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Cold production during February, 1953, totalled 352,232 fine ounces, compared with 372,669 fine ounces in the previous month and with 352,667 fine ounces in February, 1952. The value of gold prodiction in February, 1953 was $\$ 12,047,743$ calculated at average price paid by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Production in February included 309,916 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 42,316 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers increased 0.8 per cent, and production from base metal mines decreased 6.4 per cent from February, 1952.

Table 1. - Gold Production, By Provinces, 1952 and 1953

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| Month | Gold production from base metal mines |  | Gold production from auriferous quarty mines and placer deposits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1952 | 1953 | 1252 | 1953 |
|  | (Fine ounces) |  |  |  |
| January ................... |  | $47,556(+)$ |  |  |
| February . ................ | $45,187$ | $42,316$ | $307,480$ | $309,916$ |
| Total - Two months . | 91,055 | 89,872 | 616,173 | 635,029 |
| March ..................... | 43,292 |  | 321,410 |  |
| April .................... | 43,385 |  | 319,751 |  |
| May . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 41,600 |  | 324,292 |  |
| June . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 45,655 |  | 313,466 |  |
| July ...................... | 42,686 |  | 331,050 |  |
| August ................... | 47,007 |  | 325,226 |  |
| September | 51,217 |  | 332,004 |  |
| October | 47,550 |  | 355,508 |  |
| November . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 46,973 |  | 341,296 |  |
| December . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 50,006 |  | 341,337 |  |
| Tots 1........ | 550,426 |  | 3,921,513 |  |

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Table 3 - Employment in Lode Gold Mines (t), by Proyinces, 1952 and 1953

| Month | Q $u$ ebec |  | $0 \mathrm{ntar10}$ |  | British Columbia |  | Other districts and provinces |  | C NADA |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 |
|  | (Number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ....... | 4,784 | 4,781 | 13,319 | 12,500 | 1,896 | 1,687 | 1,569 | 1,335 | 21,568 | 20,303 |
| February ...... | 4,758 | (*) | 13,303 | (*) | 1,913 | (*) | 1,524 | (*) | 21,498 | (*) |
| March .......... | 4,893 |  | 13,254 |  | 1,952 |  | 1,469 |  | 21,568 |  |
| April ......... | 4,881 |  | 13,194 |  | 2,112 |  | 1,422 |  | 21,609 |  |
| May . . . . . . . . . | 4,832 |  | 13,056 |  | 2,369 |  | 1,460 |  | 21,717 |  |
| June .......... | 4,880 |  | 12,978 |  | 2,345 |  | 1,451 |  | 21,654 |  |
| July ........... | 4,789 |  | 12,939 |  | 2,398 |  | 1,482 |  | 21,608 |  |
| August ......... | 4,791 |  | 12,873 |  | 2,271 |  | 1,477 |  | 21,412 |  |
| September ..... | 4,767 |  | 12,739 |  | 2,153 |  | 1,323 |  | 20,982 |  |
| October ........ | 4,759 |  | 12,684 |  | 2,102 |  | 1,374 |  | 20,919 |  |
| November ...... | 4,780 |  | 12,659 |  | 2,013 |  | 1,377 |  | 20,829 |  |
| December ...... | 4,678 |  | 12,595 |  | 1,727 |  | 1,331 |  | 20,331 |  |

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

