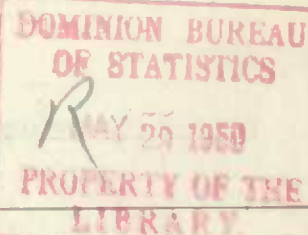




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GOLD PRODUCTION

MARCH -- 1950

Gold production during March, 1950 totalled 383,233 fine ounces compared with 350,704 fine ounces in the previous month and with 342,677 fine ounces in March, 1949. The value of gold production in March, 1950 was \$14,754,471.

Production in March included 331,256 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 51,977 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers increased 7.2 per cent, and production from base metal mines rose 54.3 per cent over March, 1949.

Table 1 - Gold Production, by Provinces, 1949 and 1950

Month	Quebec		Ontario		Manitoba and Saskatchewan	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
			(fine ounces)			
January .....	69,664	93,378	186,523	198,046	18,288	22,659
February .....	71,443	89,501	182,917	199,465	14,829	22,369
March .....	77,182	96,959	203,684	213,344	17,028	25,863
Total - Three Months	218,289	279,838	573,124	610,855	50,145	70,891
April .....	78,289	127,378	187,378		19,078	
May .....	78,384		193,695		16,641	
June .....	74,149		202,052		20,126	
July .....	65,930		188,714		19,615	
August .....	81,604		196,722		22,157	
September .....	89,964		197,587		20,338	
October .....	90,050		199,697		22,713	
November .....	85,790		203,533		23,203	
December .....	91,363		208,967		24,529	
Total .....	953,812		2,351,469		238,546	

	British Columbia		Yukon		Northwest Territories		TOTAL (*)	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
January .....	24,431	25,210	22	2	10,873	13,964	309,810	353,911
February .....	24,778	24,847	23	...	13,601	13,911	307,608	350,704
March .....	27,643	28,961	533	905	16,599	16,517	342,677	383,233
Total - Three Months	76,852	79,018	578	907	41,073	44,392	960,095	1,087,848
April .....	24,592		...		17,566		326,903	
May .....	24,469		...		18,268		332,442	
June .....	23,978		5,712		16,948		343,280	
July .....	24,845		9,685		16,761		326,324	
August .....	26,937		13,247		15,882		359,127	
September .....	23,125		18,448		13,635		363,848	
October .....	24,936		15,137		12,960		365,836	
November .....	25,840		11,269		11,980		361,680	
December .....	22,940		7,894		11,997		373,091	
Total .....	298,514		81,970		177,070		4,112,626	

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

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Table 2 - Production of Gold from Auriferous Quartz and Base Metal Mines, 1949 and 1950

Month	Gold production from base metal mines		Gold production from auriferous quartz mines and placer deposits	
	1949	1950	1949	1950
	(fine ounces)			
January .....	33,032	47,758	276,778	306,153
February .....	29,307	45,674	278,301	305,030
March .....	33,682	51,977	308,995	331,256
Total - Three Months .	96,021	145,409	864,074	942,439
April .....	32,158		294,745	
May .....	32,501		299,941	
June .....	36,024		307,256	
July .....	35,572		290,752	
August .....	38,290		320,837	
September .....	45,403		318,445	
October .....	35,653		330,183	
November .....	42,322		319,358	
December .....	44,711		328,380	
Total .....	438,655		3,673,971	

Table 3 - Employment in Lode Gold Mines (x), by Provinces, 1949 and 1950

Month	Quebec		Ontario		British Columbia		Other districts and provinces		CANADA	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
January .....	4,760	4,750	14,070	14,099	1,632	1,946	1,547	1,680	22,009	22,375
February .....	4,767	4,776	14,071	14,102	1,665	1,935	1,516	1,632	22,019	22,445
March .....	4,735	(*)	14,094	(*)	1,731	(*)	1,508	(*)	22,100	(*)
April .....	4,681		14,088		1,870		1,516		22,155	
May .....	4,803		14,088		1,982		1,531		22,404	
June .....	4,892		14,194		2,096		1,598		22,780	
July .....	4,750		14,185		2,078		1,704		22,717	
August .....	4,880		14,141		2,093		1,723		22,837	
September ...	4,783		14,139		2,125		1,687		22,734	
October .....	4,821		14,229		2,135		1,726		22,911	
November ....	4,790		14,279		2,093		1,724		22,886	
December ....	4,698		14,149		1,983		1,652		22,482	

(x) Mines with 15 or more employees.

(\*) Not yet available.