
Memorandum

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## GOLD PRODUCTION

Gold production during January, 1957, totalled 359,025 fine ounces compared with 365,412 fine ounces in the previous month and with 370,950 fine ounces in January, 1956. The value of gold production In January, 1957, was $\$ 12,070,421$ calculated at the average price paid by the Royal Camadian Mint.

Production in January included 309,023 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 50,002 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers decreased 3.1 per cent, and production from bese metal mines decreased 3.8 per cent from January, 1956.

Table 1 - Gold Production, by Provinces, 2956 and 1957

| Month | Newfoundland and Nova Scotia |  | ¢ u ebec |  | Ontar10 |  | Prairie provinces |  |
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|  | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 |
|  | (Fine ounces) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 687 | 822 | 94,808 | 83,144 | 214,114 | 213,937 | 17,698 | 15,715 |
| Fobruary | 1,029 |  | 92,687 |  | 199,286 |  | 16,367 |  |
| March | 1,431 |  | 97,798 |  | 223,033 |  | 17,833 |  |
| April | 678 |  | 89,431 |  | 218,867 |  | 17,322 |  |
| May | 949 |  | 88,581 |  | 224,860 |  | 16,999 |  |
| June | 742 |  | 92,534 |  | 216,477 |  | 15,084 |  |
| July | 961 |  | 87,687 |  | 194,104 |  | 17,062 |  |
| August | 768 |  | 82,251 |  | 185,978 |  | 17,881 |  |
| September | 756 |  | 78,857 |  | 196,470 |  | 25,990 |  |
| October | 764 |  | 74,751 |  | 216,885 |  | 17,366 |  |
| November | 884 |  | 81,604 |  | 210,911 |  | 17,536 |  |
| Decomber | 771 |  | 83.287 |  | 217.079 |  | 17.873 |  |
| Total | 10,420 |  | 1,044,276 |  | 2,518,044 |  | 205,011 |  |



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Table 2 - Production of Gold from Aurdferous fuartz and Base Motal Mines, 1956 and 1957


Table 3 - Employment in Lode Gold Mines (x), by Propinces, 1956 and 1957

| Month | $\frac{\mathrm{Qu}}{1956 \text { bec }}$ |  | Ontax 10 |  | British Columbis |  | Other districts and provincos |  | CANADA |  |
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|  | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 |
|  | (Number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January .......... | 3,895 | -.. | 11,215 | -•• | 1,080 |  | 1,269 | ** | 17,459 | ... |
| February ......... | 3,877 |  | 11,138 |  | 1,112 |  | 1,251 |  | 17,378 |  |
| March .......... | 3,845 |  | 11,225 |  | 1,108 |  | 1,290 |  | 17,468 |  |
| April .- | 3,807 |  | 11,163 |  | 1,323 |  | 1,261 |  | 17,554 |  |
| May .... | 3,693 |  | 11,209 |  | 1,402 |  | 1,256 |  | 17,560 |  |
| June | 3,694 |  | 11,297 |  | 1,385 |  | 1,251 |  | 17,627 |  |
| July .............. | 3,527 |  | 11,477 |  | 1,387 |  | 1,290 |  | $17,681$ |  |
| August............. | 3,506 |  | 11,203 |  | 1,340 |  | 1,304 |  | 17,353 |  |
| September ......... | 3,423 |  | 11,085 |  | 1,300 |  | 1,251 |  | 17,059 |  |
| October .. | 3,405 |  | 11,111 |  | 1,279 |  | 1,264 |  | 17,059 |  |
| November .......... | 3,442 |  | 11,315 |  | 1,234 |  | 1,298 |  | 17,289 |  |
| December ......... | 3,406 |  | 11,401 |  | 1,059 |  | 1,285 |  | 17,151 |  |

(x) Mines with 15 or more employees.

