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## GOLD PRODUCTION

Gold production during February, 1950, totalled 358, 082 fine ounces compared with 376,086 fine ounces in the previous month and with 358,435 fine ounces in February, 1958. The value of gold production in February, 1959, was $\$ 12,217,758$ calculated at the average price peld by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Production in February included 310,793 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 47,289 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers decreased 0.1 per cent and production from base metal mines increased 0.2 per cent from Fobruary, 2958.

Table 1-Gold Production, by Provinces, 1958 and 1959

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Table 2 - Production of Gold from Auriferous wurtz and Base Metal Mines, 1958 and 1959

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Table 3 - Employment in Lode Gold Mines ( $x$ ), by Provinces, 1958 and 1959

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|  | 1958 | 1959 | 1958 | 1959 | 1958 | 1959 | 1958 | 1959 | 1958 | 1959 |
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| January | 3,200 | 3,198 | 11,746 | 21,588 | 904 | 849 | 1,149 | 889 | 16,999 | 16,524 |
| February | 3,165 |  | 11,718 | 21,588 | 945 |  | 1,117 | ... | 16,945 | , |
| March | 3,134 |  | 11,663 |  | 902 |  | 1,126 |  | 16,825 |  |
| April | 3,125 |  | 11,623 |  | 1,142 |  | 1,055 |  | 16,945 |  |
| May . | 3,154 |  | 11,696 |  | 1,219 |  | 1,052 |  | 17,121 |  |
| June | 3,136 |  | 11,883 |  | 1,220 |  | 1,051 |  | 17,290 |  |
| July | 3,131 |  | 11,998 |  | 1,239 |  | 1,040 |  | 17,408 |  |
| August ... | 3,179 |  | 11,845 |  | 1,202 |  | 978 |  | 17,304 |  |
| September | 3,374 |  | 11,790 |  | 1,177 |  | 965 |  | 17,306 |  |
| October. | 3,372 |  | 11,668 |  | 1,132 |  | 929 |  | 17,101 |  |
| November | 3,307 |  | 11,653 |  | 1,060 |  | 905 |  | 16,925 |  |
| December | 3,242 |  | 11,598 |  | 881 |  | 878 |  | 16,599 |  |

(x) Mines with 15 or more employees.

