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AUTOMOBILE STATISTICS FOR CANADA

JUNE 1931

Production of automobiles in Canada during June numbered 6,835 cars, including 5,583 passenger cars and 1,252 trucks. This output was at the rate of 228 cars per day and compares with a daily average of 411 cars in May and 503 cars per day in June of a year ago. Comparison of this month's figures with those of the previous month shows that the decline was general for all types of cars, passenger cars dropping to 5,583 from 10,621 and trucks to 1,252 from 2,117.

The Bureau's index number of motor car production, which is adjusted for seasonal variation and expressed as a percentage of the long term trend determined from the period 1919 to 1928 inclusive, which started in January at 60 per cent below the normal, gradually improved its position each month to register its high for the first half of this year at 26 per cent below the normal in April, then dropped back in May and again in June when it registered the low of 68 per cent below the normal.

Customs' records for the month under review showed that 647 cars were imported into Canada and that 1,084 cars were exported during the period. Figures for the first six months of this year showed total imports at 7,558 cars and exports at 10,451 cars as compared with imports of 16,544 cars and exports of 23,795 cars during the corresponding period of last year.

Of the total output during June, 5,720 cars were made for sale in Canada and the balance of 1,115 were intended for export. The apparent consumption of automobiles during the month, determined by adding the 5,720 cars made for sale in Canada to the 647 cars imported, amounted to 6,367 cars. The number of new cars made available for use in this country during the six months ending June 30, 1931, totalled 64,341 cars as compared with 103,009 cars in the first half of 1930.

Table 1.- Number of Automobiles Produced in Canada during June 1931, and the six months ending June, 1930 and 1931.

Class	June 1931			Six months ending June	
	For Sale in Canada	For Export	TOTAL	1930	1931
Passenger cars:					
(a) Open - 2 to 3 passenger	182	75	257	4,868	2,775
4 to 5 passenger	79	370	449	7,338	3,722
7 passenger	-	2	2	15	6
Total Open	261	447	708	12,221	6,503
(b) Closed - 2 to 3 passenger	529	57	586	12,291	5,946
4 to 5 passenger	3,955	249	4,204	61,494	39,697
7 passenger	55	-	55	133	199
Total Closed	4,539	306	4,845	73,918	45,842
(c) Chassis (passenger)	3	27	30	7,220	466
TOTAL PASSENGER	4,803	780	5,583	93,359	52,811
Commercial Cars and Trucks: (Including truck chassis, taxicabs and buses)					
(a) Under 1 ton	260	118	378	xx	4,397
(b) 1 to 1½ tons, inclusive	515	215	730	xx	8,053
(c) Over 1½ to 2½ tons, inclusive	71	-	71	xx	533
(d) Over 2½ tons to under 5 tons	57	-	57	xx	189
(e) 5 tons and over	7	-	7	xx	34
(f) Bus chassis	7	2	9	xx	68
Total Trucks and Chassis	917	335	1,252	17,326	13,274
TOTAL	5,720	1,115	6,835	110,685	66,085

xx Due to change in classification for 1931, corresponding data for 1930 are not available.

Table 2.- Production in Canada, Imports and Exports of Automobiles, by months, 1930 and 1931.

Month		Production			Customs' Records	
		For Sale in Canada	For Export	TOTAL	Imports	Exports
January	1930	6,267	4,121	10,388	1,290	2,997
	1931	4,122	2,374	6,496	915	3,095
February	1930	10,388	5,160	15,548	1,893	4,280
	1931	7,748	2,116	9,864	1,255	1,596
March	1930	16,244	4,486	20,730	3,805	6,360
	1931	11,781	1,212	12,993	1,630	1,898
April	1930	21,293	2,964	24,257	3,432	3,321
	1931	15,837	1,322	17,159	1,421	1,209
May	1930	21,479	3,193	24,672	3,976	3,091
	1931	11,575	1,163	12,738	1,690	1,569
June	1930	10,794	4,296	15,090	2,148	3,746
	1931	5,720	1,115	6,835	647	1,084
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
TOTAL	1930	86,465	24,220	110,685	16,544	23,795
	1931	56,783	9,302	66,085	7,558	10,451

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