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MOTOR VEHICLE SHIPMENTS

Factory shipments of Canadian-made vehicles totalled 37,284 units in May, 1954, compared with 45,622 units in the previous month and with 50,590 units in May, 1953. The shipments for the current month included 30,135 passenger cars, 7,130 trucks and 19 buses.

Table 1 - Motor Vehicle Production and Shipments (★), May, 1954

| | Production during month | Factory shipments of made-in-Canada vehicles | | | Shipments of vehicles imported from United States |
|---|-------------------------|--|--------------|---------------|---|
| | | For sale in Canada | For export | Total | |
| (Number of units) | | | | | |
| (a) <u>Passenger cars</u> | | | | | |
| Convertible cars | 1,812 | 1,697 | 26 | 1,723 | 1,277 |
| Permanent closed cars - | | | | | |
| Coupe | 771 | 695 | 11 | 706 | 5 |
| 2-door sedan | 6,553 | 6,216 | 4 | 6,220 | 220 |
| 4-door sedan | 18,993 | 17,823 | 477 | 18,300 | 838 |
| Station-wagon type | 729 | 743 | 6 | 749 | 147 |
| Other models | ... | ... | ... | ... | 236 |
| Chassis (sold without bodies) | 2,425 | 1 | 2,436 | 2,437 | ... |
| Total passenger cars | 31,283 | 27,175 | 2,960 | 30,135 | 2,723 |
| (b) <u>Commercial vehicles, including trucks, buses and chassis</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Maximum gross vehicle weight</u> | | | | | |
| <u>- in pounds -</u> | | | | | |
| 5,000 and less | 3,464 | 3,152 | 230 | 3,382 | 94 |
| 5,001 - 10,000 | 978 | 1,018 | 37 | 1,055 | 89 |
| 10,001 - 14,000 | 515 | 304 | 102 | 406 | 28 |
| 14,001 - 16,000 | 731 | 566 | 435 | 1,001 | 52 |
| 16,001 - 19,500 | 905 | 934 | ... | 934 | 39 |
| 19,501 - 26,000 | 286 | 322 | ... | 322 | 46 |
| Over 26,000 | 32 | 30 | ... | 30 | 47 |
| Total trucks | 6,911 | 6,326 | 804 | 7,130 | 395 |
| Total coaches or buses ... | 19 | 19 | ... | 19 | ... |
| Total commercial vehicles | 6,930 | 6,345 | 804 | 7,149 | 395 |
| TOTAL PASSENGER AND COMMERCIAL | 38,213 | 33,520 | 3,764 | 37,284 | 3,118 |

(★) Includes military vehicles.

Note: Preliminary figures on sales of European-made vehicles during May totalled 2,338 passenger cars and 179 trucks and buses.

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Table 2 - Motor Vehicle Production and Shipments (★), Five Months Ended May, 1954.

| | Production during period | Factory shipments of made-in-Canada vehicles | | | Shipments of vehicles imported from United States |
|---|--------------------------|--|---------------|----------------|---|
| | | For sale in Canada | For export | Total | |
| (Number of units) | | | | | |
| (a) <u>Passenger cars</u> | | | | | |
| Convertible cars | 10,396 | 10,106 | 101 | 10,207 | 4,099 |
| Permanent closed cars - | | | | | |
| Coupe | 3,772 | 3,281 | 136 | 3,417 | 40 |
| 2-door sedan | 35,927 | 35,105 | 22 | 35,127 | 449 |
| 4-door sedan | 109,809 | 106,693 | 2,671 | 109,364 | 4,649 |
| Station-wagon type | 4,543 | 4,436 | 61 | 4,497 | 928 |
| Other models | ... | ... | ... | ... | 559 |
| Chassis (sold without bodies) | 8,198 | 1 | 7,992 | 7,993 | ... |
| Total passenger cars | 172,645 | 159,622 | 10,983 | 170,605 | 10,724 |
| (b) <u>Commercial vehicles, including trucks, buses and chassis</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Maximum gross vehicle weight</u> | | | | | |
| <u>- in pounds -</u> | | | | | |
| 5,000 and less | 23,162 | 19,537 | 2,886 | 22,423 | 350 |
| 5,001 - 10,000 | 6,521 | 5,948 | 479 | 6,427 | 538 |
| 10,001 - 14,000 | 2,630 | 1,668 | 593 | 2,261 | 150 |
| 14,001 - 16,000 | 4,296 | 3,226 | 1,615 | 4,841 | 213 |
| 16,001 - 19,500 | 4,302 | 4,487 | 84 | 4,571 | 91 |
| 19,501 - 26,000 | 1,676 | 1,656 | ... | 1,656 | 245 |
| Over 26,000 | 262 | 224 | ... | 224 | 221 |
| Total trucks | 42,849 | 36,746 | 5,657 | 42,403 | 1,808 |
| Total coaches or buses | 120 | 110 | ... | 110 | 10 |
| Total commercial vehicles .. | 42,969 | 36,856 | 5,657 | 42,513 | 1,818 |
| TOTAL PASSENGER AND COMMERCIAL | 215,614 | 196,478 | 16,640 | 213,118 | 12,542 |

(★) Includes military vehicles.

Note: Preliminary figures on sales of European-made vehicles during the five months ended May, 1954, totalled 8,993 passenger cars and 701 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 | 45,622 |
| May | 42,690 | 50,590 | 37,284 |
| 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 | |