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MONTHLY FINANCING OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES IN CANADA, APRIL, 1943

New and used motor vehicles financed in Canada during April totalled 4,132 units with a financed value of \$1,422,039, 38 per cent lower in number and 43 per cent lower in dollar volume than the 6,613 vehicles financed for \$2,489,642 in April, 1942. There were only 45 new vehicles financed in April, 1943 for an amount of \$43,883.

In the used vehicle field, declines were 23 per cent in number and 14 per cent in amount of financing, the 4,087 used vehicles financed for \$1,378,156 in the month under review comparing with 5,291 transactions involving \$1,595,162 in the same month last year. Decreases in various regions of the country were as follows: 41 per cent in the Maritime Provinces, 26 per cent in Quebec, 13 per cent in Ontario, 45 per cent in Manitoba and Saskatchewan combined, 35 per cent in Alberta and 10 per cent in British Columbia.

Cumulative results for the first four months showed 205 new motor vehicles financed this year as compared with 5,390 new vehicles financed in the corresponding period of 1942. Used vehicles financed in the January-to-April period numbered 10,170 units this year and 18,452 units in the similar period of last year.

FINANCING OF SALES OF USED MOTOR VEHICLES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES

APRIL, 1942 and 1943

| Region | Number of Vehicles | | | Amount of Financing | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| | 1942 | 1943 | % of Change, 1943/42 | 1942 | 1943 | % of Change, 1943/42 |
| CANADA | 5,291 | 4,087 | -22.8 | 1,595,162 | 1,378,156 | -13.6 |
| Maritime Provinces | 263 | 156 | -40.7 | 91,274 | 47,336 | -48.1 |
| Quebec | 578 | 427 | -26.1 | 218,561 | 174,539 | -20.1 |
| Ontario | 2,587 | 2,250 | -13.0 | 633,273 | 646,065 | + 2.0 |
| Man. & Sask..... | 786 | 430 | -45.3 | 266,750 | 153,971 | -42.3 |
| Alberta | 583 | 380 | -34.8 | 204,556 | 161,296 | -21.1 |
| British Columbia | 494 | 444 | -10.1 | 180,748 | 194,949 | + 7.9 |



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STATISTICAL INFORMATION ON THE ECONOMY OF CANADA, 1963

The following table shows the composition of the gross domestic product (GDP) of Canada in 1963. The GDP is divided into three main categories: manufacturing and construction, services, and agriculture, forestry and fishing. The manufacturing and construction sector is the largest, accounting for 38.1% of the total GDP. The services sector follows, accounting for 37.5%, and the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector accounts for 24.4%.

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Compared with 1962, the manufacturing and construction sector increased by 1.2 percentage points, the services sector increased by 0.5 percentage points, and the agriculture, forestry and fishing sector decreased by 0.3 percentage points. This indicates a shift in the composition of the economy towards manufacturing and services.

TABLE 1. COMPOSITION OF THE GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT (GDP) OF CANADA, 1963

1963 (1962 = 100)

| Category | 1963 | 1962 | % of Total |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|------------|
| Manufacturing and construction | 38.1 | 36.9 | 38.1 |
| Services | 37.5 | 37.0 | 37.5 |
| Agriculture, forestry and fishing | 24.4 | 26.1 | 24.4 |
| Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |