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## GOLD PRODUCTION

Gold production during May, 1961, totalled 384,776 fine ounces compared with 375,037 fine ounces in the previous month and with 378,128 fine ounces in May, 1960. The value of gold production in May, 1961, was 13,297,859 calculated at the average price paid by the Royal Canadian Mint.

Production in May included 331,876 fine ounces from auriferous quartz mines and 52,900 fine ounces from base metal mines. Output from auriferous mines and placers decreased 1.6 per cent and production from base metal mines increased 18.7 per cent from May, 1960.

TABLE 1. Gold Production, by Provinces, 1960 and 1961

| Month | Newfoundland and Nova Scotis |  | $\frac{\text { Que e e c }}{1960} \frac{1961}{}$ |  | Ontar10 |  | Prairie Provinces |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1960 | 1961 |  |  | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 |
| (Fine Ounces) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ........ | 1,067 | - | 83,721 | 88,091 | 230,002 | 232,000 | 11,690 | 10,917 |
| February ....... | 694 | - | 82,971 | 85,018 | 228,610 | 219,623 | 10,416 | 10,572 |
| March ........... | 851 | - | 89,618 | 93,279 | 234,757 | 238,492 | 11,467 | 11,803 |
| April .......... | 678 | - | 76,305 | 90,990 | 223,634 | 230,115 | 11,697 | 11,806 |
| Kiy . ........... | 886 | - | 86,430 | 91,714 | 227,486 | 238,761 | 11,171 | 10,971 |
| Total five months | 4,176 | - | 419,045 | 449,092 | 1,144,489 | 1,158,991 | 56,441 | 56,069 |
| June ........... | 1,231 |  | 88,135 |  | 229,721 |  | 12,347 |  |
| July ............ | 1,985 |  | 83,799 |  | 227,461 |  | 12,225 |  |
| August ......... | 1,486 |  | 87,708 |  | 206,822 |  | 13,059 |  |
| September . ...... | . 756 |  | 82,335 |  | 212,798 |  | 11,060 |  |
| October ........ | 1,683 |  | 84,603 |  | 234,686 |  | 10,933 |  |
| November . . ...... | 1,785 |  | 85,671 |  | 232,155 |  | 11,719 |  |
| December ....... | 439 |  | 91,714 |  | 235,671 |  | 12,484 |  |
| Totals ..... | 13,541 |  | 1,023,010 |  | 2,723,803 |  | 140,268 |  |
|  | British Columbia |  | Y $\mathrm{u} k$ ¢ n |  | Northwest Territories |  | TOTAL |  |
|  | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 |
|  |  |  | (Fine Ounces) |  |  |  |  |  |
| January ........ | 15,654 | 12,183 | 23 | 27 | 34,916 | 35,067 | 377,073 | 378,285 |
| February | 16,672 | 12,468 | 53 | - | 32,248 | 32,154 |  |  |
| March | 16,560 | 14,296 | 234 | 648 | 35,544 | 34,246 | $389,031$ | $392,764$ |
| April ........... | 16,426 | 12,347 | 735 | 6 | 36,355 | 29,773 | 365,830 | $375,037$ |
| May ............ | 18,023 | 12,256 | - | 300 | 34,132 | 30,774 | 378,128 | 384,776 |
| Total five months | 83,335 | 63,550 | 1,045 | 981 | 173,195 | 162,014 | 1,881,726 | 1,890,697 |
|  | 17,692 |  | 7,437 | 30,519 |  |  | 387,082 |  |
| July ............ | 20,759 |  | 11,262 |  | 38,055 |  | 394,487 |  |
| August .......... |  |  | 15,225 |  | 35,874 |  | 380,933 |  |
| September ...... | 17,003 |  | 10,455 |  | 34,310 |  | 368,717 |  |
| October ........ | 16,568 |  | 19,243 |  | 35,763 |  | 403,479 |  |
| November . . . . . . | 16,973 |  | 10,104 |  | 33,808 |  | $392,215$ |  |
| December ....... | 15,162 |  | 3,344 |  | 34,967 |  | 393,781 |  |
| Totals ..... 207,192 |  |  | 78,115 |  | 416,491 |  | 4,602,420 |  |

TABLE 2. Production of Gold from Auriferous $\downarrow u a r t z$ and Base Metal Mines, 1960 and 1961

| Month | Gold production from base metal mines |  | Gold production from auriferous quartz mines and placer deposits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 |
|  | (Fine Ounces) |  |  |  |
| January | 48,368 | 49,467 | 328,705 | 328,818 |
| February | 49,410 | 49,834 | 322,254 | 310,001 |
| March. | 51,019 | 51,816 | 338,012 | 340,948 |
| April | 49,056 | 50,875 | 316,774 | 324,162 |
| May | 44,567 | 52,900 | 333,561 | 331,876 |
| Total five months | 24,2,420 | 254,892 | 1,639,306 | 1,635,805 |
| June | 52,924 |  | 334,158 |  |
| July | 52,121 |  | 342,366 |  |
| August | 54,631 |  | 326,302 |  |
| September | 49,934 |  | 318,783 |  |
| October .... | 50,847 |  | 352,632 |  |
| November | 49,733 |  | 342,482 |  |
| December | 52,983 |  | 340,798 |  |
| Totals | 605,593 |  | 3,996,827 |  |

TABLE 3. Employment in Lode Gold Mines (1), by Provinces, 1960 and 1961 (Number of persons)

| Month | Juebec |  | Ontario |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { British } \\ \text { Columbia } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | Other districts and provinces |  | CANADA |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 |
| January | 3,044 | 3,020 | 11,853 | 11,582 | 787 | 585 | 972 | 969 | 16,656 | 16,156 |
| February | 3,034 | 3,017 | 11,805 | 11,485 | 740 | 565 | 970 | 951 | 16,549 | 16,018 |
| March | 2,974 | 3,020 | 11,836 | 11,419 | 747 | 567 | 978 | 970 | 16,535 | 15,976 |
| April | 2,943 | 3,001 | 11,697 | 11,344 | 937 | 730 | 958 | 1,021 | 16,335 | 16,096 |
| May | 2,965 | , | 11,860 |  | 1,034 |  | 996 |  | 16,855 | 16,076 |
| June | 3,025 |  | 12,107 |  | 1,040 |  | 995 |  | 17,167 |  |
| July. | 3,026 |  | 11,960 |  | 1998 |  | 978 |  | 16,962 |  |
| August .. | 3,088 |  | 12,009 |  | 955 |  | 1,005 |  | 17,057 |  |
| September | 3,075 |  | 11,815 |  | 840 |  | 982 |  | 16,712 |  |
| October . | 3,034 |  | 11,743 |  | 821 |  | 989 |  | 16,587 |  |
| November | 3,031 |  | 11,652 |  | 739 |  | 992 |  | 16,414 |  |
| December | 3,002 |  | 11,588 |  | 599 |  | 968 |  | 16,157 |  |

1 Mines with 15 or more employees.
.. Not available

