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AUTOMOBILE STATISTICS FOR CANADA

March 1928

Production of automobiles in Canada numbered 17,478 valued at \$12,709,616 in March. This output represented an increase of 39 per cent in number and 51 per cent in value over the February output of 12,504 valued at \$8,442,206. In March, 1927, production totalled 23,250 cars valued at \$15,348,063.

Compared with the previous month, March production showed an increase in all types of cars with the exception of open passenger cars which dropped to 1,445 from 1,788. Closed model passenger cars advanced to 12,805 from 8,292; trucks to 257 from 211; chassis to 2,967 from 2,213; and 4 buses were produced. No buses were made in February.

Customs' records show that 6,114 cars were imported into Canada during March as compared with 2,644 in February and 4,397 in March of a year ago. Exports of automobiles through Canadian ports during March numbered 3,592 cars as against 4,128 in the previous month and 9,106 in March, 1927.

Adding the imports of 6,114 to the 14,236 cars which were made for sale in Canada, the number made available for distribution in Canada during March is found to be 20,350. For the first quarter of this year the number of cars made available in Canada, thus computed, totalled 38,223 cars.

During the first quarter of 1927 the Canadian production totalled 57,281 cars valued at \$34,282,442 and for the corresponding period of 1926, figures were 56,691 cars worth \$33,401,699.

For the three months ending March, 1928, the cumulative production numbered 38,445 cars having a sales value, f.o.b., plant, of \$26,614,712. The lower number reported for 1928 was due to the fact that the output from one of the largest factories in Canada was very much restricted during the period; resumption of active operations by this company in March tended to restore the industrial production figures to levels comparable with those attained last year.

Table 1.- Production of Automobiles in Canada, March 1927 and 1928.

Class	Number		Selling Value f.o.b. plant	
	1927	1928	1927	1928
Passenger:			\$	\$
Open -				
2 to 3 passenger	700	267	363,013	119,727
4 to 5 passenger	4,551	1,054	2,156,677	571,052
7 passenger	149	124	153,318	133,281
Total open	5,400	1,445	2,673,008	824,060
Closed -				
2 to 3 passenger	1,876	1,497	1,157,177	1,210,797
4 to 5 passenger	10,869	11,141	8,578,476	8,579,574
7 passenger	151	167	371,510	360,037
Total closed	12,896	12,805	10,107,163	10,150,408
Trucks:				
Under 1 ton capacity	583	44	258,969	33,205
1 ton	866	19	366,202	20,261
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	157	194	315,942	313,696
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	1,606	257	941,113	367,162
Chassis:				
Passenger	792	978	337,061	375,739
Freight	1,871	1,942	723,627	937,195
Either passenger or freight	57	47	44,494	40,520
Total chassis	2,720	2,967	1,105,182	1,353,454
Taxicabs and buses not included above	1	4	2,328	14,532
TOTAL	22,623	17,478	14,828,794	12,709,616

Table 2.- Cumulative Production of Automobiles in Canada, for the three months ending March 1927 and 1928.

Class	Number		Selling Value f.o.b. plant	
	1927	1928	1927	1928
Passenger:			\$	\$
Open -				
2 to 3 passenger	1,649	664	836,459	358,736
4 to 5 passenger	11,500	4,082	5,285,027	2,002,855
7 passenger	484	267	499,535	288,125
Total open	13,633	5,013	6,621,021	2,649,716
Closed -				
2 to 3 passenger	4,340	3,039	2,582,294	2,245,089
4 to 5 passenger	22,796	22,336	17,482,758	17,191,086
7 passenger	369	393	744,697	783,106
Total closed	27,505	25,768	20,809,749	20,219,281
Trucks:				
Under 1 ton capacity	2,194	87	855,272	67,344
1 ton	4,189	58	1,606,275	58,209
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	338	428	643,625	674,367
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	6,721	573	3,105,172	799,920
Chassis:				
Passenger	4,516	1,465	1,599,928	604,655
Freight	4,083	5,499	1,472,583	2,220,204
Either passenger or freight	190	121	133,664	97,573
Total chassis	8,789	7,085	3,206,175	2,922,432
Taxicabs and buses not included above	6	6	21,056	23,363
TOTAL	56,654	38,445	33,763,173	26,614,712

