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MONTHLY REPORTAUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION - DECEMBER, 1937.

The production of 20,652 motor vehicles in Canada during December was 25 per cent over the 16,574 units made in November and 2 per cent greater than the 20,248 units made in December of a year ago. The improvement over the previous month was almost wholly accounted for by a marked advance in the number of trucks to 6,268 from 2,781 but the output of passenger cars also showed a gain to 14,384 from 13,793. The number of cars made for export advanced to 8,740 from 3,990 while the number intended for sale in this country dropped to 11,912 from 12,584.

REVIEW - 1937.

The calendar year 1937 saw 153,371 passenger cars and 53,629 trucks made in Canada, a total of 207,000 units. This output which was an improvement of 28 per cent over the 162,159 cars made in the previous year, has been exceeded on only two previous occasions - in 1928 and 1929 - when the totals were 242,054 and 262,625, respectively. During both these record years and again in 1926 the production of passenger cars exceeded that of 1937 but in only one year - 1929 - was the production of trucks higher than in 1937.

Exports during 1937 totalled 66,125 units, an increase of 18 per cent over the 55,837 vehicles in 1936, and the imports numbered 20,049 cars or more than double the 1936 total of 9,903 units.

Output started in January at 19,583 units, advanced to 24,901 in March and then fell off to 17,081 in April as labour difficulties temporarily forced curtailment of output. In May there was a pick-up to 23,458 and again in June to 23,841 units. Then the seasonal decline and lower operating schedules preceding the introduction of new models brought a continuous decline to the low of 4,417 in September. Output was stepped up to 8,103 units in October as most of the factories worked on 1938 models, and it advanced again to 16,574 in November and to 20,652 units in December.

Table 1 - Number of Automobiles Produced in Canada during DECEMBER and the YEAR 1937.

		DECEMBER, 1937		TOTAL FOR 1937
	For sale in Canada	For export	TOTAL	
(a) Passenger cars -				
Permanent open cars -				
Roadsters .....	...	...	...	59
Touring .....	...	...	...	938
Convertible cars -				
Coupe, roadster	22	...	22	785
Sedan, touring	8	2	10	252
Permanent closed cars -				
Coupe	1,017	598	1,615	14,065
2-Door Sedan	3,861	17	3,878	39,971
4-Door Sedan	4,366	2,945	7,311	75,929
Chassis (sold without bodies) .....	...	1,548	1,548	21,372
TOTAL PASSENGER CARS	9,274	5,110	14,384	153,371
(b) Commercial cars, including trucks, buses and chassis -				
3/4 ton and less	1,104	1,209	2,313	21,590
1 ton and less than 1½	45	1	46	849
1½ tons and less than 2	448	2,270	2,718	14,439
2 tons and less than 2½	763	1	764	11,357
2½ tons and less than 3½	271	149	420	5,275
3½ tons and 4½ tons, inclusive	5	...	5	58
5 tons .....	...	...	...	13
5½ tons and over	2	...	2	18
Special (ambulances, hearses, etc.) .....	...	...	...	...
Buses (including truck chassis for bus use) .....	...	...	...	30
TOTAL COMMERCIAL CARS	2,638	3,630	6,268	53,629
GRAND TOTAL	11,912	8,740	20,652	207,000

Table 2 - Production in Canada, Imports and Exports of Automobiles, by Months, 1936 and 1937.

Month	PRODUCTION			CUSTOMS' RECORDS	
		For sale in Canada	For export	TOTAL	IMPORTS EXPORTS
January	1936	8,220	5,082	13,302	451 6,622
	1937	12,233	7,350	19,583	1,523 5,314
February	1936	8,125	5,143	13,268	356 4,583
	1937	13,539	6,168	19,707	1,387 4,436
March	1936	13,204	4,817	18,021	804 7,613
	1937	19,179	5,722	24,901	2,105 7,100
April	1936	19,870	5,081	24,951	1,163 3,740
	1937	13,679	3,402	17,081	2,096 5,753
May	1936	15,792	4,214	20,006	1,379 5,246
	1937	17,888	5,570	23,458	2,768 5,075
June	1936	10,662	5,738	16,400	982 4,449
	1937	16,401	7,440	23,841	2,114 6,809
July	1936	6,460	4,015	10,475	708 4,563
	1937	10,109	7,832	17,941	1,321 8,127
August	1936	1,912	2,748	4,660	448 3,449
	1937	2,887	7,855	10,742	904 8,802
September	1936	1,350	3,305	4,655	480 3,544
	1937	1,395	3,022	4,417	741 4,002
October	1936	2,614	2,747	5,361	1,020 2,922
	1937	7,061	1,042	8,103	1,613 4,090
November	1936	7,491	3,321	10,812	1,088 5,161
	1937	12,584	3,990	16,574	1,996 3,066
December	1936	12,882	7,366	20,248	1,024 3,945
	1937	11,912	8,740	20,652	1,481 3,551
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CANADA	1936	108,582	53,577	162,159	9,903 55,837
	1937	138,867	68,133	207,000	20,049 66,125



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Table 3 - Production of Automobiles, by Months, 1931 - 1936.

Months	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936
January	6,496	3,731	3,358	6,904	10,607	13,302
February	9,864	5,477	3,298	8,571	18,115	13,268
March	12,993	8,318	6,632	14,180	21,981	18,021
April	17,159	6,810	8,255	18,363	24,123	24,951
May	12,738	8,221	9,396	20,161	20,702	20,006
June	6,835	7,112	7,323	13,905	15,745	16,400
July	4,220	7,472	6,540	11,114	13,188	10,475
August	4,544	4,067	6,079	9,904	7,675	4,660
September	2,646	2,342	5,808	5,579	5,188	4,655
October	1,440	2,923	3,682	3,780	8,273	5,361
November	1,247	2,204	2,291	1,697	13,491	10,812
December .....(x)	2,377	2,112	3,190	2,694	13,789	20,248
TOTAL FOR YEAR	82,559	60,789	65,852	116,852	172,877	162,159

(x) Monthly errors are compensated in December entries.

LIST OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS IN CANADANames of CompaniesAddresses

Chrysler Corporation of Canada, Limited	Windsor, Ontario
Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited	East Windsor, Ontario
General Motors of Canada, Limited	Oshawa, Ontario
Hayes Manufacturing Company, Limited	295 West 2nd Ave., Vancouver, B.C.
Hudson Motors of Canada, Ltd.	Tilbury, Ontario
International Harvester Co. of Canada, Ltd.	Chatham, Ontario
Packard Motor Car Co. of Canada, Ltd.	Windsor, Ontario
Leyland Motors Ltd.	Toronto, Ontario
White Company Ltd.	5225 De Gaspe St., Montreal, P.Q.