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**AUTOMOBILE STATISTICS FOR CANADA**

OUTPUT FOR 1926 SHOWED INCREASE OF 26 PER CENT OVER 1925

December 1926

Production of automobiles in Canada during 1926 reached a new high record of 205,116 units, an increase of 26 per cent over the total for 1925 and 55 per cent above the figure for 1924. The year's output included 68,059 sedans and coaches, 14,282 coupes, 61,472 touring cars, 8,555 runabouts, 23,230 chassis, 29,365 trucks and 153 taxicabs or buses. The sales value, f.o.b. plant, of cars produced during the year amounted to 124 million dollars as compared with 103 millions in 1925 and 79 millions in 1924. Only 11 plants in Canada manufactured cars and trucks during 1926; all were located in Ontario.

During December, 1926, the number of cars made in Canadian factories was 7,752 as compared with the November output of 9,828 cars. The month's output included 2,306 open passenger cars, 1,698 closed models, 1,323 trucks, 2,423 chassis and 2 taxicabs or buses. In December, 1925, the output was reported at 8,904 units, of which 6,531 were passenger cars, 1,217 trucks, 1,091 chassis and 65 taxicabs or buses.

Production of automobiles in Canada for the 12 months ending December, 1926, totalled 205,116 cars as against 162,221 in the previous year. The output of closed model passenger cars at 82,341 was 66 per cent higher than in 1925; trucks made during the year totalled 29,365 as against 21,646, and chassis numbered 23,230, an increase of 46 per cent over the 15,872 made in the previous year. A decline was registered in the output of open passenger cars as the number of this type made during 1926 was 70,027, a drop of 6 per cent from 1925, and taxicabs and buses numbered only 153 as compared with 201 produced in 1925.

Analysis of output by months shows that the maximum was attained in May and the minimum was reached in December. The year opened auspiciously with a production of 15,479 cars in January, an increase of about 50 per cent over the corresponding month in 1925. Output then rose rapidly to a total of 22,374 cars in March which rate of output was fairly well maintained until June. A sharp decline was registered in July when production totalled 15,208 cars and only a slight recovery was made in August; in September, however, the output increased to 17,495 and then fell off rapidly to close the year at 7,752 cars in December.

Output followed a similar trend in 1925 when the year started at 10,568 cars in January, advanced to 20,139 in May, dropped to 8,963 in August, rose again to 15,113 in October and closed the year at 8,904 in December.

Imports of automobiles into Canada during 1926 totalled 28,535 cars or almost double the number imported during 1925 when 14,632 cars were brought into Canada. In January, 691 cars were imported, and this proved to be the lowest number brought in during any month of the year; in May, the maximum of 5,384 cars was attained, after which the number steadily declined until in December only 764 were imported. These figures followed a similar trend to those reported in 1925. In that year imports in January numbered 482, in May the number stood at 1,912, and the year closed with 793 imported in December.

Exports of automobiles from Canada during 1926 numbered 74,553 and exceeded the imports by 161 per cent; in the previous year the exports were greater by 408 per cent. Monthly exports were highest in March and November in each year. In January, 1926, a total of 5,159 cars was shipped to foreign countries and the number rose steadily to 10,911 in March; then the Canadian demand for spring delivery began and exports declined sharply to 4,118 in April, fell off still further during succeeding months and in August reached a low point for the year at 3,080 cars.

Taking the population of Canada at 9,390,300 persons in 1926, and the output of cars at 205,116, it follows that the automobile manufacturers produced one new car for every 46 persons in Canada while in 1925 the production equalled one car to 57 persons. By adding the imports into Canada to the Canadian production and deducting the exports, it appears that the domestic consumption of motor cars in Canada was 159,098 from which it is evident that for every 59 persons in Canada one new car was brought into use while in 1925 the ratio was one new car to 90 people. Statistics for registration for 1925 showed that there was one car in use to every 13 persons in Canada. Similar data for 1926 are not yet available.

Table 1.- Production of Automobiles in Canada, December 1925 and 1926.

Class	Number		Selling Value f.o.b. plant	
	1925	1926	1925	1926
Passenger:			\$	\$
Open -				
2 to 3 passenger	255	204	129,853	113,725
4 to 5 passenger	4,668	1,948	2,221,192	936,530
6 passenger	198	154	322,950	179,321
Total open	5,121	2,306	2,673,995	1,229,576
Closed -				
2 to 3 passenger	421	152	276,611	111,778
4 to 5 passenger	911	1,500	870,052	1,335,505
6 passenger	78	46	148,915	76,072
Total closed	1,410	1,698	1,295,578	1,523,355
Trucks:				
Under 1 ton capacity	478	404	207,487	174,268
1 ton	700	896	295,296	356,446
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	39	23	84,943	50,740
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	1,217	1,323	587,726	581,454
Chassis:				
Passenger	127	2,046	62,123	725,102
Freight	863	282	181,941	103,013
Either passenger or freight	101	95	47,321	36,162
Total chassis	1,091	2,423	291,385	864,277
Taxicabs and buses (not included above)	65	2	160,476	9,818
TOTAL	8,904	7,752	5,009,160	4,208,480

Table 2. Cumulative Production of Automobiles in Canada, for the twelve months ending December 1925 and 1926.

