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## MOTOR VEHICLE SHIPMENTS

Factory shipments of Canadian-made vehicles totalled 45,634 units in March, 1954, compared with 44,268 units in the previous month and with 51,990 units in March, 1953. The shipments for the current month included 36,492 passenger cars, 9,109 trucks and 33 buses.

| Table 1 - Motor Vehicle Production and                                                                | i Shipments (†  | t), March, ]       | 1954     |                                |       |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|                                                                                                       | Production      |                    |          | Shipments of vehicles          |       |
|                                                                                                       | during<br>month | For sale in Canada |          | imported from<br>United States |       |
|                                                                                                       |                 | (Num               | ber of u | mits)                          |       |
| (a) Passenger cars                                                                                    |                 |                    |          |                                |       |
| Convertible cars                                                                                      | 2,207           | 2,111              | 43       | 2,154                          | 1,015 |
| Permanent closed cars -                                                                               |                 |                    |          |                                |       |
| Coupe                                                                                                 | 809             | 670                | 66       | 736                            | 4     |
| 2-door sedan                                                                                          | 7,593           | 7,588              | 8        | 7,596                          | 93    |
| 4-door sedan                                                                                          | 23,142          | 23,003             | 522      | 23,525                         | 1,412 |
| Station-wagon type                                                                                    | 1,060           | 1,027              | 26       | 1,053                          | 243   |
| Other models                                                                                          | -               | _                  | _        |                                | 175   |
| Chassis (sold without bodies)                                                                         | 1.440           |                    | 1.428    | 1,428                          |       |
| Total passenger cars                                                                                  | 36,251          | 34,399             | 2,093    | 36,492                         | 2,942 |
| (b) Commercial vehicles, including trucks, buses and chassis Maximum gross vehicle weight in pounds - |                 |                    |          |                                |       |
| 5,000 and less                                                                                        | 5,291           | 4,343              | 757      | 5,100                          | 43    |
| 5,001 - 10,000                                                                                        | 1,274           | 1,226              | 24       | 1,250                          | 168   |
| 10,001 - 14,000                                                                                       | 460             | 337                | 158      | 495                            | 37    |
| 14,001 - 16,000                                                                                       | 84.9            | 623                | 276      | 899                            | 30    |
| 16,001 - 19,500                                                                                       | 855             | 934                | _        | 934                            | 18    |
| 19,501 - 26,000                                                                                       | 364             | 374                |          | 374                            | 62    |
| Over 26,000                                                                                           | 60              | 57                 |          | 57                             | 32    |
| Total trucks                                                                                          | 9,153           | 7,894              | 1,215    | 9,109                          | 390   |
| Total coaches or buses                                                                                | 34              | 33                 | **       | 33                             | -     |
| Total commercial vehicles                                                                             | 9,187           | 7,927              | 1,215    | 9,142                          | 390   |
| TOTAL PASSENGER AND COMMERCIAL                                                                        | 45,4,38         | 42,326             | 3,308    | 45,634                         | 3,332 |
|                                                                                                       |                 | the second         |          |                                |       |

(\*) Includes military vehicles.

Note: Preliminary figures on sales of European-made vehicles during March totalled 2,226 passenger cars and 166 trucks and buses.

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## Motor Vehicles

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Table 2 - Motor Vehicle Production and Shipments (\*), Three Months Ended March, 1954

|                                    | Production | oduction made-in-Canada vehicles vehicles |         | Shipments of vehicles |                             |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------------|---------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
|                                    | during     | FUL SATE FUL                              |         | Total                 | imported from United States |
| / \ =                              |            | (Nu                                       | mber of | units)                |                             |
| (a) Passenger cars                 |            |                                           |         |                       |                             |
| Convertible cars                   | 6,149      | 5,994                                     | 53      | 6,047                 | 1,759                       |
| Permanent closed cars -            |            |                                           |         |                       |                             |
| Coupe                              | 2,220      | 1,943                                     | 96      | 2,039                 | 24                          |
| 2-door sedan                       | 21,895     | 21,650                                    | 14      | 21,664                | 157                         |
| 4-door sedan                       | 67,168     | 66,117                                    | 1,664   | 67,781                | 2,718                       |
| Station-wagon type                 | 2,856      | 2,715                                     | 54      | 2,769                 | 572                         |
| Other models                       | -          | -                                         | -       | _                     | 239                         |
| Chassis (sold without bodies)      | 3,805      |                                           | 3,816   | 3,816                 |                             |
| Total passenger cars               | 104,093    | 98,419                                    | 5,697   | 104,116               | 5,469                       |
| (b) Commercial vehicles, including |            |                                           |         |                       |                             |
| trucks, buses and chassis          |            |                                           |         |                       |                             |
| Maximum gross vehicle weight       |            |                                           |         |                       |                             |
| - in pounds -                      |            |                                           |         |                       |                             |
| 5,000 and less                     | 14,876     | 12,380                                    | 2,075   | 14,455                | 160                         |
| 5,001 - 10,000                     | 4,153      | 3,592                                     | 318     | 3,910                 | 326                         |
| 10,001 - 14,000                    | 1,444      | 942                                       | 383     | 1,325                 | 82                          |
| 14,001 - 16,000                    | 2,495      | 1,840                                     | 700     | 2,540                 | 80                          |
| 16,001 - 19,500                    | 2,445      | 2,583                                     | 84      | 2,667                 | 36                          |
| 19,501 - 26,000                    | 1,035      | 988                                       |         | 988                   | 150                         |
| Over 26,000                        | 161        | 148                                       | _       | 148                   | 132                         |
| Total trucks                       | 26,609     | 22,473                                    | 3,560   | 26,033                | 966                         |
| Total coaches or buses             | 73         | 63                                        |         | 63                    | -                           |
| Total commercial vehicles .        | 26,682     | 22,536                                    | 3,560   | 26,096                | 966                         |
| TOTAL PASSENCER AND COMMERCIAL     | 130,775    | 120,955                                   | 9,257   | 130,212               | 6,435                       |

(\*) Includes military vehicles.

Note: Preliminary figures on sales of European-made vehicles during the Three months ended March, 1954, totalled 4,355 passenger cars and 375 trucks and buses.

Table 3 - Factory Shipments of Made-in-Canada Vehicles, by Months, 1952-1954

| Month     | 1952              | 1953    | 1954   |  |  |
|-----------|-------------------|---------|--------|--|--|
|           | (Number of units) |         |        |  |  |
| January   | 34,232            | 35,894  | 40,310 |  |  |
| February  | 32,448            | 42,904  | 44,268 |  |  |
| March     | 34,209            | 51,990  | 45,634 |  |  |
| April     | 46,908            | 52,420  |        |  |  |
| May       | 42,690            | 50,590  |        |  |  |
| June      | 41,110            | 49,900  |        |  |  |
| July      | 34,314            | 48,691  |        |  |  |
| August    | 22,853            | 22,640  |        |  |  |
| September | 41,065            | 35,021  |        |  |  |
| October   | 41,659            | 35,898  |        |  |  |
| November  | 31,340            | 19,931  |        |  |  |
| December  | 29,868            | 33,770  |        |  |  |
| Total     | 432,696           | 479,649 |        |  |  |