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## GOLD PRODUCTION

February - 1951

Gold production during February, 1951 totalled 347,053 fine ounces compared with 374,483 fine ounces in the previous month and with 349,904 fine ounces in February, 1950. The value of gold production in February, 1951 was \$12,747,257.

Production in February included 303,126 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 43,927 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers decreased 0.4 per cent, and production from base metal mines decreased 3.8 per cent over February, 1950.

Table 1 - Gold Production, by Provinces, 1950 and 1951

Month	Q u e b e c		O n t a r i o		Manitoba and Saskatchewan			
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951		
	(fine ounces)							
January ..	93,721	91,201	198,046	216,786	22,659	25,939		
February .	89,501	82,339	198,665	201,871	22,369	22,919		
Total -								
Two Months	183,222	173,540	396,711	418,657	45,028	48,858		
March ....	96,959		213,344		25,863			
April ....	98,980		204,057		24,016			
May .....	96,126		209,685		23,267			
June .....	90,562		204,934		24,659			
July .....	88,681		195,504		23,159			
August ...	86,062		205,024		22,023			
September .	88,338		196,795		20,789			
October ...	89,639		207,233		22,623			
November .	88,184		217,838		21,083			
December .	92,879		225,725		24,253			
Total ..	1,099,632		2,476,850		276,763			
	British Columbia		Y u k o n		Northwest Territories		T O T A L (*)	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
January ..	25,210	22,369	2	16	13,964	17,470	354,254	374,483
February .	24,847	22,575	...	419	13,911	16,204	349,904	347,053
Total -								
Two Months	50,057	44,944	2	435	27,875	33,674	704,158	721,536
March ....	29,061		905		16,517		383,333	
April ....	25,982		1		16,110		369,747	
May .....	26,711		79		17,046		373,758	
June .....	22,685		7,041		18,124		368,948	
July .....	26,162		17,035		17,137		368,389	
August ...	26,639		17,690		18,202		376,490	
September .	22,506		20,117		15,464		364,906	
October ..	20,437		16,665		19,443		376,847	
November .	20,862		13,220		16,844		378,790	
December .	21,859		584		16,991		383,067	
Total ..	292,961		93,339		199,753		4,448,433	

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



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Table 2 - Production of Gold from Auriferous Quartz and Base Metal Mines, 1950 and 1951

Month	Gold production from base metal mines		Gold production from auriferous quartz mines and placer deposits	
	1950	1951	1950	1951
	(fine ounces)			
January .....	47,758	52,202	306,496	322,281
February .....	45,674	43,927	304,230	303,126
Total - Two Months .....	93,432	96,129	610,726	625,407
March .....	51,977		331,356	
April .....	50,748		318,999	
May .....	50,322		323,436	
June .....	49,785		319,163	
July .....	46,635		321,717	
August .....	46,464		330,026	
September .....	43,690		321,216	
October .....	45,015		331,832	
November .....	46,142		332,648	
December .....	49,663		333,404	
Total .....	573,873		3,874,523	

Table 3 - Employment in Lode Gold Mines (\*), by Provinces, 1950 and 1951

Month	Quebec		Ontario		British Columbia		Other districts and provinces		CANADA	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
January ..	4,750	4,918	14,099	13,996	1,946	1,968	1,680	1,562	22,375	22,444
February .	4,776	(x)	14,102	(x)	1,935	(x)	1,632	(x)	22,445	(x)
March ....	3,443		14,045		1,969		1,648		21,105	
April ....	4,767		14,041		2,205		1,637		22,650	
May .....	4,800		14,126		2,390		1,603		22,919	
June .....	4,848		14,248		2,350		1,645		23,091	
July .....	4,853		14,243		2,280		1,742		23,118	
August ...	4,926		14,005		2,343		1,703		22,977	
September .	5,012		13,837		2,344		1,559		22,752	
October ..	4,953		13,790		2,301		1,599		22,643	
November .	5,048		13,996		2,197		1,595		22,836	
December .	4,881		14,069		1,911		1,598		22,459	

(\*) Mines with 15 or more employees.

(x) Not yet available.