Memorandum

## GOLD PRODUCTION

Gold production during Februery, 1957, totalled 343,222 fine ounces compared with 359,025 fine ounces in the previous month and with 353,233 fine ounces in February, 1956. The value of gold production in February, 1957, was $\$ 11,511,666$ calculated at the verage price paid ty the Royal Canadiun Mint.

Production in February included 295,006 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 48,216 fine ounces irom base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers decreased 3.3 per cent, and production from base metal mines decreased 0.1 per cent from February, 1956.

Table 1 - Gold Production. by Provinces, 1956 and 1957

| Month | Newfoundland and Nova Scotia |  | yueboc |  | Ont旦r10 |  | Prairie provinces |  |
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|  | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 |
|  | (Fine ounces) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 687 | 82.2 | 94,808 | 83,144 | 214,114 | 213,937 | 17,698 | 15,715 |
| February | 1.029 | 792 | 92,687 | 79,562 | 199,286 | 201,397 | 16.367 | 15,235 |
| Total two monthe | 1.716 | 1.614 | 187.4.95 | 162.706 | 423,400 | 415.334 | 34,065 | 30.950 |
| 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 |  |
| Septamber | 756 |  | 78,85? |  | 19,470 |  | 15,990 |  |
| October | 764 |  | 74,751 |  | 216,865 |  | 17,366 |  |
| November | 884 |  | 81,604 |  | 210,911 |  | 17,536 |  |
| Decomber | 771 |  | 83,287 |  | 217,079 |  | 17,873 |  |
| Totel | 10,420 |  | 1,044,276 |  | 2,518,044 |  | 205,011 |  |


|  | $\frac{\text { British Columbia }}{1956} 1957$ |  | Yukon |  | Northwest Territories |  | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | $195 ?$ |
|  | (Fine ounces) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Janusry | 15,564 | 16,681 | 11 | - | 28,068 | 28,726 | 370,950 | 359,025 |
| February .............. | 16.198 | 18,269 | 230 | - | 27,436 | 27.207 | 353,233 | 343,22? |
| Totel two months .. | 31,762 | 34,950 | 241 | - | 55,504 | 56,693 | 724,183 | 702,247 |
| March | 15,237 |  | 570 |  | 29,176 |  | 385,078 |  |
| April ................. | 14,434 |  | 107 |  | 27,649 |  | 368,488 |  |
| May ................... | 16,261 |  | 291 |  | 27,689 |  | 375,630 |  |
| June ................... | 21,526 |  | 4,237 |  | 30,916 |  | 381,516 |  |
| July | 16,261 |  | 7,044 |  | 29,133 |  | 352,252 |  |
| August | 16,408 |  | 16,158 |  | 33,333 |  | 352,777 |  |
| September | 17,714 |  | 15,548 |  | 27,958 |  | 353,293 |  |
| October | 14,516 |  | 16,011 |  | 28,814 |  | 369,087 |  |
| November | 15,087 |  | 10,921 |  | 31,111 |  | 368,054 |  |
| Decomber | 14,509 |  | 563 |  | 31,330 |  | 365,412 |  |
| Total .......... | 193,715 |  | 71,691 |  | 352,613 |  | 4,395,770 |  |

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Table 2 - Production of Gold from Auriforous suartz and Base Motel Mines, 1956 and 1957

| Month | Gold production from bese metal mines |  | Gold production from muriferous quartz mines and placer deposits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (Fine ounces) |  |  |  |
| January <br> February | $\begin{aligned} & 51,977 \\ & 48,224 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 50,002 \\ & 48,216 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 318,973 \\ & 305,009 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 309,023 \\ & 295,006 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total two months ...... | 100,201 | 98.218 | 623,982 | 604,029 |
| March <br> April <br> May <br> June <br> July <br> August <br> September <br> October $\qquad$ <br> November <br> December | $\begin{aligned} & 56,190 \\ & 49,014 \\ & 50,401 \\ & 57,279 \\ & 55,306 \\ & 54,819 \\ & 46,82.4 \\ & 46,079 \\ & 48,615 \\ & 50,088 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 328,888 \\ & 319,474 \\ & 325,229 \\ & 324,237 \\ & 296,946 \\ & 297,958 \\ & 306,469 \\ & 323,008 \\ & 319,439 \\ & 315,324 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Totel ............ | 614,816 |  | 3,780,954 |  |

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

| Month | $\frac{\text { buGbec }}{1956 \quad 2957}$ |  | 0 ¢tasio |  | British <br> Columbia |  | Other districts and provinces |  | CANA DA |  |
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|  |  |  | 1956 |  | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 |
|  | (Number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 3,895 | . $\cdot$ | 11,215 | *. | 1,080 | -.. | 1,269 | -.. | 17,459 |  |
| Februmy | 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 |  |
| Mey .... | 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.

