

Gold.—Gold is no longer the leading mineral in total value of production. It was surpassed in 1953 by petroleum, nickel and copper. Production of gold was reduced in that year by the strike action in the Porcupine district of Ontario and in the Noranda area of Quebec. The output of 4,061,000 oz. t. was a decline of 9 p.c. from 1952 and was the lowest figure reported since 1948. The gold mines received a slightly higher price for their product in 1953 but because of the smaller average premium on the Canadian dollar and the choice of selling in the open market the industry was still depressed by high operating costs and narrow profit margins. Production was lower in every province except Nova Scotia and in the Northwest Territories there was an increase of 18 p.c.

9.—Quantity and Value of Gold Produced, by Province, 1944-53

NOTE.—Values are calculated at world prices in Canadian funds. Figures for 1862-1910 are given in the 1916-17 Year Book, pp. 263-269; for 1911-28 in the 1939 edition, pp. 336-337; and for 1929-43 in the 1946 edition, p. 332.

Year	Newfoundland		Nova Scotia		Quebec		Ontario	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	oz. t.	\$	oz. t.	\$	oz. t.	\$	oz. t.	\$
1944.....	...	...	5,840	224,840	746,784	28,751,184	1,731,836	66,675,686
1945.....	...	...	3,291	126,704	661,608	25,471,908	1,625,368	62,576,668
1946.....	...	...	4,321	158,797	618,339	22,723,958	1,813,333	66,639,988
1947.....	...	...	1,271	44,485	598,127	20,934,445	1,944,819	68,068,665
1948.....	...	...	188	6,580	770,625	26,971,875	2,095,377	73,338,195
1949.....	9,269	333,684	64	2,304	964,184	34,710,624	2,354,509	84,762,324
1950.....	9,254	352,115	65	2,473	1,094,645	41,651,242	2,481,110	94,406,236
1951.....	8,515	313,778	17	626	1,067,306	39,330,226	2,462,979	90,760,776
1952.....	8,595	294,551	1,433	49,109	1,113,204	38,149,501	2,513,691	86,144,190
1953 ^p	7,575	259,806	3,402	117,130	1,018,575	35,069,537	2,182,544	75,144,989

Year	Manitoba		Saskatchewan		Alberta		British Columbia	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	oz. t.	\$	oz. t.	\$	oz. t.	\$	oz. t.	\$
1944.....	74,168	2,855,468	122,782	4,727,107	51	1,963	196,857	7,578,994
1945.....	70,655	2,720,218	108,568	4,179,868	7	269	186,854	7,193,879
1946.....	79,402	2,918,024	112,101	4,119,712	110	4,042	136,242	5,006,893
1947.....	72,906	2,551,710	93,747	3,281,145	78	2,730	249,011	8,715,385
1948.....	106,176	3,716,160	87,927	3,077,445	78	2,730	306,998	10,744,930
1949.....	137,399	4,946,364	94,208	3,391,488	115	4,140	304,307	10,955,052
1950.....	191,725	7,295,136	79,784	3,035,781	152	5,784	290,490	11,053,144
1951.....	163,914	6,040,231	110,216	4,061,460	97	3,574	289,992	10,686,205
1952.....	141,947	4,864,524	93,585	3,207,158	111	3,804	273,059	9,357,732
1953 ^p	132,500	4,561,975	87,150	3,000,575	55	1,894	267,000	9,192,810

Year	Northwest Territories		Yukon Territory		Canada	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	oz. t.	\$	oz. t.	\$	oz. t.	\$
1944.....	20,775	799,838	23,818	916,993	2,922,911	112,532,073
1945.....	8,655	333,218	31,721	1,221,258	2,696,727	103,823,990
1946.....	23,420	860,685	45,286	1,664,260	2,832,554	104,096,359
1947.....	62,517	2,188,095	47,745	1,671,075	3,070,221	107,457,735
1948.....	101,625	3,556,875	60,614	2,121,490	3,529,608	123,536,280
1949.....	177,493	6,389,748	81,970	2,950,920	4,123,518	143,446,648
1950.....	200,663	7,635,227	93,339	3,551,549	4,441,227	168,988,687
1951.....	212,211	7,819,975	77,504	2,856,022	4,392,751	161,872,873
1952.....	247,581	8,484,601	78,519	2,690,846	4,471,725	153,246,016
1953 ^p	292,741	10,079,073	69,663	2,398,497	4,061,205	139,826,286