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AUTOMOBILE STATISTICS FOR CANADA

CANADA'S AUTOMOBILE OUTPUT REACHED NEW HIGH LEVEL

IN MAY, 1926

Following a slight recession in April the production of automobiles in Canada continued its upward trend in May to reach a new high level of 24,934 units composed of 8,768 open passenger cars, 12,327 closed models, 3,037 trucks, 787 chassis and 15 buses. This output compares with 21,502 units in April, 22,374 units in March of this year and 20,139 units in May of last year.

During the month under review the production of passenger cars numbered 21,095 as against 16,799 in the previous month and 16,481 in May of a year ago. Closed car models advanced to 12,327 in number from 9,514 in April and showed an increase of 57 per cent over the output of 7,834 in May 1925. Open cars at 8,768 was slightly higher than the 8,647 produced in the corresponding month of last year and marked an increase of 20 per cent over the 7,285 units of April. Trucks at 3,037 showed an advance of 12 per cent over the 2,709 of the preceding month.

For the five months ending May the cumulative production was 32 per cent above the number made during the same period of 1925 and the value of the cars made, based on selling price f.o.b. plant, was about thirteen million dollars over the selling value of the cars produced during the first five months of last year. This year's output to date included 39,891 closed passenger models, 38,270 open passenger models, 13,387 trucks, 11,506 chassis and 73 taxicabs or buses.

Motor cars imported into Canada for domestic consumption have shown a steady increase since the beginning of the year to reach a total of 5,384 in May as compared with 691 in January and 2,539 in April. Exports at 5,623, while slightly less than the 5,776 reported for May of a year ago, were 37 per cent higher than in April when only 4,118 cars were exported. For the first five months of this year production totalled 103,127 and 11,770 cars were imported to make an available supply of 114,827, but as 34,249 were exported the apparent consumption was 80,578 cars as compared with 54,324 during the same period of a year ago.

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

Class	Number		Selling Value f.o.b. plant	
	1925	1926	1925	1926
			\$	\$
Passenger:				
Open -				
2 to 3 passenger	508	1,190	322,754	652,387
4 to 5 passenger	8,002	7,452	4,381,063	2,661,967
7 passenger	137	126	181,030	163,782
Total open	8,647	8,768	4,884,847	3,478,136
Closed -				
2 to 3 passenger	1,743	1,989	1,158,218	1,246,976
4 to 5 passenger	5,997	10,230	5,871,992	8,858,894
7 passenger	94	108	244,673	255,471
Total closed	7,834	12,327	7,274,883	10,361,341
Trucks:				
Under 1 ton capacity	612	1,617	279,800	756,392
1 ton	1,354	1,313	597,202	568,219
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	61	107	136,596	233,122
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	2,027	3,037	1,013,598	1,557,733
Chassis	1,623	787	523,378	279,803
Taxicabs and buses (not included above)	8	15	57,684	84,602
TOTAL	20,139	24,934	13,754,390	15,761,615

Table 2.- Cumulative Production of Automobiles in Canada, for the five months

ending May 1925 and 1926

Class	Number		Selling Value f.o.b. plant	
	1925	1926	1925	1926
			\$	\$
Passenger:				
Open -				
2 to 3 passenger	1,850	4,354	1,116,268	2,375,304
4 to 5 passenger	32,229	33,222	17,141,160	15,088,238
7 passenger	582	694	738,557	863,726
Total open	34,661	38,270	18,995,985	18,327,268
Closed -				
2 to 3 passenger	6,290	7,709	4,146,233	5,026,208
4 to 5 passenger	19,040	31,612	18,132,523	27,339,399
7 passenger	256	570	659,967	1,309,386
Total closed	25,586	39,891	22,938,723	33,674,993
Trucks:				
Under 1 ton capacity	1,830	3,432	829,423	1,532,709
1 ton	8,016	8,975	3,462,292	3,936,148
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	176	980	406,115	1,352,720
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	10,022	13,387	4,697,830	6,821,577
Chassis	7,900	11,506	2,634,787	3,468,163
Taxicabs and buses (not included above)	58	73	230,663	393,151
TOTAL	78,227	103,127	49,497,988	62,685,152

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
TOTAL	1925	No.	78,227	5,710	29,613	54,324
	1926	No.	103,127	11,700	34,249	80,578

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	2,397,248	17,887,071
TOTAL	1925 \$	49,497,988	6,044,666	12,757,512	42,785,142
	1926 \$	62,685,152	10,424,038	14,826,981	58,282,209

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