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## GOLD PRODUCTION

May $=1952$

Gold production during May, 1952 totalled 365,892 fine ounces, compared with 363,136 fine ounces in the previous month and with 369,373 fine ounces in May, 1951. The value of gold production in May, 1952 was $\$ 12,597,662$ calculated at average price paid by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Production in May included 324,292 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 41,600 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers decreased 0.2 per cent, and production from base metal mines decreased 6.4 per cent from May, 1951.

Table 1 - Gold Production, by Propinces, 1251 and 1952

| Month | Quebec |  | Ontar10 |  | Manitoba and Saskatchewan |  |
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|  | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 | 1251 | 1952 |
|  | (fine ounces) |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ................. | 91,201 | 89,984 | 216,786 | 206,448 | 25,939 | 19,754 |
| Fobruary | 82,339 | 92,790 | 201,871 | 200,684 | 22,957 | 19,104 |
| March ... | 91,327 | 96,161 | 213,824 | 207,698 | 24,935 | 20,786 |
| April | 89,806 | 90,520 | 209,817 | 215,113 | 21,630 | 18,482 |
| May . | 95,505 | 92,971 | 211,357 | 216,947 | 20,973 | 17,558 |
| Total - Five months | 450,178 | 462,426 | 1,053,655 | 1,046,890 | 116,434 | 95,684 |
| June | 89,952 |  | 200,324 |  | 23,625 |  |
| July . . | 88,486 |  | 178,585 |  | 23,228 |  |
| August .. | 85,696 |  | 183,007 |  | 23,477 |  |
| Soptember .............. | 85,091 |  | 199,479 |  | 21,192 |  |
| October. | 90,377 |  | 210,096 |  | 21,160 |  |
| November | 85,705 |  | 215,673 |  | 23,727 |  |
| December | 91,532 |  | 219,207 |  | 21,560 |  |
| Total | 1,067,017 |  | 2,460,026 |  | 274,403 |  |


|  | British Columbia |  | Y uk on |  | Northwest Territoriss |  | TOTAL (*) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 | 125 | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 |
| January .................. | 22,369 | 19,149 | 16 | 47 | 17,470 | 18,566 | 374,483 | 354, 561 |
| February ................ | 22,575 | 22,022 | 419 | 39 | 16,204 | 17,418 | 347,091 | 352,667 |
| March ... | 22,261 | 22,814 | 429 | 6 | 18,926 | 16,428 | 372,396 | 364,702 |
| April | 23,030 | 21,915 | 13 | 477 | 18,152 | 15,906 | 363,077 | 363,136 |
| May . | 20,553 | 20,009 | 721 | ... | 19,3!9 | 17,670 | 369,373 | 365,892 |
| Total - Five months | 110,788 | 105,909 | 1,598 | 569 | 90,071 | 85,988 | 1,826,420 | 1,800,958 |
| June | 21,512 |  | 7,250 |  | 19,195 |  | 362,621 |  |
| July .................... | 21,659 |  | 15,835 |  | 15,888 |  | 344,412 |  |
| August ................... | 21,694 |  | 11,553 |  | 18,904 |  | 345,096 |  |
| September ............... | 22,865 |  | 13,309 |  | 16,541 |  | 358,968 |  |
| October.. | 23,164 |  | 16,104 |  | 16,690 |  | 378,368 |  |
| November | 23,302 |  | 5,394 |  | 17,934 |  | 372,374 |  |
| December | 19,783 |  | 6,462 |  | 16, 705 |  | 375,996 |  |
| Total | 264,767 |  | 77,505 |  | 211,928 |  | 4,364,255 |  |

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


| Month | Gold production from base metal mines |  | Gold production from suriferous quartz mines <br> and placer deposits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1951 | 1252 | $1251$ |  |
| January ........................ | 52,202 | 45,868 | 322,281 | 308,693 |
| Pebruary | 43,927 | 45,187 | 303,164 | 307,480 |
| March . | 46,892 | 43,292 | 325,504 | 321,410 |
| April .......................... | 45,370 | 43,385 | 317,707 | 319,751 |
| May . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 44,430 | 41,600 | 324,943 | 324,292 |
| Total - Five months .... | 232,821 | 219,332 | 1,593,599 | 1,581,626 |
| June ............................ | 46,847 |  | 315,774 |  |
| July | 47,826 |  | 296,586 |  |
| August ......................... | 50,269 |  | 294,827 |  |
| September | 48,287 |  | 310,681 |  |
| October | 47,179 |  | 331,189 |  |
| November | 49,230 |  | 323,144 |  |
| Docember | 46,324 |  | 329,672 |  |
| Total .............. | 568,783 |  | 3,795,472 |  |

Table 3-Employment in Lode Gold Mines (x), by Provinces, 1951 and 1952

| Month | Quebec |  | Ontar10 |  | British Columbis |  | Other districts and provinces |  | C A NADA |  |
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|  | 1951 | 1952 | 1251 | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 | 1951 | 1952 |
|  | (Number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ....... | 4,918 | 4,784 | 13,996 | 13,319 | 1,968 | 1,896 | 1,562 | 1,569 | 22,444 | 21,568 |
| Fobruary ...... | 4,857 | 4,758 | 13,872 | 13,303 | 1,943 | 1,913 | 1,546 | 1,524 | 22,218 | 21,498 |
| March ... | 4,796 | 4,893 | 13,823 | 13,254 | 1,960 | 1,952 | 1,528 | 1,469 | 22,007 | 21,568 |
| April ......... | 4,727 | 4,881 | 13,693 | 13,194 | 1,894 | 2,112 | 1,469 | 1,422 | 21,783 | 21,609 |
| Мау ............ | 4,642 | (*) | 13,533 | (*) | 2,079 | (*) | 1,464 | (*) | 21,718 | (*) |
| Јune .......... | 4,581 |  | 13,516 |  | 2,098 |  | 1,424 |  | 21,619 |  |
| July .......... | 4,624 |  | 12,281 |  | 2,130 |  | 1,544 |  | 20,579 |  |
| August ........ | 4,649 |  | 11,964 |  | 2,223 |  | 1,498 |  | 20,334 |  |
| September ..... | 4,578 |  | 13,124 |  | 2,130 |  | 1,477 |  | 21,309 |  |
| October .... | 4,730 |  | 13,326 |  | 2,126 |  | 1,488 |  | 21,670 |  |
| November | 4,912 |  | 13,334 |  | 2,037 |  | 1,519 |  | 21,802 |  |
| December ....... | 4,784 |  | 13,249 |  | 1,903 |  | 1,540 |  | 21,476 |  |

(x) Mines with 15 or more employees.
(*) Not yet available.

