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## GOLD PRODUCTION

Gold production during March, 1956, totalled 384,508 fine ounces compared with 353,233 fine 0 wes in the previous month and with 372,077 fine ounces in March, 1955. The value of gold production in i. $\quad 1956$, was $\$ 13,438,555$ calculated at the average price paid by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Production in March included 328,318 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mipes and 56,190 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers decfeased-1.3 per cent, and Wuction from base metal mines increased 42.0 per cent from March, $19 \% 5$.

| Month | Newfourdland and Nova Scetia |  | Quetec |  | $0 \mathrm{atar10}$ |  | Prairie provinces |  |
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|  |  |  | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 |
| (Fine ounces) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 860 | 687 | 98,947 | 94,808 | 202,880 | 214,114. | 18,192 | 17,698 |
| February | 966 | 1,029 | 92,722 | 92,687 | 198,958 | 199,286* | 17,192 | 16,367 |
| March . | 711 | 1.431 | 93,058 | 97,798 | 208,266 | 223,033 | 19,514 | 17,815 |
| Total three months | 2,537 | 3,147 | 284,727 | 285,293 | 610,104 | 636,433 | 54,898 | 51,880 |
| 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 |  |
| Septamber | 943 |  | 96,875 |  | 214,243 |  | 17,979 |  |
| October. | 1,120 |  | 95,859 |  | 218,691 |  | 18,498 |  |
| November | 1,175 |  | 98,277 |  | 217,631 |  | $17,953$ |  |
| December | 899 |  | 94,952 |  | 217,538 |  | 18,948 |  |
| Total | 10,929 |  | ,160,811 |  | 2,518,879 |  | 217,635 |  |


|  | Bxitish Columbla |  | Yukon |  | Northwest Territories |  | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 |
|  | (Fine ounces) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ................ | 19,489 | 15,564 | 40 | 11 | 25,922 | 28,068 | 366,330 | 370,950 |
| February ............... | 18,210 | 16,198 | 14 | 230 | 22,621 | 27,436 | 350,683 | 353,233* |
| March .................. | 20,122 | 15,237 | 621 | - | 29,785 | 29,176 | 372,077 | 384,508 |
| Total three months .. | 57,821 | 46,999 | 675 | 241 | 78,328 | 84,680 | 1,089,090 | 1,108,691 |
| 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 |  |
| November ................ | 17,057 |  | 10,662 |  | 25,740 |  | 388,495 |  |
| December . ............... | 17,337 |  | 1,823 |  | 28,524 |  | 380,021 |  |
| Total .................. | 243,053 |  | 72,205 |  | 321,290 |  | 4,544,802 |  |

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Table 2 - Production of Cold Prom Auriferous Suartz and Base Metal Mines, 1955 and 1956
Gold production from

| Month | Gold production from base metal mines |  | Gold production Prom auriferous quartz mines$\qquad$ and placer deposits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 |
|  | (Fine ounces) |  |  |  |
| January | 48,359 | 43,246 | 317,971 | 327,704 |
| February | 43,490 | 46,841* | 307,193 | 306,392 |
| March ... | 39,565 | 56,190 | 332,512 | 328,318 |
| Total three months ..... | 131,424 | 146,277 | 957,676 | 962,414 |
| April .................. | 47,722 |  | 322,243 |  |
| May . ....................... | 48,566 |  | 334,803 |  |
| June | 50,712 |  | 322,030 |  |
| July ....................... | 50,876 |  | 333,660 |  |
| August | 55,711 |  | 330,308 |  |
| September | 54,396 |  | 340,606 |  |
| October | 48,738 |  | 346,825 |  |
| November | 49,068 |  | $339,427$ |  |
| Decemter | 51,775 |  | 322,246 |  |
| Total ................ | 588,978 |  | 3,955,824 |  |

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

| Month | 2uebec |  | 0 Otar10 |  | Eritish Columbis |  | Other districts and proyinces |  | $C A N A D A$ |  |
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|  | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 |
|  | (Number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 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. | 4,241 |  | 11,467 |  | 1,592 |  | 1,245 |  | 18,545 |  |
| May .... | 4,238 |  | 11,463 |  | 1,709 |  | 1,384 |  | 18,794 |  |
| June | 4,341 |  | 11,555 |  | 1,681 |  | 1,297 |  | 18,974 |  |
| July | 4,325 |  | 11,544 |  | 1,644 |  | 1,288 |  | 18,901 |  |
| Hugust | 4,221 |  | 11,328 |  | 1,609 |  | 1,300 |  | 18,458 |  |
| September | 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 |  |
| Deceubber | 3,850 |  | 11,229 |  | 1,090 |  | 1,267 |  | 17,436 |  |

(x) Mines with 15 or more employees.

