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GOLD PRODUCTION

Gold production during March, 1955, totalled 372,038 fine ounces compared with 351,583 fine ounces in the previous month and with 369,432 fine ounces in March, 1954. The value of gold production in March, 1955, was \$12,816,709 calculated at the average price paid by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Production in March included 332,511 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 39,527 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers increased 1.2 per cent, and production from base metal mines decreased 3.0 per cent from March, 1954.

Table 1 - Gold Production, by Provinces, 1954 and 1955

Month	Newfoundland and Nova Scotia		Quebec		Ontario		Prairie provinces	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	(Fine ounces)							
January	797	860	63,456	98,947	160,916	202,880(x)	20,734	18,192
February	811	966	68,978	92,722(x)	178,158	198,958(x)	18,964	17,192
March	553	711	96,540	93,058	203,997	208,266	20,406	19,514
Total three months ..	2,161	2,537	228,974	284,727	543,071	610,104	60,104	54,898
April	1,368		95,581		195,582		18,148	
May	852		101,725		212,570		18,592	
June	1,005		95,731		205,075		21,326	
July	919		98,516		198,446		22,571	
August	934		96,939		181,111		21,555	
September	972		91,482		199,746		18,880	
October	1,086		98,267		192,010		20,107	
November	972		99,449		205,812		19,174	
December	870		102,262		210,800		18,461	
Total	11,139		1,108,926		2,344,223		238,918	

	British Columbia		Yukon		Northwest Territories		TOTAL	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	(Fine ounces)							
January	20,504	19,489	32	40	26,625	25,922	293,064	366,330(x)
February	22,198	18,210	70	14	21,538	22,621	310,717	351,583(x)
March	21,826	20,084	32	620	26,078	29,785	369,432	372,038
Total three months ..	64,528	57,783	134	674	74,241	78,328	973,213	1,089,951
April	22,840		579		23,813		357,911	
May	25,466		28		24,397		383,630	
June	24,228		3,884		26,093		377,342	
July	24,433		10,125		25,943		380,953	
August	23,986		19,684		25,292		369,501	
September	24,511		12,803		25,495		373,889	
October	21,199		17,247		29,613		379,529	
November	20,755		13,471		25,773		385,406	
December	19,840		4,414		28,485		385,132	
Total	271,786		82,369		309,145		4,366,506	

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Table 2 - Production of Gold from Auriferous Quartz and Base Metal Mines, 1954 and 1955

Month	Gold production from base metal mines		Gold production from auriferous quartz mines and placer deposits	
	1954	1955	1954	1955
	(Fine ounces)			
January	18,830	48,359(x)	274,234	317,971
February	22,440	43,490(x)	288,277	308,093(x)
March	40,743	39,527	328,689	332,511
Total three months	82,013	131,376	891,200	958,575
April	41,603		316,308	
May	49,786		333,844	
June	50,590		326,752	
July	52,633		328,320	
August	50,133		319,368	
September	47,083		326,806	
October	45,466		334,063	
November	46,963		338,443	
December	45,373		339,759	
Total	511,643		3,854,863	

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Table 3 - Employment in Lode Gold Mines (*), by Provinces, 1954 and 1955

Month	Quebec		Ontario		British Columbia		Other districts and provinces		CANADA	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	(Number)									
January	4,217	4,291	10,408	11,576	1,373	1,333	1,282	1,276	17,280	18,476
February	4,294	...	10,898	...	1,385	...	1,301	...	17,878	...
March	4,308	...	11,202	...	1,397	...	1,310	...	18,217	...
April	4,275		11,423		1,684		1,295		18,677	
May	4,232		11,437		1,828		1,365		18,862	
June	4,334		11,541		1,829		1,367		19,071	
July	4,411		11,603		1,798		1,370		19,182	
August	4,337		11,595		1,796		1,321		19,049	
September	4,278		11,558		1,750		1,324		18,910	
October	4,290		11,552		1,639		1,336		18,817	
November	4,285		11,576		1,541		1,337		18,739	
December	4,238		11,515		1,514		1,319		18,586	

(*) Mines with 15 or more employees.