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## GOLD PRODUCTION

Gold production during January, 1954, totalled 293,049 fine ounces compared with 274,616 fine ounces in the previous month and with 371,265 fine ounces in January, 1953. The value of gold production in January, 1954, was \$9,978,318 calculated at the average price paid by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Production in January included 274,357 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 18,692 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers decreased 25.2 per cent, and production from base metal mines decreased 60.7 per cent from January, 1953.

Table 1 - Gold Production, by Provinces, 1953 and 1954

Month	Newfoundland and Nova Scotia		Quebec		Ontario		Prairie provinces	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
	(Fine ounces)							
January .....	630	797	97,388	63,456	210,188	160,916	19,992	20,719
February .....	861		92,324		199,604		18,409	
March .....	1,250		100,118		212,227		20,608	
April .....	936		97,514		209,593		18,319	
May .....	1,145		95,094		206,794		18,039	
June .....	899		92,204		190,407		16,810	
July .....	1,034		95,605		195,643		16,809	
August .....	1,029		86,160		162,412		18,559	
September .....	877		76,510		174,920		18,359	
October .....	927		64,684		142,255		18,302	
November .....	989		63,309		138,798(r)		18,493(r)	
December .....	993		64,012		143,455		19,329	
Total .....	11,570		1,024,922		2,186,296		222,028	

	British Columbia		Yukon		Northwest Territories		TOTAL	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
January .....	20,698	20,504	...	32	22,369	26,625	371,265	293,049
February .....	20,220		9		21,468		352,895	
March .....	22,089		...		22,932		379,224	
April .....	20,750		711		21,911		369,735(r)	
May .....	21,697		...		25,828		368,597	
June .....	28,036		6,822		27,136		362,321(r)	
July .....	24,744		8,585		25,908		368,334(r)	
August .....	22,833		11,723		26,015		328,747(r)	
September .....	22,037		17,128		24,774		334,605	
October .....	21,136		13,022		24,542		284,868	
November .....	21,142		5,664		24,914		273,309(r)	
December .....	20,443		2,428		23,956		274,616	
Total .....	265,825		66,122		291,753		4,068,516	

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Table 2 - Production of Gold from Auriferous Quartz and Base Metal Mines, 1953 and 1954

Month	Gold production from base metal mines		Gold production from auriferous quartz mines and placer deposits	
	1953	1954	1953	1954
(Fine ounces)				
January .....	47,556	18,692	323,709	274,357
February .....	42,348		310,547	
March .....	51,856		327,368	
April .....	47,144		322,591(r)	
May .....	47,391		321,206	
June .....	47,388		314,933(r)	
July .....	48,985		319,349(r)	
August .....	37,291		291,456(r)	
September .....	34,952		299,653	
October .....	21,159		263,709	
November .....	21,546(r)		251,763	
December .....	17,645		256,971	
Total .....	465,261		3,603,255	

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Table 3 - Employment in Lode Gold Mines (\*), by Provinces, 1953 and 1954

Month	Quebec		Ontario		British Columbia		Other districts and provinces		CANADA	
	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954	1953	1954
(Number)										
January .....	4,781	(★)	12,500	(★)	1,687	(±)	1,335	(★)	20,303	(★)
February .....	4,700		12,363		1,582		1,326		19,971	
March .....	4,647		12,378		1,532		1,331		19,888	
April .....	4,624		12,236		1,754		1,331		19,945	
May .....	4,703		12,121		1,954		1,334		20,112	
June .....	4,812		12,187		1,831		1,366		20,196	
July .....	4,804		11,980		1,796		1,325		19,905	
August .....	4,774		11,483		1,738		1,295		19,290	
September .....	4,367		8,541		1,727		1,299		15,934	
October .....	4,390		8,409		1,705		1,316		15,820	
November .....	4,331		8,368		1,680		1,315		15,694	
December .....	4,220		7,889		1,389		1,309		14,807	

(\*) Mines with 15 or more employees.

(★) Not yet available.