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## AUTOMOBILE STATISTICS FOR CANADA

May 1927

### MAY IS RECORD MONTH IN CANADIAN AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION

Production of automobiles in Canada during May totalled 25,708 cars having a sales value, f.o.b. plant, of \$17,411,660. This was the greatest monthly output in the history of the industry both in number and the total sales value. The previous high levels were established in May, 1926, when production totalled 24,934 cars and in April 1927, when 24,611 cars were made in Canada.

Compared with the preceding month May production showed gains in output for all types of cars with the exception of chassis and buses. Open passenger cars advanced in number to 5,638 from 5,092, closed model passenger cars to 15,711 from 15,078 and trucks to 3,286 from 1,712. Production of chassis declined to 1,071 from 2,724 and only 2 buses were made in May as against 5 in April. The sales value of cars produced in May exceeded the total sales value reported for May of last year by 1.6 million dollars and was almost a million dollars higher than in April, 1927.

For the first five months of the year the cumulative production of automobiles in Canada totalled 107,600 cars valued at \$68,211,982. This marked a gain of 4 per cent in quantity and 9 per cent in value over the 103,127 cars valued at \$62,685,152 made during the corresponding period of 1926.

The apparent consumption of automobiles in Canada during May amounted to 26,253 cars as determined by adding the imports of 5,916 to the production of 20,337 made for sale in Canada. For the five months ending May 31 the apparent consumption, thus computed, totalled 95,803 cars.

Table 1.- Production of Automobiles in Canada, May 1926 and 1927.

Class	Number		Selling Value f.o.b. plant	
	1926	1927	1926	1927
<b>Passenger:</b>			\$	\$
Open -				
2 to 3 passenger	1,190	673	652,387	378,066
4 to 5 passenger	7,452	4,838	2,661,967	2,288,652
7 passenger	126	127	163,782	137,793
Total open	8,768	5,638	3,478,136	2,804,511
Closed -				
2 to 3 passenger	1,989	1,758	1,246,976	1,083,877
4 to 5 passenger	10,230	13,220	8,858,894	10,608,536
7 passenger	108	733	255,471	939,324
Total closed	12,327	15,711	10,361,341	12,631,737
<b>Trucks:</b>				
Under 1 ton capacity	1,617	532	756,392	250,589
1 ton	1,313	2,613	568,219	1,040,490
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	107	141	233,122	265,822
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	3,037	3,286	1,557,733	1,556,901
<b>Chassis:</b>				
Passenger	319	640	105,986	260,988
Freight	419	399	148,544	133,919
Either passenger or freight	49	32	25,273	12,462
Total chassis	787	1,071	279,803	407,369
<b>Taxicabs and buses not included above.</b>	15	2	84,602	11,142
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,934</b>	<b>25,708</b>	<b>15,761,615</b>	<b>17,411,660</b>

Table 2.- Cumulative Production of Automobiles in Canada, for the five months ending May 1926 and 1927.

Class	Number		Selling Value f.o.b. plant	
	1926	1927	1926	1927
<b>Passenger:</b>			\$	\$
Open -				
2 to 3 passenger	4,354	3,076	2,375,304	1,593,169
4 to 5 passenger	33,222	20,496	15,088,238	9,526,173
7 passenger	694	765	863,726	800,787
Total open	38,270	24,337	18,327,268	11,920,129
Closed -				
2 to 3 passenger	7,709	8,035	5,026,208	4,900,327
4 to 5 passenger	31,612	49,643	27,339,399	39,070,834
7 passenger	570	1,276	1,309,386	2,020,745
Total closed	39,891	58,954	33,674,993	45,991,906
<b>Trucks:</b>				
Under 1 ton capacity	3,432	3,363	1,532,709	1,363,456
1 ton	8,975	7,733	3,936,148	3,044,506
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	980	623	1,352,720	1,175,902
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	13,387	11,719	6,821,577	5,583,864
<b>Chassis:</b>				
Passenger	5,655	5,871	1,895,873	2,166,205
Freight	5,246	6,483	1,246,354	2,352,077
Either passenger or freight	605	223	325,936	142,139
Total chassis	11,506	12,577	3,468,163	4,660,421
<b>Taxicabs and buses not included above.</b>	73	13	393,151	55,662
<b>TOTAL</b>	103,127	107,600	62,685,152	68,211,982

