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GOLD MINING INDUSTRY OF AUSTRALIA.

Particulars of the gold mining industry of Australia for the month of November 1936 have been made available by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson).

PRODUCTION.

The production of gold in Australia during the month of November, 1936, amounted to 101,579 fine ounces valued in Australian currency at £2891,916 or 2stg. 713,533. Although this represents a decrease of 3.5 per cent. compared with the production during the previous month it shows an increase of 6,774 fine ounces or 7.1 per cent. on that recorded during the corresponding month of last year.

In the following table details are shown of 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 November, 1935, and 1936:

PRODUCTION OF GOLD - AUSTRALIA - NOVEMBER, 1935 AND 1936.

STATE	November, 1935			November, 1936		
	Quantity fine oss.	Value		Quantity fine oss.	Value	
		£A.	2stg.		£A.	2stg.
New South Wales..	4,656	40,601	32,481	6,151	54,009	43,207
Victoria ..	8,689	75,769	60,815	11,186	98,219	78,575
Queensland ..	11,261	98,198	78,558	9,657	84,793	67,335
Western Australia	68,023	593,171	474,536	72,066	632,777	506,221
Other States ..	2,176	18,975	15,180	2,519	22,118	17,695
TOTAL:	94,805	826,714	661,370	101,579	891,916	713,533

In the next table the quantity and value of gold produced in Australia during the eleven months ended November, 1936, are compared with the quantity and value for the corresponding period of last year. Comparison between the two periods is affected, however, by the industrial dispute which occurred on the gold fields of Western Australia during February and March, 1935:

Eleven months ended November	Production in fine ounces	Value	
		£A.	2stg.
1935	814,365	7,134,368	5,707,492
1936	1,044,225	9,030,056	7,224,046
Increase:	229,860	1,895,691	1,516,554

The production of gold in Australia declined without interruption from a maximum output of 3,898,000 fine ounces in 1903 to 427,000 fine ounces in 1929. In 1930, due mainly to the increased production of Western Australia, the output increased to 468,000 fine ounces. Following the heavy depreciation of Australian currency in terms of gold which occurred in 1930 and 1931, the production of gold increased during 1931 to 595,000 fine ounces. The extent of the expansion during the years following is shown in the next table:

PRODUCTION OF GOLD - AUSTRALIA

MONTH	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936(a)
	fine ounces	fine ounces	fine ounces	fine ounces	fine ounces
January..	50,674	55,613	68,487	68,594	78,693
February..	52,195	58,314	65,700	(b)42,063	81,581
March ..	55,469	62,242	69,868	(b)42,923	84,126
April ..	57,134	74,908	74,775	77,116	92,283
May ..	60,494	66,281	71,749	74,554	89,991
June ..	57,490	70,627	79,235	81,644	101,861
July ..	61,041	69,855	75,225	77,497	105,345
August ..	59,910	70,744	76,362	83,536	100,438
September	63,370	78,110	76,536	86,364	103,062
October..	59,536	71,869	72,090	85,269	105,266
November.	67,279	74,987	77,711	94,805	101,579
December;	69,290	76,782	79,752	100,372	
TOTAL:	713,882	830,332	887,490	914,737	

(a) Subject to revision. (b) Industrial dispute, Western Australia.

TRADE.

The following tables show particulars of the imports and exports of gold during the months of November, 1935, and 1936 and during the eleven months ended November, 1935 and 1936.

IMPORTS OF GOLD.

