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GOLD PRODUCTION IN CANADA

SEPTEMBER - 1949

Gold production during September, 1949 totalled 364,301 fine ounces compared with 359,127 fine ounces in the previous month and with 294,963 fine ounces in September, 1948. The value of gold production in September, 1949 was \$13,260,556 calculated at \$36.40 per troy ounce. Devaluation of the dollar on September 18 raised the price of gold from \$35.00 to \$38.50.

Production in September included 318,898 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 45,403 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers increased 21.1 per cent, and production from base metal mines rose 43.3 per cent over September, 1948.

Table 1 - Gold Production, by Provinces, 1948 and 1949

Month	Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba and Saskatchewan	
	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949
	(fine ounces)					
January	55,269	69,664	171,271	186,523	14,076	18,288
February	58,886	71,443	155,703	182,917	14,831	14,829
March	64,472	77,182	172,773	203,684	15,123	17,028
April	64,295	78,289	172,868	187,378	15,676	19,078
May	65,549	78,384	176,355	193,695	14,849	16,641
June	61,722	74,149	170,493	202,052	17,062	20,126
July	63,876	65,930	173,889	188,714	18,592	19,615
August	64,251	81,604	173,644	196,722	18,182	22,157
September	64,820	89,964	171,695	197,587	16,765	20,338
Total Nine Months	563,140	686,609	1,538,691	1,739,272	145,156	168,100
October	68,129		176,812		17,213	
November	68,440		179,909		16,735	
December	70,916		199,965		14,999	
TOTAL	770,625		2,095,377		194,103	

	British Columbia		Yukon		Northwest Territories		CANADA (*)	
January	27,038	24,431	19	22	5,742	10,873	273,415	309,810
February	25,173	24,778	528	23	6,529	13,601	261,650	307,608
March	26,998	27,343	47	533	8,347	16,599	287,760	342,677
April	26,127	24,592	91	...	7,041	17,566	286,124	326,903
May	24,732	24,469	13	...	6,966	18,263	288,474	332,442
June	24,798	23,978	8,198	5,712	7,776	16,948	290,102	343,280
July	25,695	24,845	4,626	9,685	9,544	16,761	296,247	326,324
August	28,910	26,937	11,249	13,247	9,187	15,882	305,452	359,127
September	23,699	23,578	7,830	18,448	10,093	13,635	294,963	364,301
Total Nine Months	233,170	225,251	32,601	47,670	71,225	140,133	2,584,187	3,012,472
October	23,640		11,063		10,119		306,989	
November	24,268		12,162		9,842		311,399	
December	25,920		4,788		10,439		327,033	
TOTAL	306,998		60,614		101,625		3,529,608	

(*) Includes small quantities for Alberta, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland from May, 1949.

Note: This report was prepared in the Mining, Metallurgical and Chemical Section.



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Table 2 - Production of Gold from Auriferous Quartz and Base Metal Mines, 1948 and 1949

Month	Gold production from base metal mines		Gold production from auriferous quartz mines and placer deposits	
	1948	1949	1948	1949
	(fine ounces)			
January	30,540	33,032	242,875	276,778
February	29,544	29,307	232,106	278,301
March	28,970	33,682	258,790	308,995
April	32,435	32,158	253,689	294,745
May	28,464	32,501	260,010	299,941
June	28,481	36,024	261,621	307,256
July	32,584	35,572	263,663	290,752
August	30,147	38,290	275,305	320,837
September	31,676	45,403	263,287	318,898
Total - Nine Months	272,841	315,969	2,311,346	2,696,503
October	31,363		275,626	
November	32,742		278,657	
December	32,728		294,305	
TOTAL	369,674		3,159,934	

Table 3 - Employment in Lode Gold Mines (*) in Canada, by Provinces, 1948 and 1949

Month	Quebec		Ontario		British Columbia		Other districts and provinces		C A N A D A	
	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	4,767	14,070	14,094	2,317	1,731	1,458	1,508	22,548	22,100
April	4,663	4,681	14,113	14,088	2,609	1,870	1,471	1,516	22,856	22,155
May	4,647	4,803	14,079	14,088	2,728	1,982	1,517	1,531	22,971	22,404
June	4,633	4,892	14,211	14,194	2,584	2,096	1,545	1,598	22,973	22,780
July	4,681	4,750	14,252	14,185	2,314	2,078	1,612	1,704	22,859	22,717
August	4,720	4,880	14,084	14,141	2,162	2,093	1,619	1,723	22,585	22,837
September ..	4,734	(x)	13,844	(x)	2,058	(x)	1,567	(x)	22,203	(x)
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	

(*) Mines with 15 or more employees.

(x) Not yet available.