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

Month and Year		Production		Customs' Records			
				Imports		Exports	
		No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
January	1925	10,668	\$ 5,731,005	482	\$ 485,124	5,191	\$ 2,286,404
	1926	15,479	\$ 8,771,034	691	\$ 675,438	5,159	\$ 2,268,518
February	1925	12,520	\$ 6,905,665	594	\$ 659,018	5,151	\$ 2,283,829
	1926	18,838	\$ 10,497,436	916	\$ 914,790	8,438	\$ 3,792,576
March	1925	15,841	\$ 9,774,524	1,209	\$ 1,312,342	7,591	\$ 3,274,817
	1926	22,374	\$ 14,133,229	2,170	\$ 2,112,175	10,911	\$ 4,439,731
April	1925	19,059	\$ 13,332,404	1,513	\$ 1,654,191	5,904	\$ 2,447,331
	1926	21,502	\$ 13,521,838	2,539	\$ 2,198,931	4,118	\$ 1,928,908
May	1925	20,139	\$ 13,754,390	1,912	\$ 1,933,991	5,776	\$ 2,465,131
	1926	24,934	\$ 15,761,615	5,384	\$ 4,522,704	5,623	\$ 2,397,248
June	1925	15,420	\$ 10,257,403	1,618	\$ 1,670,646	6,107	\$ 2,473,652
	1926	21,751	\$ 13,084,298	4,904	\$ 4,203,858	4,584	\$ 1,823,366
July	1925	12,040	\$ 7,585,330	1,646	\$ 1,519,365	4,284	\$ 1,692,891
	1926	15,208	\$ 8,759,280	3,022	\$ 2,400,618	4,158	\$ 1,547,607
August	1925	8,963	\$ 6,632,309	1,431	\$ 1,402,794	4,444	\$ 1,817,209
	1926	15,285	\$ 10,137,389	3,083	\$ 1,512,122	3,080	\$ 1,696,762
September	1925	12,804	\$ 9,164,258	1,429	\$ 1,316,616	5,583	\$ 3,049,426
	1926	17,495	\$ 11,111,419	2,258	\$ 1,821,476	6,501	\$ 3,110,369
October	1925	15,113	\$ 9,297,690	1,211	\$ 1,068,960	7,976	\$ 3,916,180
	1926	14,670	\$ 8,672,578	1,488	\$ 1,319,718	7,546	\$ 3,353,787
November	1925	10,750	\$ 6,097,613	794	\$ 781,364	9,323	\$ 4,340,941
	1926	9,828	\$ 5,558,468	1,316	\$ 1,059,164	8,793	\$ 3,821,994
December	1925	8,904	\$ 5,009,160	795	\$ 744,898	7,047	\$ 3,294,636
	1926	7,752	\$ 4,208,490	764	\$ 740,698	5,642	\$ 2,797,736
TOTAL	1925	162,221	\$ 103,541,751	14,632	\$ 14,549,309	74,377	\$ 33,342,447
	1926	205,116	\$ 124,217,074	28,535	\$ 23,481,692	74,553	\$ 32,978,602

Table 4.- Production in Canada, Imports and Exports of Automobiles, by months, 1927.

Month		Production			Customs' Records	
		For Sale in Canada	For Export	TOTAL	Imports	Exports
January	No.	7,783	7,593	15,376	1,019	7,480
	\$	4,969,072	3,168,108	8,137,180	969,896	3,150,352
February	No.	12,627	6,028	18,655	1,567	5,321
	\$	8,109,993	2,687,206	10,797,199	1,418,505	2,555,274
March	No.	18,011	5,239	23,250	4,397	9,106
	\$	12,751,218	2,596,845	15,348,063	4,015,391	3,837,478
April	No.	19,229	5,382	24,611	4,917	4,087
	\$	13,989,319	2,528,561	16,517,880	4,217,202	2,157,191
May	No.	20,337	5,371	25,708	5,916	5,616
	\$	14,884,731	2,526,929	17,411,660	4,996,001	2,699,891
TOTAL	No.	77,987	29,613	107,600	17,816	31,610
	\$	54,704,333	13,507,649	68,211,982	15,616,995	14,400,186

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