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## GOLD 2 RODUCTION

Gold production during Apri1, 1956, totalled 368,502 f1ne ounces compared with 384,508 I1ne ounces in the previous month and with 384,508 fine ounces in Aprile 1955. The velue of gold production in April, 1956, was $\$ 12,857,035$ calculated at the average price paid by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Production in April included 320,486 fine ounces from surifercus quartz mines and 48,016 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous nines and placers decreaeed 0.5 per cent, and production from base netsl mines increased 0.6 per cent from April, 1955.

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

| Month | Nowfoundland and Nove Scotis |  | Quebec |  | $0 \mathrm{ntar10}$ |  | Prairie provinces |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 |
|  | (Fine ounces) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jenuary. | 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. | 713 | 1,481 | 93,058 | 87,798 | 208,288 | 223,093 | 19,514 | 17.833 |
| April | 1.185 | 678 | 96.874 | 89.429 | 207.908 | 218,869 | 18.009 |  |
| Potal four monthe | 3,732 | 3,B85 | 381,601 | 374,736 | 818,012 | 855,302 | 72,907 | 69,220 |
| Hay | 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 |  |
| September | 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 |  |
| Totsl | 10,929 |  | 1,160,811 |  | 2,518,879 |  | 217,635 |  |


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| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 |
|  | (Fine ounces) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jenuary | 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土 |
| March .. | 20,122 | 15,237 | 621 | - | 29,785 | 29,176 | 372,077 | 384,508 |
| April | 19.124 | 14,434 | 2 | 107 | 26,853 | 27,649 | 369.965 | 368.50\% |
| Total four monthe ... | 76,845 | 61,433 | 677 | 348 | 105,181 | 112,329 | 1,459,055 | 1,477,193 |
| May | 23,023 |  | - |  | 29,533 |  | 383,369 |  |
| June | 22,356 |  | 3,998 |  | 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 Gold from Auriferous Quarts and Base Metal Minos, 1955 and 1956
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| Month | Gold production from base petal mipes |  | Gold production from auriforous quarts ninnes and placer deposits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (Fine ounces) |  |  |  |
| January <br> February $\qquad$ <br> March $\qquad$ <br> April | $\begin{array}{r} 48,359 \\ 43,490 \\ 39,565 \\ 47,722 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43,246 \\ & 46,841 \\ & 56,190 \\ & 48,016 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 317,971 \\ & 307,193 \\ & 332,512 \\ & 322.243 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 327,704 \\ & 306,392 \\ & 328,318 \\ & 320,486 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
| Total four monthe | 179,136 | 194,293 | 1,279,918 | 1,282,900 |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 48,586 \\ & 50,712 \\ & 50,876 \\ & 55,711 \\ & 54,396 \\ & 48,738 \\ & 49,068 \\ & 51,775 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 334,803 \\ & 322,030 \\ & 333,660 \\ & 330,308 \\ & 340,806 \\ & 346,825 \\ & 339,427 \\ & 328,246 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Total .................. | 588,978 |  | 3,955,824 |  |

Table 3 - Employment in Lode Gold Mnes (x), by Profinces, 1955 and 1956

| 3onth | Quebec |  | Onta=10 |  | Britiah Columbia |  | Other districta anc provinces |  | CANADA |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1956 | 1955 | 1958 |
|  | (Number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ........ | 4,291 | 3,895 | 11,576 | 11,215 | 1,333 | 1,080 | 1,276 | 1,269 | 18,476 |  |
| Fobruary ....... | 4,281 | 3,877 | 11,523 | 11,238 | 1,339 | 1,112 | 1,265 | 1,251 | 18,408 | 17,378 |
| March.......... | 4,241 | 3,845 | 11,533 | 11,225 | 1,346 | 1,108 | 1,230 | 1,290 | [18,350 | 17,468 |
| 4pril .......... | 4,241 | ... | 11,467 | -.. | 1,592 |  | 1,245 | 1,200 | 18,545 | 17, |
| May ............ | 4,238 |  | 11,463 | *. | 1,709 | ... | 1,384 |  | 18,794 |  |
| June ....... | 4,341 |  | 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 |  |
| Septomber ....... | 4,172 |  | 11,324 |  | 1,560 |  | 1,440 |  | 18,496 |  |
| October | 4,113 |  | 11,349 |  | 1,448 |  | 1,268 |  | 18,178 |  |
| November. | 1,092 |  | 11,328 |  | 1,252 |  | 1,284 |  | 17,956 |  |
| December ....... | 3,850 |  | 12,229 |  | 1,090 |  | 1,267 |  | 17,436 |  |

(x) Kde with 15 or more aployes.

