# DOMINION BUREAU OF STATHSTICS 

OTTAWA - CANADA

## Memorandum

GOLD PRODUCTION

Gold production during February, 1956, totalled 353,230 fine ounces compared 1th 370,950 fine ounces in the previous month and with 350,683 Ine ounces in February, 1955. The value of gold production In February, 1956, was $\$ 12,352,453$ calculated at the average price paid by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Production in February included 306,392 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 46,838 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers decreased 0.3 per cent, and production from base metal mines increased 7.7 per cent from February, 1955.

Table 1 - Gold Production, by Provinces, 1955 and 1956

| Month | Newfoundl and and Nova Scotis |  | Quebec |  | Ontario |  | Prairie provinces |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 |
|  | (Fine ounces) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January . | 860 | $687$ |  | 94,808(x) | 202,880 | 214,114 | $18,192$ | $17,698$ |
| February | 966 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,029 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $92,722$ | 92,687 | 198,958 | 199,283 | $17,192$ | $16,367$ |
| Totsl two months | 1,826 | 1.716 | 191,669 | 187,495 | 401,838 | 413.397 | 35.384 | 34,065 |
| March | 71 |  | 93,058 |  | 208,266 |  | 19,514 |  |
| April ............. | 1,195 |  | 96,874 |  | 207,908 |  | 18,009 |  |
| May .............. | 945 |  | 98,469 |  | 214,180 |  | 17,219 |  |
| June. | 499 |  | 97,933 |  | 209,005 |  | 16,712 |  |
| July | 536 |  | 99,228 |  | 209,066 |  | 18,736 |  |
| August. | 1,080 |  | 97,617 |  | 200,513 |  | 18,683 |  |
| Septomber ... | 943 |  | 96,875 |  | 214,243 |  | 17,979 |  |
| October | 1,120 |  | 95,859 |  | 218,691 |  | 18,498 |  |
| Novenber | 1,175 |  | 98,277 |  | 217,631 217,538 |  | 17,953 18,948 |  |
| December | 899 |  | 94,952 |  | 217,538 |  | 18,948 |  |
| Total | 10,929 |  | 1,160,811 |  | 2,518,879 |  | 217,635 |  |


|  | British Columbia |  | Yukon |  | Northwest Territories |  | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 |
|  | (Fine ounces) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ............... | $19,489$ |  | 40 | $11$ | $25,922$ | 28,068 | 366,330 | $370,950(x)$ |
| Fobruary ............. | $18,210$ | $16,198$ | $14$ | $230$ | $22,621$ | 27,436 | 350,683 | $353,230$ |
| Total two months ... | 37,699 | 31,762 | 54 | 241 | 48,543 | 55,504. | 717,013 | 724,180 |
| March ................ | 20,122 |  | 621 |  | 29,785 |  | 372,077 |  |
| April ................ | 19,124 |  | 2 |  | 26,853 |  | 369,965 |  |
| May .................. | 23,023 |  | - |  | 29,533 |  | 383,369 |  |
| June ................. | 22,356 |  | 3,996 |  | 22,241 |  | 372,742 |  |
| July .................. | 19,412 |  | 9,534 |  | 28,024 |  | 384,536 |  |
| August ............... | 25,983 |  | 15,048 |  | 27,095 |  | 386,019 |  |
| September ............. | 22,124 |  | 15,541 |  | 27,297 |  | 395,002 |  |
| October .............. | 18,816 |  | 14,924 |  | 27,655 |  | 395,563 |  |
| Novamber | 17,057 |  | 10,662 |  | 25,740 |  | 388,495 |  |
| Deceuber .............. | 17,337 |  | 1,823 |  | 28,524 |  | 380,021 |  |
| Total ................ | 243,053 |  | 72,205 |  | 321,290 |  | 4,544,802 |  |

[^0]Table 2 - Production of Gold from Auriferoua Quartz and Base Metal Mines, 1955 and 1956

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Table 3-Employment in Lode Gold Mines (x), by Provinces, 1955 and 1956

| Month | 2uebec |  | Ontario |  | Britiah Columbia |  | Other districta and provinces |  | CANADA |  |
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|  | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 |
|  | (Nusber) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jenuary | 4,291 | 3,895 | 11,576 | 11,215 | 1,333 | 1,080 | 1,276 | 1,269 | 18,476 | 17,459 |
| February | 4,281 | ... | 11,523 | ... | 1,339 | -" | 1,265 | ... | 18,408 |  |
| March | 4,241 |  | 11,533 |  | 1,346 |  | 1,230 |  | 18,350 |  |
| April | 4,24, |  | 11,467 |  | 1,592 |  | 1,245 |  | 18,545 |  |
| May | 4,238 |  | 11,463 |  | 1,709 |  | 1,384 |  | 18,794 |  |
| June | 4,342 |  | 11,555 |  | 1,681 |  | 1,297 |  | 18,874 |  |
| July | 4,325 |  | 11,544 |  | 1,644 |  | 1,288 |  | 18,801 |  |
| August.. | 4,221 |  | 11,328 |  | 1,609 |  | 1,300 |  | 18,458 |  |
| Septewber | 4,172 |  | 11,324 |  | 1,560 |  | 1,440 |  | 18,496 |  |
| October | 4,113 |  | 11,349 |  | 1,448 |  | 1,268 |  | 18,178 |  |
| November | 4,092 |  | 11,328 |  | 1,252 |  | 1,284 |  | 17,956 |  |
| Decenber | 3,850 |  | 11,229 |  | 1,090 |  | 1,267 |  | 17,436 |  |

(5) Hines with 15 or more employees.


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