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GOLD MINING INDUSTRY : AUGUST, 1942.

PRODUCTION.

The production of gold during the month of August, 1942, amounted to 87,108 fine ounces, valued in Australian Currency at £A.910,279 or £stg.726,768. Compared with the production of August, 1941, it shows a decreased output of 41,275 ounces.

The following table shows the quantity and value (in Australian and British Currency) of the gold produced in each of the main gold-producing States during the months of August, 1941 and 1942.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA : AUGUST, 1941 AND 1942.

State	August, 1941			August, 1942 (a)		
	Quantity fine ozs.	Value		Quantity fine ozs.	Value	
		£A.	£stg.		£A.	£stg.
New South Wales ..	8,125	86,938	69,411	4,812	50,285	40,148
Victoria ..	10,587	113,281	90,443	7,780	81,301	64,911
Queensland ..	9,661	103,873	82,533	7,915	82,712	66,037
Western Australia ..	96,664	1,034,305	825,789	63,889	667,640	533,044
Other States ..	3,346	35,893	28,585	2,712	28,341	22,628
TOTAL:	128,383	1,373,700	1,095,761	87,108	910,279	726,768

(a) Subject to revision.

In the next table, the total quantity and value of gold produced in Australia during the eight months ended August, 1942, are compared with the total quantity and value for the same period of the previous year.

PRODUCTION OF GOLD IN AUSTRALIA : EIGHT MONTHS ENDED AUGUST, 1941 AND 1942.

State	Eight Months ended August -					
	1941			1942(a)		
	Quantity fine ozs.	Value		Quantity fine ozs.	Value	
		£A.	£stg.		£A.	£stg.
New South Wales ..	56,934	609,194	466,381	50,626	529,226	422,533
Victoria ..	100,271	1,072,901	856,605	75,166	765,751	627,843
Queensland ..	63,915	683,891	543,019	68,769	718,879	573,953
Western Australia ..	716,021	7,661,426	6,116,882	586,556	6,131,835	4,895,656
Other States ..	26,697	285,658	228,071	21,936	229,306	183,080
TOTAL:	963,838	10,313,070	8,233,958	803,053	8,394,997	6,702,565

(a) Subject to revision.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF GOLD

Information as to Imports and Exports of Gold must not be divulged or made available for general information under any circumstances whatsoever.

The following tables show particulars of the Imports and Exports of Gold during the Months of August, 1941 and 1942:-

Particulars	Unit of	August, 1941			August, 1942		
	Quantity	Quantity	£A.	£stg.	Quantity	£A.	£stg.
IMPORTS OF GOLD : AUSTRALIA.							
Gold - Bar, Dust, Ingot and Sheet (a)	fine ozs.	27,942	293,993	234,725	16,409	172,538	137,755
EXPORTS OF GOLD : AUSTRALIA.							
Gold - Bar, Dust, Ingot and Sheet (a)	fine ozs.	187,402	2,005,198	1,604,158	-	-	-

(a) Specie, Nil.

NET EXPORTS OF GOLD IN EXCESS OF NEW PRODUCTION : AUSTRALIA.

Particulars	1941-42	Two Months ended August		Month of August	
		1941	1942	1941	1942
		£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.
Exports of gold, bullion, specie & Matte	7,350,595	2,869,857	-	1,604,158	-
Gold contents of ores, concentrates etc.	67,796	8,765	15,524	1,992	5,410
Total Exports of gold in all forms:	7,418,391	2,878,622	15,524	1,606,150	5,410
Imports of gold, bullion, specie & Matte	2,615,107	578,614	344,876	234,725	137,755
Net Exports of Gold:	4,803,284	2,300,008	7,329,352	1,371,415	4,072,655
Production of gold in all forms	11,751,472	2,146,989	1,630,979	1,096,761	726,768
Net exports in excess of production:	6,948,188	153,019	11,960,331	274,654	3,345,887

* Roughly estimated. * Net Imports. * Production plus Net Imports. * Production in excess of Net Exports.
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