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MONTHLY REPORTAUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION - MAY, 1940

Production of 21,277 automobiles in Canada during May was the highest for any month since June, 1937 when 23,841 units were made. This month's total included 12,677 passenger cars and 8,600 trucks, of which 11,244 passenger cars and 6,058 trucks were made for sale in Canada and 1,433 passenger cars and 2,542 trucks were intended for export.

For the five months ending May 31, 1940, the cumulative production of automobiles in Canada numbered 92,982 units compared with 79,240 in the corresponding period of a year ago. Exports for the five-month period totalled 19,594 in 1940 and 28,717 in 1939.

Table 1 - NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES PRODUCED IN CANADA, MAY, 1940, and the FIVE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31, 1940

	FOR SALE IN CANADA	FOR EXPORT	TOTAL	FIVE MONTHS ended MAY 31
(a) Passenger cars -				
Permanent open cars -				
Roadsters .....	...	...	...	...
Touring .....	...	...	...	...
Convertible cars -				
Coupe, roadster	212	12	224	804
Sedan	2	2	4	428
Permanent closed cars -				
Coupe	1,558	71	1,629	8,337
2-Door Sedan	3,570	25	3,595	18,454
4-Door Sedan	5,902	1,077	6,979	31,647
Other closed .....	...	...	...	...
Chassis (sold without bodies) .....	...	246	246	3,877
TOTAL PASSENGER	11,244	1,433	12,677	63,547
(b) Commercial cars, including trucks, buses and chassis-				
3/4 ton and less	1,659	327	1,986	9,298
1 ton and less than 1 1/2	443	554	997	2,836
1 1/2 tons and less than 2	372	43	415	1,962
2 tons and less than 2 1/2	691	1,544	2,235	6,958
2 1/2 tons and less than 3 1/2	352	74	426	2,849
3 1/2 tons and 4 1/2 tons, inclusive	12	...	12	47
5 tons .....	...	...	...	...
5 1/2 tons and over	4	...	4	8
Special (ambulances, hearses, etc.)	2,520	...	2,520	5,453
Buses (including truck chassis for bus use	5	...	5	24
TOTAL COMMERCIAL	6,058	2,542	8,600	29,435
GRAND TOTAL	17,302	3,975	21,277	92,982



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Table 2 - PRODUCTION IN CANADA, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF AUTOMOBILES, BY MONTHS,
1939 and 1940

Month		P R O D U C T I O N			C U S T O M S R E C O R D S	
		For sale in Canada	For export	TOTAL	IMPORTS	EXPORTS
January	1939	8,664	6,130	14,794	1,101	8,519
	1940	13,531	3,682	17,213	1,117	4,989
February	1939	8,171	6,129	14,300	805	6,064
	1940	13,208	4,985	18,193	1,763	4,795
March	1939	12,036	5,513	17,549	1,984	6,364
	1940	14,556	2,056	16,612	1,975	4,791
April	1939	13,124	3,767	16,891	1,862	2,274
	(x) 1940	17,994	1,693	19,687	2,718	743
May	1939	11,106	4,600	15,706	2,879	5,496
	1940	17,302	3,975	21,277	(xx)	4,276
TOTAL	1939	53,101	26,139	79,240	8,631	28,717
	1940	76,591	16,391	92,982	...	19,594

(x) Revised.

(xx) Not available at time of printing.

Table 3 - PRODUCTION OF AUTOMOBILES, BY MONTHS, 1936 - 1940

Month	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
January	13,302	19,583	17,624	14,794	17,213
February	13,268	19,707	16,066	14,300	18,193
March	18,021	24,901	16,802	17,549	16,612
April	24,951	17,081	18,819	16,891	19,687
May	20,006	23,458	18,115	15,706	21,277
TOTAL - 5 MONTHS	89,548	104,730	87,426	79,240	92,982
June	16,400	23,841	14,732	14,515	
July	10,475	17,941	9,007	9,135	
August	4,660	10,742	6,452	3,475	
September	4,655	4,417	6,089	3,921	
October	5,361	8,103	5,774	11,296	
November	10,812	16,574	17,992	16,756	
December	20,248	21,115	18,614	16,978	
TOTAL - CALENDAR YEAR ...	162,159	207,463	166,086	155,316	

LIST OF AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURERS IN CANADA - 1940

<u>Name of Company</u>	<u>Address</u>
White Company Limited	Montreal, Quebec
Chrysler Corporation of Canada, Limited	Windsor, Ontario
Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited	Windsor, Ontario
General Motors of Canada, Limited	Oshawa, Ontario
International Harvester Co. of Canada, Limited	Chatham, Ontario
Hayes Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	Vancouver, B.C.