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## GOLD PRODUGTICN

Gold production during March, 1954, totalled 369,309 fine ounces compared with 310,657 fine ounces in the previous month and with 379,224 fine ounces in March, 1953. The value of cold production in March, 2954 , was $\$ 12,549,120$ calculated at the average price pald by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Production in March included 328,626 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 31,025 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers increased 0.4 per cent, and production from base metal mines decreased 21.5 per cent from March, 1953.

Table 1-Gold Froduction, by Provincese 1953 and 1954

| Month | Newfoundland and Nove Scotia |  | 24 ebec |  | Ontar10 |  | Prairie provinces |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 |
|  | (Fine ounces) (F)23 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 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 |
| March | 1.250 | 553 | 100, 118 | 96.540 | 212,227 | 203.948 | 20,608 | 20,343 |
| Totel - Three months | 2,741 | 2,161 | 289,830 | 228,974 | 622,019 | 543,004 | 59,009 | 59,993 |
| Apr11 ................. | 936 |  | 97,514 |  | 209,593 |  | 18,319 |  |
| May ................... | 1,145 |  | 95,094 |  | 206,794 |  | 18,039 |  |
| Jure .................. | 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 |  | 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 | 22,189 | 9 | 70 | 21,468 | 21,538 | 352,895 | 310,657 |
| March | 22,089 | 21,815 | ... | 32 | 22,932 | 26,078 | 379,224 | 369,309 |
| Total - Three months | 63,007 | 64,508 | 9 | 134 | 66,769 | 74,24, | 1,103,384 | 973,015 |
| 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 |  |
| Septerber | 22,037 |  | 17,128 |  | 24,774 |  | 334,605 |  |
| Octobar | 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 | Cold production from bese metal mines |  | Gold production from auriferous quartz mines and placer deposita |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 |
|  | (Fine ounces) |  |  |  |
| January | 47,556 | 18,692 | 323,709 | 274,357 |
| February | 42,348 | 22,333 | 310,547 | 288,324 |
| March ... | 51,856 | 40,683 | 327, 368 | 328,626 |
| Total - Three months ...... | 141,760 | 81,708 | 961,624 | 891,307 |
| 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 | 21,259 |  | 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 ( $\mathbf{n}$ ), by Provinces, 1953 and 1954

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

