# DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS 

## Memorandum

## GOLD PRODUCTION

Gold production during April, 1954, totalled 358,394 fine ounces compared with 369,309 fine ounces in the previous month and with 369,735 fine ounces in April, 1953. The value of gold production in April, 1954, was $\$ 12,325,170$ calculated at the average price paid by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Production in April included 316,248 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 42,146 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers decreased 2.0 per cent, and production from base metal mines decreased 10.6 per cent from April, 1953.



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Table 2 - Production of Gold from Auriferous Guartz and Base Motal Mines, 1953 and 1954
Gold production from
Month
Gold production from
auriferous quartz mines
1953 metal mines and placer deposits

|  | base metal mines |  | and Dlacer deposits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (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 | $328,626$ |
| April | 47.144 | 42.146 | 322,591 | $316,248$ |
| Total - Four months ..... | 188,904 | 123.854 | 1,284,215 | 1,207,555 |
| 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 - Pmployment in Lode Cold Mines (x) , by Proyinces, 1953 and 2954

| Montr | Quebec |  | Ontario |  | British Columbia |  | Other districts and proyinces |  | 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 | 4,294 | 12,363 | 10,898 | 1.582 | 1,385 | 1,326 | 1,301 | 19,971 17,878 |
| March | 4,647 | 4,308 | 12,378 | 11,202 | 1,532 | 1,397 | 1,331 | 1,310 | 19,888 18,21? |
| April | 4,624 | ( $\mathbf{\pm}$ ) | 12,236 | ( $\mathbf{4}$ ) | 1,754 | (1) | 1,331 | ( $\ddagger$ ) | 19,945 (1) |
| May | 4,703 |  | 12,121 |  | 1,954 |  | 1,334 |  | 20,112 |
| June | 4,812 |  | 12,18? |  | 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 |
| Octoter ..... | 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 |

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