Country of Origin	November, 1935			November, 1936		
	Sovs.	Estg.	£A.	Sovs.	Estg.	£A.
GOLD SPRUE.						
United Kingdom ..	300	499	525	23½	40	50
Re-Imported ..	-	-	-	14	23	29
Importing State:						
New South Wales ..	300	499	625	37½	63	79
TOTAL:	300	499	625	37½	63	79
TOTAL IMPORTS:	11 Months ended November, 1935			11 Months ended November, 1936		
	763	1,245	1,559	37½	63	79
GOLD - BAR, DUST, INGOT AND SHEET.						
	fine oz.	Estg.	£A.	fine oz.	Estg.	£A.
Fiji ..	957	6,762	8,469	284	2,023	2,534
Malaya (British) ..	-	-	-	99	706	884
New Zealand ..	2,858	20,191	25,289	2,319	16,497	20,662
Papua ..	310	2,187	2,739	115	818	1,025
Solomon Islands ..	7	46	58	-	-	-
Territory of New Guinea.	20,387	144,021	180,387	19,856	141,242	176,906
United States of America	-	-	-	10	71	89
Importing State:						
New South Wales ..	22,290	157,464	197,224	18,078	128,597	161,068
Victoria ..	2,229	15,743	19,718	4,605	32,760	41,032
TOTAL:	24,519	173,207	216,942	22,683	161,357	202,100
TOTAL IMPORTS:	11 Months ended November, 1935			11 Months ended November, 1936		
	223,765	1,590,742	1,992,404	237,276	1,661,328	2,080,813

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EXPORTS OF GOLD.

Country of Destination	November, 1935			November, 1936		
	Sovs.	£A.	Estg.	Sovs.	£A.	Estg.
GOLD SPECIE.						
United Kingdom ..	1,673	3,434	2,748	120	248	198
France ..	112	230	184	-	-	-
United States of America	121,690	249,817	199,802	-	-	-
<u>Exporting State:</u>						
New South Wales ..	121,802	250,047	199,986	-	-	-
Victoria ..	1,673	3,434	2,748	120	248	198
TOTAL:	123,475	253,481	202,734	120	248	198
TOTAL EXPORTS:	11 Months ended November, 1935			11 Months ended November, 1936		
	268,097	(a)551,445	(a)502,507	92,607	(a)192,431	(a)153,944

(a) Includes value of gold coin other than sovereigns.

GOLD - BAR, DUST, INGOT AND SHEET.

	fine oz.	£A.	Estg.	fine oz.	£A.	Estg.
United Kingdom ..	53,051	462,620	370,292	60,097	527,680	422,144
France ..	1,407	12,269	9,815	-	-	-
United States of America	20,379	177,895	142,171	52,633	462,145	369,716
<u>Exporting State:</u>						
New South Wales ..	19,385	169,041	135,431	37,884	332,640	266,112
Victoria ..	3,591	31,319	25,051	17,122	150,516	120,413
South Australia ..	393	3,613	2,747	-	-	-
Western Australia ..	51,468	448,811	359,046	57,704	506,669	405,335
TOTAL:	74,837	652,784	522,278	112,730	989,825	791,860
TOTAL EXPORTS:	11 Months ended November, 1935			11 Months ended November, 1936		
	1,003,767	8,797,297	7,037,910	1,239,545	10,715,181	8,571,575

GOLD - CONTAINED IN MATTE.

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NET EXPORTS OF GOLD IN EXCESS OF NEW PRODUCTION.

Particulars	1934-35	1935-36	5 Months ended		Month of.	
			November 1935	November 1936	November 1935	November 1936
Exports of gold bullion, specie and matte ..	Estg. 7,853,546	Estg. 9,604,297	3,850,606	4,260,283	725,012	792,058
Gold contents of ores, concentrates etc. ..	239,395	229,855	(a)100,833	(a)167,297	(a)54,469	(a)2,402
Total exports of gold in all forms ..	8,092,941	9,834,152	3,951,439	4,427,580	779,481	794,460
Imports of gold bullion, specie and matte ..	1,679,536	1,635,510	777,309	894,794	173,706	161,420
Net exports of gold ..	6,413,355	8,198,642	3,174,130	3,532,786	605,775	633,040
Production of gold in all forms ..	5,891,203	7,337,656	2,976,262	3,561,833	661,370	713,533
Net exports in excess of production..	522,152	860,986	197,868	-29,047	-55,595	-80,493

(a) Roughly estimated.