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Automobiles produced in Canada during the month of April numbered 24,240 marking an increase of 39 per cent over the 17,478 cars produced in March but slightly under the 24,611 cars produced in April last year. The advance in April over March was general in all types of cars; open model passenger cars rose to 3,137 from 1,445; closed model passenger cars to 15,318 from 12,805; chassis to 5,493 from 2,967; and trucks to 292 from 257. No taxicabs or busses were made in April as against 4 in the preceding month.

The 24,240 cars produced in the month under review were valued at \$16,585,420, f.o.b. factory, and of this total 17,562 cars worth \$13,713,905 were intended for sale in Canada and the balance, or 6,678 cars valued at \$2,871,515, were made for export.

Customs' records show that 5,150 cars were imported into Canada during April as compared with 6,114 in the previous month and 4,917 in April of a year ago. Exports cleared from Canadian ports during April showed 3,656 cars as against 3,592 in March and 4,087 in April, 1927.

A calculation of the number of cars made available for distribution in Canada during April, made by adding the imports of 5,150 cars to the 17,562 made for sale in Canada, gives a total of 22,712 cars. For the first four months of the year the number of cars made available in Canada, thus computed, totalled 60,935.

For the four months ending April, 1928, the cumulative production numbered 62,685 cars having a sales value, f.o.b. plant, of \$43,200,132. While this output was 23 per cent less than the figures for the corresponding period of last year and the value was 15 per cent lower, conditions generally, in the industry were nevertheless much improved in April.

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

Class	Number		Selling Value f.o.b. plant	
	1927	1928	1927	1928
Passenger:			\$	\$
Open -				
2 to 3 passenger	785	728	414,894	389,251
4 to 5 passenger	4,153	2,281	1,944,189	987,866
7 passenger	154	128	163,459	139,054
Total open	5,092	3,137	2,522,542	1,516,171
Closed -				
2 to 3 passenger	1,893	1,434	1,204,798	960,685
4 to 5 passenger	13,011	13,714	10,453,777	11,003,950
7 passenger	174	170	336,724	378,452
Total closed	15,078	15,318	11,995,299	12,343,087
Trucks:				
Under 1 ton capacity	637	32	257,595	23,793
1 ton	931	25	397,741	24,382
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	144	235	266,455	403,991
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	1,712	292	921,791	452,166
Chassis:				
Passenger	715	2,091	305,289	743,459
Freight	2,001	3,368	745,575	1,499,797
Either passenger or freight	8	34	3,920	30,740
Total chassis	2,724	5,493	1,054,784	2,273,996
Taxicabs and buses not included above	5	-	23,464	-
TOTAL	24,611	24,240	16,517,880	16,585,420

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

Class	Number		Selling Value f.o.b. plant	
	1927	1928	1927	1928
Passenger:			\$	\$
Open -				
2 to 3 passenger	2,403	1,392	1,215,103	747,987
4 to 5 passenger	15,658	6,363	7,237,521	2,990,721
7 passenger	638	395	662,994	427,179
Total open	18,699	8,150	9,115,618	4,165,887
Closed -				
2 to 3 passenger	6,277	4,473	3,816,450	3,205,774
4 to 5 passenger	36,423	36,050	28,462,298	28,195,036
7 passenger	543	563	1,081,421	1,161,558
Total closed	43,243	41,086	33,360,169	32,562,368
Trucks:				
Under 1 ton capacity	2,831	119	1,112,867	91,137
1 ton	5,120	83	2,004,016	82,591
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	482	663	910,080	1,078,358
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	8,433	865	4,026,963	1,252,086
Chassis:				
Passenger	5,231	3,556	1,905,217	1,348,114
Freight	6,084	8,867	2,218,158	3,720,001
Either passenger or freight	191	155	129,677	128,313
Total chassis	11,506	12,578	4,253,052	5,196,428
Taxicabs and buses not included above	11	6	44,520	23,363
TOTAL	81,892	62,685	50,800,322	43,200,132

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	4,123
	\$	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.	17,562	6,678	24,240	5,150	3,656
	\$	13,713,905	2,871,515	16,585,420	4,485,845	1,766,965
May	No.					
	\$					
June	No.					
	\$					
July	No.					
	\$					
August	No.					
	\$					
September	No.					
	\$					
October	No.					
	\$					
November	No.					
	\$					
December	No.					
	\$					
TOTAL	No.	45,441	17,244	62,685	15,494	14,902
	\$	35,051,855	8,148,277	43,200,132	13,769,713	7,816,094

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