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Gold production during February, 1954, totalled 310,657 fine ounces compared with 293,049 fine ounces in the previous month and with 352,895 fine ounces in February, 1953. The value of gold production in February, 1954, was \$10,509,526 calculated at the average price paid by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Production in February included 288,324 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 22,333 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers decreased 7.2 per cent, and production from base metal mines decreased 47.3 per cent from February, 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	811	92,324	68,978	199,604	178,140	18,409	18,931
Total - Two months	1,491	1,608	189,712	132,434	409,792	339,056	38,401	39,650
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		18,493	
December	993		64,012		143,455		19,329	
Total	11,570		1,024,922		2,186,296		222,028	

	British Columbia		Yukon		Northwest Territories		T O T A L	
	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	22,189	9	70	21,468	21,538	352,895	310,657
Total - Two months	40,918	42,693	9	102	43,837	48,163	724,160	603,706
March	22,089		...		22,932		379,224	
April	20,750		711		21,911		369,735	
May	21,697		...		25,828		368,597	
June	28,036		6,822		27,136		362,321	
July	24,744		8,585		25,908		368,334	
August	22,833		11,723		26,015		328,747	
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	
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	22,333	310,547	288,324
Total - Two months	89,904	41,025	634,256	562,681
March	51,856		327,368	
April	47,144		322,591	
May	47,391		321,206	
June	47,388		314,933	
July	48,985		319,349	
August	37,291		291,456	
September	34,952		299,653	
October	21,159		263,709	
November	21,546		251,763	
December	17,645		256,971	
Total	465,261		3,603,255	

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	4,217	12,500	10,408	1,687	1,373	1,335	1,282	20,303	17,280
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.