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PRELIMINARY REPORT
ON
MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS
1930

The number of motor vehicles registered in Canada during 1930 was 1,239,889, which was an increase over the 1929 registrations of 44,295, or 3.7 per cent. The increase in 1929 was 118,775, or 11.0 per cent, and in 1928 it was 131,147, or 13.9 per cent. This decreasing rate of increase is probably due more to financial stringency than to the market nearing the ultimate saturation point; in the United States the population per registered motor vehicle was only 4.6 in 1929 as against 8.0 in Canada in 1930. The United States, England and France are the only countries with larger registrations of motor vehicles than Canada.

Table 1. REGISTRATIONS, 1930

Province	: Estimated	: Passenger Cars			: Total Motor Vehicles		
	: Population	: Total	: Number of		: Total	: Number of Persons	
	: 1930	: Number	: Persons per Car:		: Number	: per Motor Vehicle	
	:	:	: 1930	: 1929	:	: 1930	: 1929
P.E. Island	85,800	6,611	13.0	15.5	7,402	11.6	14.0
Nova Scotia	553,900	36,078	15.4	16.3	43,036	12.9	13.8
New Brunswick ...	423,400	30,318	14.0	15.0	34,833	12.2	13.2
Quebec	2,734,600	140,802	19.4	20.3	178,976	15.3	15.9
Ontario	3,313,000	491,007	6.8	6.9	564,669	5.9	6.0
Manitoba	671,500	68,550	9.8	9.7	79,308	8.5	8.5
Saskatchewan	882,000	108,161	8.2	8.0	129,861	6.8	6.7
Alberta	660,000	85,067	7.8	7.6	102,652	6.4	6.5
British Columbia.	597,000	80,766	7.4	7.6	98,943	6.0	6.2
Yukon Territory..	3,700	134	27.6	22.7	209	17.7	15.2
N.W. Territories.	9,600	-	-	-	-	-	-
CANADA	9,934,500	1,047,494	9.5	9.7	1,239,889	8.0	11.0

Revenues collected by the provinces from registrations, mileage tax, etc. amounted to \$20,158,772, which was a decrease from 1929 revenues of \$2,352,701. Ontario showed a decrease of \$2,459,644, or 30.6 per cent, due to lower rates. The gasoline tax increased by \$3,922,744, or to \$22,667,712, making the total revenues \$42,826,484, or \$1,570,043 greater than in 1929. All the provinces were imposing a tax of 5 cents per imperial gallon, British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba having increased the rate from 3 to 5 cents during the year. All provinces showed larger revenues from gasoline taxes except Alberta where a decrease of \$209,371 was shown.

Table 2.

MOTOR VEHICLE REVENUES

1930

Province	: : Revenues from : Registrations, : etc.	: : : :	: Gasolene Tax :	: : : :	: Total :
	\$		\$		\$
Prince Edward Island	145,994		140,853		286,847
Nova Scotia	1,052,480		851,725		1,904,205
New Brunswick	876,987		659,797		1,536,784
Quebec	5,298,217		4,075,368		9,373,585
Ontario	5,566,200		10,756,836		16,323,036
Manitoba	1,079,894		1,099,778		2,179,672
Saskatchewan	1,954,549		1,538,556		3,493,105
Alberta	2,014,927		1,939,048		3,953,975
British Columbia	2,167,124		1,605,751		3,772,875
Yukon Territory	2,400		-		2,400
CANADA	20,158,772		22,667,712		42,826,484



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Complete data on tourist automobiles entered from the United States for touring purposes have not yet been issued by the Department of National Revenue, but a compilation for the first six months of 1930 and 1929 showed an increase of 286,794 cars, or 24 per cent, in one-day cars, of 99,847 cars, or 41 per cent, in two-day to two-month cars, and a decrease of 236 cars, or 34 per cent, in the two to six month cars, whereas the Canadian cars exported for touring purposes for all periods increased by 8,056 cars, or 40 per cent. It is quite probable that the data for the year will show still larger increases, one factor in the increases being the Detroit-Windsor tunnel which was opened to traffic November 1, 1930.

Table 3.

TOURIST AUTOMOBILES
(January - June, 1930)

At Ports in-	Admitted for Period						Canadian cars exported for	
	Not exceeding 24 hours		Not exceeding 60 days		2 to 6 months		touring purposes	
	1930	1929	1930	1929	1930	1929	1930	1929
Maritime Provinces ..	49,426	39,322	10,533	5,441	23	32	2,528	2,230
Quebec	89,459	65,385	39,052	67,983	40	45	37,368	44,779
Ontario	1,287,576	1,031,877	186,730	121,479	304	583	98,151	91,087
Manitoba ...	10,729	11,044	3,778	3,228	74	6	5,153	4,909
Saskatchewan	5,328	5,214	1,566	1,788	2	5	2,858	5,124
Alberta	7,732	9,140	1,397	1,121	-	-	1,024	751
British Columbia ...	21,443	22,417	48,919	41,138	21	29	59,624	50,270
CANADA	1,471,693	1,184,899	342,025	242,178	464	700	207,206	199,150

The final report on Automobile Statistics will be issued later. This report will also include statistics of the highways of Canada and may be had upon application to the Bureau.

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