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MONTHLY FINANCING OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES IN CANADA, MARCH, 1945

The financing of sales of new and used motor vehicles in Canada during March, 1945 totalled 2,422 units with a financed value of \$1,276,849, down 19 per cent in number and up 5 per cent in amount of financing from the 2,979 vehicles financed in March last year for \$1,220,652. Included in the March, 1945 totals were 257 new vehicles financed to the extent of \$376,680.

Used vehicle financing declined 24 per cent in number and 13 per cent in dollar volume in March of this year compared with the same month of 1944. All regions for which separate figures are compiled recorded decreases with the exception of Quebec where a 12 per cent increase in number and 68 per cent in dollar volume was recorded. The much greater increase in dollar volume than the number of units financed in Quebec reflects the inclusion in the figures for March, 1945 of a number of vehicles of high unit value consisting chiefly of buses rather than passenger models.

There were 630 new vehicles financed in the first three months of 1945 compared with 416 new vehicles financed in the corresponding period a year ago. Used vehicles financed during the same three months totalled 5,025 in 1945 and 6,962 in 1944.

FINANCING OF SALES OF USED MOTOR VEHICLES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES  
March, 1944 and 1945

Region	Number of Vehicles			Amount of Financing		
	1944	1945	% of Change, 1945/44	1944	1945	% of Change, 1945/44
CANADA .....	2,830	2,165	-23.5	\$ 1,034,855	\$ 900,169	-13.0
Maritimes .....	55	38	-30.9	19,960	13,092	-34.4
Quebec .....	290	326	+12.4	136,958	230,369	+68.2
Ontario .....	1,494	1,234	-17.4	468,758	382,654	-18.4
Man. & Sask .....	219	125	-42.9	83,505	47,242	-43.4
Alberta .....	292	168	-42.5	137,768	104,811	-23.9
British Columbia .....	480	274	-42.9	187,906	122,001	-35.1

