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## GOLD PRODUCTIOR

Gold production during May, 1957, totalled 374,974 fine ounces compered with 369,071 Fino ounces in the previous month and with 375,630 11no ounces in May, 1956. The valuo of gold production in May, 1957, was \$12,542,880 calculatod at the average price paid by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Production in May included 331,305 P1ne ounces Prom auriferous quartz mines and 43,669 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriforous mines and placers increased 1.9 per cent, and production from base metal mines decreased 13.3 per cent from May, 1956.

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

| Month | Now oundland and Nowa Scotia |  | $4 u$-bec |  | $0 \mathrm{ntar10}$ |  | Prairle provinces |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 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 |
| Februery | 1,029 | 792 | 92,687 | 79,562 | 199,288 | 201,397 | 16,367 | 15,235 |
| March. | 1,431 | 832 | 97,798 | 90,393 | 223,033 | 218,947 | 17,833 | 16,811 |
| April | 678 | 802 | 89,431 | 83,210 | 218,887 | 220,985 | 17,322 | 15,764 |
| May . | 949 | 892 | 88,581 | 86,352 | 224,860 | 223,462 | 16,999 | 14,928 |
| Total five months | 4,774 | 4, 140 | 463,305 | 422,661 | 1,080,160 | 1,078,628 | 86,219 | 78,453 |
| Juno | 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 |  | 15,990 |  |
| October . | 764 |  | 74,751 |  | 216,865 |  | 17,366 |  |
| November | 884 |  | 81,604 |  | 210,911 |  | 17,536 |  |
| December | 771 |  | 83,287 |  | 217,079 |  | 17,873 |  |
| Total | 10,420 |  | 1,044,276 |  | 2,518,044 |  | 205,011 |  |


|  | British Columbia |  | Yukon |  | Nor thwest Torrítories |  | TOTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 |
|  | (Fine ounces) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jenuary | 15,564 | 16,719 | 11 | - | 28,068 | 28,726 | 370,950 | 359,063 |
| February | 16,198 | 18,307 | 230 | - | 27,436 | 27,967 | 353,233 | 343,260 |
| March .. | 15,237 | 20,253 | 570 | - | 29,176 | 29,044 | 385,078 | 376,180 |
| April | 14,434 | 19,160 | 107 | - | 27,649 | 29,150 | 368,488 | 369,071 |
| May . | 16,261 | 19,452 | 291 | - | 27,689 | 29,888 | 375,630 | 374,974 |
| Total f1ve months | 77,694 | 93,891 | 1,209 | - | 140,018 | 144,775 | 1,853,379 | 1,822,548 |
| June | 21,526 |  | 4,237 |  | 30,916 |  | 381,516 |  |
| July | 16,261 |  | 7,044 |  | 29,133 |  | 352,252 |  |
| Augrest | 16,408 |  | 16,158 |  | 33,333 |  | 352,777 |  |
| Septomber | 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 - Froduction of Gold from Auriforous Quartz and Base Motal Mines, 1956 and 1957


Table 3-Employment in Lade Gold Minos ( $x$ ), by Provinces, 1956 and 1957

| Month | Quebec |  | Ontaxio |  | British Columbia |  | Other districts and prooinces |  | CANADA |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 | 1956 | 1957 |
|  | (Number) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 3,895 | 3,417 | 11,215 | 11,661 | 1,080 |  |  |  |  |  |
| February | 3,877 | 3,468 | 11,138 | 11,611 | 1,112 | 1,011 | $1,251$ | $1,271$ | $17,378$ | $17,361$ |
| March | 3,845 | 3,445 | 11,225 | 11,646 | 1,108 | 1,029 | 1,290 | 1,286 | 17,468 | 17,406 |
| Mapril | 3,807 | ... | 11,163 |  | 1,323 |  | 1,261 | 1, | 17,554 |  |
| May | 3,693 |  | 11,209 |  | 1,402 |  | 1,256 |  | 17,580 | ... |
| July | 3,694 3,527 |  | 11,297 |  | 1,385 |  | 1,251 |  | 17,627 |  |
| August | 3,506 |  | 11,203 |  | 1,387 |  | 1,290 |  | 17,681 |  |
| Soptomber | 3,423 |  | 11,085 |  | 1,340 |  | 1,304 1,251 |  | 17,353 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 ar more employees.

