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

New and used motor vehicles whose sales were financed by Canadian finance companies during May totalled 2,426 units with a financed value of \$1,151,027, down 39 per cent in number and 33 per cent in amount of financing compared with the 3,989 vehicles financed for \$1,719,647 in May a year ago. Included in the May, 1945 totals were 275 new vehicles financed to the extent of \$360,317.

The number of used vehicles financed was 42 per cent lower in May this year compared with last, while the volume of financing for used vehicles fell off by 44 per cent from May, 1944. Pronounced declines occurred in all sections of the country, as indicated in the table below.

New vehicle financing has increased during 1945 compared with 1944, 1,250 units being financed during the first five months of this year whereas only 837 new vehicles were financed in the corresponding period a year ago. Used vehicles financed to the end of May, 1945 totalled 9,623, down appreciably from the 13,961 transactions which took place in the same five months a year ago.

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

| Region                 | Number of Vehicles |       |                      | Amount of Financing |         |                      |
|------------------------|--------------------|-------|----------------------|---------------------|---------|----------------------|
|                        | 1944               | 1945  | % of Change, 1945/44 | 1944                | 1945    | % of Change, 1945/44 |
| CANADA .....           | 3,722              | 2,151 | -42.2                | 1,416,146           | 790,710 | -44.2                |
| Maritimes .....        | 87                 | 53    | -39.1                | 31,090              | 18,540  | -40.4                |
| Quebec .....           | 514                | 323   | -37.2                | 264,259             | 156,195 | -40.9                |
| Ontario .....          | 2,104              | 1,157 | -45.0                | 670,329             | 329,116 | -50.9                |
| Man. & Sask. ....      | 341                | 170   | -50.1                | 137,682             | 71,269  | -48.2                |
| Alberta .....          | 265                | 171   | -35.5                | 140,929             | 99,527  | -29.4                |
| British Columbia ..... | 411                | 277   | -32.6                | 171,857             | 116,063 | -32.5                |

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