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## GOLD PRODUCTION

APR - 1953

Gold production during April, 1953, totalled 369,734 fine ounces, compared with 379,223 fine ounces in the previous month and with 363,136 fine ounces in April, 1952. The value of gold production in April, 1953 was $\$ 12,728,093$ calculated at average price paid by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Production in April included 322,590 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 47,144 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers increased 0.9 per cent, and production from base metal mines increased 8.7 per cent from April, 1952.

Table 1 - Gold Production, By Provinces, 2952 and 2953


Table 2 - Production of Gold from Auriforous Quartz and Base Motal Minos, 1952 and 1953

| Manth | Gold production from base metal mines |  | Gold production from auriferous quartz mines and placer deposits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 |
|  | (Pine ounces) |  |  |  |
| January .. | 45,868 | 47,556 | 308,693 | 325,113 |
| February . | 45,187 | 42,348 | 307,480 | 310,547 |
| March | 43,292 | 51,855 | 321,410 | 327,366 |
| April | 43,385 | 47,144 | 319,751 | 322,590 |
| Total - Four Months | 177,732 | 188,903 | 1,257,334 | 1,285,618 |
| 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 |  |
| Total ......... | 550,426 |  | 3,921,513 |  |

Table 3 - Employment in Lode Gold Mines (+), by Provinces, 1952 and 1953

| Month | Quebec |  | Ontario |  | British Columbia |  | Other districts and provinces |  | CANADA |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 | 1952 | 1953 |
|  | (Nunber) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 4,784 | 4,781 | 13,319 | 12,500 | 1,896 | 1,687 | 1,569 | 1,335 | 21,568 | 20,303 |
| February | 4,758 | 4,700 | 13,303 | 12,363 | 1,913 | 1,582 | 1,524 | 1,326 | 21,498 | 19,971 |
| March | 4,893 | 4,647 | 13,254 | 12,378 | 1,952 | 1,532 | 1,469 | 1,331 | 21,568 | 19,888 |
| April ... | 4,831 | + | 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 |  |
| Septamber | 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 |  |

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

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