Class	Number		Selling Value f.o.b. plant	
	1925	1926	1925	1926
Passenger			\$	\$
Open -				
2 to 3 passenger	4,404	8,555	2,712,385	4,449,777
4 to 5 passenger	68,572	59,724	35,312,615	27,160,959
7 passenger	1,785	2,148	2,299,873	2,548,827
Total open	74,761	70,027	40,324,873	34,159,563
Closed -				
2 to 3 passenger	11,176	14,242	7,378,703	9,513,537
4 to 5 passenger	37,523	66,765	37,094,246	55,475,086
7 passenger	1,042	1,294	2,407,861	2,695,433
Total closed	49,741	82,341	46,880,810	67,684,056
Trucks				
Under 1 ton capacity	3,787	6,195	1,699,139	2,680,216
1 ton	17,382	21,886	7,520,248	9,411,933
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	477	1,284	1,111,283	1,969,112
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	21,646	29,365	10,330,670	14,061,261
Chassis				
Passenger	11,115	12,826	3,957,315	4,427,606
Freight	4,166	7,449	1,122,672	2,024,789
Either passenger or freight	591	2,955	255,459	1,209,849
Total chassis	15,872	23,230	5,335,446	7,662,244
Taxis and buses (not included above)	201	153	669,952	649,940
TOTAL	162,221	205,116	103,541,751	124,217,064



Table 3.- Production, Imports, Exports and Apparent Consumption of Automobiles

in Canada, by months, 1925 and 1926 (Number only)

Month	Year		Production	Imports	Exports	Apparent Consumption
January	1925	No.	10,668	482	5,191	5,959
	1926	No.	15,479	691	5,159	11,011
February	1925	No.	12,520	594	5,151	7,963
	1926	No.	18,838	916	8,438	11,316
March	1925	No.	15,841	1,209	7,591	9,459
	1926	No.	22,374	2,170	10,911	13,633
April	1925	No.	19,059	1,513	5,904	14,668
	1926	No.	21,502	2,539	4,118	19,923
May	1925	No.	20,139	1,912	5,776	16,275
	1926	No.	24,934	5,384	5,623	24,695
June	1925	No.	15,420	1,618	6,107	10,931
	1926	No.	21,751	4,904	4,584	22,071
July	1925	No.	12,040	1,646	4,284	9,402
	1926	No.	15,208	3,022	4,158	14,072
August	1925	No.	8,963	1,431	4,444	5,950
	1926	No.	15,285	3,083	3,080	15,288
September	1925	No.	12,804	1,429	5,583	8,650
	1926	No.	17,495	2,258	6,501	13,252
October	1925	No.	15,113	1,211	7,976	8,348
	1926	No.	14,670	1,488	7,546	8,612
November	1925	No.	10,750	794	9,323	2,221
	1926	No.	9,828	1,316	3,793	2,351
December	1925	No.	8,904	793	7,047	2,650
	1926	No.	7,752	764	5,642	2,874
TOTAL	1925	No.	162,221	14,632	74,377	102,476
	1926	No.	205,116	23,535	74,553	159,098

Table 4.- Production, Imports, Exports and Apparent Consumption of Automobiles  
in Canada, by months, 1925 and 1926 (Value only)

Month	Year	Production	Imports	Exports	Apparent Consumption
January	1925 \$	5,731,005	485,124	2,286,404	3,929,725
	1926 \$	8,771,034	675,438	2,268,518	7,177,954
February	1925 \$	6,905,665	659,018	2,283,829	5,280,854
	1926 \$	10,497,436	914,790	3,792,576	7,619,650
March	1925 \$	9,774,524	1,312,342	3,274,817	7,812,049
	1926 \$	14,133,229	2,112,175	4,439,731	11,805,673
April	1925 \$	13,332,404	1,654,191	2,447,331	12,539,264
	1926 \$	13,521,838	2,198,931	1,928,908	13,791,861
May	1925 \$	13,754,390	1,933,991	2,465,131	13,223,250
	1926 \$	15,761,615	4,522,704	2,397,243	17,887,071
June	1925 \$	10,257,403	1,670,646	2,473,652	9,454,397
	1926 \$	13,084,298	4,203,858	1,823,366	15,464,790
July	1925 \$	7,585,330	1,519,365	1,692,891	7,411,804
	1926 \$	8,759,280	2,400,618	1,547,607	9,612,291
August	1925 \$	6,632,309	1,402,794	1,817,209	6,217,894
	1926 \$	10,137,389	1,512,122	1,696,762	9,952,749
September	1925 \$	9,164,258	1,316,616	3,049,426	7,431,448
	1926 \$	11,111,419	1,821,476	3,110,369	9,822,526
October	1925 \$	9,297,690	1,068,960	3,916,180	6,450,470
	1926 \$	8,672,578	1,319,718	3,353,787	6,638,509
November	1925 \$	6,097,613	781,364	4,340,941	2,538,036
	1926 \$	5,558,468	1,059,164	3,821,994	2,795,638
December	1925 \$	5,009,160	744,898	3,294,636	2,459,422
	1926 \$	4,208,490	740,693	2,797,736	2,151,442
TOTAL	1925 \$	103,541,751	14,549,309	33,342,447	84,748,613
	1926 \$	124,217,074	23,481,692	32,978,602	114,720,154

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