471 |  | 22,856 |  |
| May | 4,647 |  | 14,079 |  | 2,728 |  | 1,517 |  | 22,971 |  |
| June | 4,633 |  | 14,211 |  | 2,584 |  | 1,545 |  | 22,973 |  |
| Ju3y | 4,681 |  | 14,252 |  | 2,314 |  | 1,612 |  | 22,859 |  |
| August | 4,720 |  | 14,084 |  | 2,162 |  | 1,619 |  | 22,585 |  |
| September | 4,734 |  | 13,844 |  | 2,058 |  | 1,567 |  | 22,203 |  |
| October | 4,792 |  | 13,928 |  | 2,075 |  | 1,586 |  | 22,381 |  |
| November | 4,777 |  | 13,986 |  | 1,904 |  | 1,545 |  | 22,212 |  |
| December . | 4,691 |  | 13,995 |  | 1,688 |  | 1,536 |  | 21,910 |  |

( $f$ ) Lines with 15 or more employees.
(x) Not yet available.