Table 3.- Production in Canada, Imports and Exports of Automobiles
by months, 1926 and 1927

Month and Year		Production		Customs' Records			
				Imports		Exports	
		No.	Value	No.	Value	No.	Value
January	1926	15,479	\$ 8,771,034	691	\$ 675,438	5,190	\$ 2,315,941
	1927	15,376	\$ 8,137,180	1,019	\$ 969,896	7,480	\$ 3,150,352
February	1926	18,838	\$ 10,497,436	916	\$ 914,790	8,438	\$ 3,792,576
	1927	18,655	\$ 10,797,199	1,567	\$ 1,418,505	5,321	\$ 2,555,274
March	1926	22,374	\$ 14,133,229	2,170	\$ 2,112,175	10,911	\$ 4,439,731
	1927	23,250	\$ 15,348,063	4,397	\$ 4,015,391	9,106	\$ 3,837,478
April	1926	21,502	\$ 13,521,838	2,539	\$ 2,198,931	4,118	\$ 1,928,908
	1927	24,611	\$ 16,517,880	4,917	\$ 4,217,202	4,087	\$ 2,157,191
May	1926	24,934	\$ 15,761,615	5,384	\$ 4,522,704	5,623	\$ 2,397,248
	1927	25,708	\$ 17,411,660	5,916	\$ 4,996,001	5,616	\$ 2,699,891
June	1926	21,751	\$ 13,084,298	4,904	\$ 4,203,858	4,584	\$ 1,823,366
	1927	19,208	\$ 12,731,925	4,621	\$ 3,889,311	4,614	\$ 2,332,731
July	1926	15,208	\$ 8,759,280	3,031	\$ 2,400,618	4,195	\$ 1,596,953
	1927	10,987	\$ 7,031,869	3,946	\$ 3,232,337	3,289	\$ 1,476,211
August	1926	15,285	\$ 10,137,389	3,083	\$ 2,412,122	3,080	\$ 1,696,762
	1927	12,526	\$ 8,781,279	3,490	\$ 2,840,386	4,684	\$ 2,270,806
September	1926	17,495	\$ 11,111,419	2,258	\$ 1,821,476	6,501	\$ 3,110,369
	1927	11,262	\$ 8,422,899	2,433	\$ 2,046,355	3,935	\$ 2,397,792
October	1926	14,670	\$ 8,672,578	1,488	\$ 1,319,718	7,582	\$ 3,405,566
	1927	7,748	\$ 5,556,172	2,156	\$ 1,811,153	3,562	\$ 2,148,321
November	1926	9,828	\$ 5,558,468	1,316	\$ 1,059,164	8,830	\$ 3,844,501
	1927	6,617	\$ 4,537,638	1,221	\$ 1,141,224	3,929	\$ 2,308,578
* December	1926	7,363	\$ 2,620,953	764	\$ 740,698	5,642	\$ 2,797,736
	1927	3,106	\$ 630,464	947	\$ 964,655	2,229	\$ 1,605,248
TOTAL	1926	204,727	\$ 122,629,537	28,544	\$ 24,381,692	74,694	\$ 33,149,657
	1927	179,054	\$ 115,904,228	36,630	\$ 31,542,416	57,852	\$ 28,939,873

* Errors in monthly production figures are compensated in December entries.

Table 4.- Production in Canada, Imports and Exports of Automobiles, by months, 1928.

Month		Production			Customs' Records	
		For Sale in Canada	For Export	TOTAL	Imports	Exports
January	No.	4,561	3,902	8,463	1,586	3,526
	\$	3,471,187	1,991,703	5,462,890	1,562,724	1,955,207
February	No.	9,082	3,422	12,504	2,644	4,129
	\$	6,795,570	1,646,636	8,442,206	2,428,070	2,076,430
March	No.	14,236	3,242	17,478	6,114	3,592
	\$	11,071,193	1,638,423	12,709,616	5,293,074	2,017,492
April	No.					
	\$					
May	No.					
	\$					
June	No.					
	\$					
July	No.					
	\$					
August	No.					
	\$					
September	No.					
	\$					
October	No.					
	\$					
November	No.					
	\$					
December	No.					
	\$					
TOTAL	No.	27,879	10,566	38,445	10,344	11,246
	\$	21,337,950	5,276,762	26,614,712	9,283,868	6,049,129

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