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AUTOMOBILE STATISTICS FOR CANADA

CANADIAN OUTPUT OF AUTOMOBILES CONTINUED UPWARD TREND IN MARCH, 1926

Production of automobiles in March, 1926, totalled 22,374 in number including 9,035 closed and 7,628 open cars, 2,901 chassis, 2,791 trucks and 19 taxicabs or buses. This output was 41 per cent greater than the 15,841 units reported for March of a year ago and marked an increase of 19 per cent over the 18,832 units produced in February which number in turn was 22 per cent higher than the total for January.

Exclusive of chassis and taxicabs and buses the production of passenger cars during the month under review numbered 16,663 as compared with 12,961 in the previous month and 11,916 in March of last year. Closed car models advanced to 9,035 in number or almost double the outputs of 5,433 in February, 1926, and 4,584 in March, 1925. Production of open cars was also slightly higher, the actual number being 7,628 in March and 7,528 in February.

Trucks numbered 2,791 made up as follows: under 1 ton capacity 444; one ton, 2,241; over 1 ton and under 5 tons, 106. In February of this year 2,374 were produced; 2,354 were made in March, 1925.

Cumulative production for the first quarter of the year showed an advance of 45 per cent over the total for the same period in 1925. The total output for the year to date included 40,267 passenger cars, 7,641 trucks, 8,737 chassis and 46 taxicabs or buses, making a total of 56,691 as compared with 39,029 in the same three months of a year ago.

As compared with February imports of motor cars showed an increase in March of 1,254 units and exports increased by 2,473 units; the actual figures showed: imports, 2,170; exports, 10,911. For the first quarter of the year imports totalled 3,777 in number which with the production of 56,691 made a total available supply of 60,468 cars but as 24,508 were exported, the apparent consumption in Canada for the year to date stood at 35,960. During the same period of 1925 there was an apparent supply of 23,381 when the production totalled 39,029, imports 2,285 and exports 17,933.

In the United States, March furnished the second highest monthly output of automobiles ever recorded. Total production was estimated at 447,185 cars; this figure was higher than for any preceding March and second only to the record of 452,486 made last October. March marked a gain of almost 20 per cent over February's total of 375,332.

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

Class	Number		Selling Value f.o.b. plant	
	1925	1926	1925	1926
			\$	\$
Passenger:				
Open -				
2 to 3 passenger	336	902	230,408	508,995
4 to 5 passenger	6,889	6,595	3,641,124	3,327,008
7 passenger	107	131	135,210	161,149
Total open	7,332	7,628	4,006,742	3,997,152
Closed -				
2 to 3 passenger	1,136	1,728	854,457	1,191,145
4 to 5 passenger	3,398	7,151	3,132,989	6,271,106
7 passenger	50	156	131,861	349,849
Total closed	4,584	9,035	4,119,307	7,812,100
Trucks:				
Under 1 ton capacity	319	444	135,036	202,093
1 ton	2,006	2,241	856,046	1,018,905
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	29	106	58,321	243,061
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	2,354	2,791	1,049,403	1,464,059
Chassis	1,564	2,901	563,295	779,215
Taxicabs and buses (not included above)	7	19	35,777	80,703
TOTAL	15,841	22,374	9,774,524	14,133,229

Table 2.- Cumulative Production of Automobiles in Canada, for the three months
ending March 1925 and 1926

Class	Number		Selling Value f.o.b. plant	
	1925	1926	1925	1926
			\$	\$
Passenger:				
Open -				
2 to 3 passenger	876	2,228	508,070	1,198,569
4 to 5 passenger	17,334	19,528	8,863,290	9,442,946
7 passenger	300	461	364,545	568,737
Total open	18,510	22,217	9,735,905	11,210,252
Closed -				
2 to 3 passenger	2,765	3,896	1,820,681	2,650,707
4 to 5 passenger	6,864	13,822	6,262,308	12,146,113
7 passenger	97	332	249,668	750,262
Total closed	9,726	18,050	8,332,657	15,547,082
Trucks:				
Under 1 ton capacity	890	1,244	380,647	543,489
1 ton	4,985	5,627	2,073,156	2,459,261
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	81	770	195,777	896,626
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	5,956	7,641	2,649,580	3,899,376
Chassis	4,818	8,737	1,615,321	2,510,644
Taxicabs and buses (not included above)	19	46	77,731	234,345
TOTAL	39,029	56,691	22,411,194	33,401,699

Table 3.- Production, Imports, Exports and Apparent Consumption of
Automobiles in Canada, by months, 1925 and 1926

Month	Year		Production	Imports	Exports	Apparent Consumption
January	1925	No.	10,668	482	5,191	5,959
		\$	5,731,005	485,124	2,286,404	3,929,725
	1926	No.	15,479	691	5,190	10,980
		\$	8,771,034	675,438	2,315,941	7,130,531
February	1925	No.	12,520	594	5,151	7,963
		\$	6,905,665	659,018	2,283,829	5,280,854
	1926	No.	18,838	916	8,438	11,316
		\$	10,497,436	914,790	3,792,576	7,619,650
March	1925	No.	15,841	1,209	7,591	9,459
		\$	9,774,524	1,312,342	3,274,817	7,812,049
	1926	No.	22,374	2,170	10,911	13,633
		\$	14,133,229	2,112,175	4,439,731	11,805,673
TOTAL	1925	No.	39,029	2,285	17,933	23,381
		\$	22,411,194	2,456,484	7,845,050	17,022,628
	1926	No.	56,691	3,777	24,508	35,960
		\$	33,401,699	3,702,403	10,500,825	26,603,277

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