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**AUTOMOBILE STATISTICS FOR CANADA**

**MAY 1928**

A new monthly record for automobile production in Canada was established in May when 33,942 cars were produced. This output was 40 per cent over the 24,211 cars made in April and 32 per cent greater than the previous high total of 25,708 cars recorded in May of last year. For each of the past four years the monthly output of cars has reached a peak in the month of May; in 1926 the May total amounted to 24,934 cars and in 1925 the corresponding total was 20,139 cars.

Advances over last month's output were general in all types of cars with the exception of a slight reduction in the number of chassis to 5,115 from 5,493. The principal gain was in closed passenger car models, production of which increased to 23,211 from 15,296; open passenger cars also advanced to 5,020 from 3,130; and trucks to 559 from 292 while 37 taxicabs or buses were made in May against none of this type in April.

Customs records show that 8,126 cars were imported into Canada during the month under review; this was an increase of 58 per cent over the imports of 5,150 cars in April. Export figures on the number of cars cleared from Canadian ports during the same period advanced 69 per cent to 6196 from 3,656.

A calculation of the number of cars made available for distribution in Canada during May, made by adding the imports of 8,126 cars to the 27,308 cars made for sale in Canada, gives a total of 35,434 cars. For the first five months of the year the number of cars made available in Canada, thus computed, totalled 96,327 cars.

For the five months ending May 31, 1928, the cumulative production of automobiles in Canada was 96,589 cars having a sales value, f.o.b. plant, of \$65,988,365. This output was 10 per cent less in number and 3 per cent lower in value than the figures for the corresponding period of a year ago. Conditions generally seem favourable to the industry, production having mounted steadily from the low for the year of 8,463 cars in January to the record output of 33,942 cars in May.

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

Class	Number		Selling Value f.o.b. plant	
	1927	1928	1927	1928
Passenger:			\$	\$
Open -				
2 to 3 passenger	673	1,198	378,066	608,513
4 to 5 passenger	4,838	2,966	2,288,652	1,377,335
7 passenger	127	856	137,793	359,883
Total open	5,638	5,020	2,804,511	2,345,731
Closed -				
2 to 3 passenger	1,758	2,372	1,083,877	1,548,006
4 to 5 passenger	13,220	20,677	10,608,536	15,598,801
7 passenger	733	162	939,324	376,660
Total closed	15,711	23,211	12,631,737	17,523,467
Trucks:				
Under 1 ton capacity	532	239	250,589	119,717
1 ton	2,613	35	1,040,490	36,934
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	141	285	265,822	531,835
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	3,286	559	1,556,901	688,486
Chassis:				
Passenger	640	1,496	260,988	601,059
Freight	399	3,616	133,919	1,617,930
Either passenger or freight	32	3	12,462	5,025
Total chassis	1,071	5,115	407,369	2,224,014
Taxicabs and buses not included above	2	37	11,142	36,794
TOTAL	25,708	33,942	17,411,660	22,818,492

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

Class	Number		Selling Value f.o.b. plant	
	1927	1928	1927	1928
<b>Passenger:</b>			\$	\$
Open -				
2 to 3 passenger	3,076	2,588	1,593,169	1,357,140
4 to 5 passenger	20,496	9,325	9,526,173	4,365,528
7 passenger	765	1,251	800,787	787,062
Total open	24,337	13,164	11,920,129	6,509,730
Closed -				
2 to 3 passenger	8,035	6,836	4,900,327	4,745,343
4 to 5 passenger	49,643	56,708	39,070,834	43,776,755
7 passenger	1,276	725	2,020,745	1,538,218
Total closed	58,954	64,269	45,991,906	50,060,316
<b>Trucks:</b>				
Under 1 ton capacity	3,363	358	1,363,456	210,854
1 ton	7,733	118	3,044,506	119,525
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	623	948	1,175,902	1,610,193
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	11,719	1,424	5,583,864	1,940,572
<b>Chassis:</b>				
Passenger	5,871	5,052	2,166,205	1,949,173
Freight	6,483	12,479	2,352,077	5,335,079
Either passenger or freight	223	158	142,139	133,338
Total chassis	12,577	17,689	4,660,421	7,417,590
<b>Taxicabs and buses not     included above</b>	13	43	55,662	60,157
<b>TOTAL</b>	107,600	96,589	68,211,982	65,988,365



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	4,128
	\$	6,795,570	1,646,636	8,442,206	2,428,070	2,076,430
March	No.	14,223	3,246	17,469	6,114	3,592
	\$	11,061,900	1,640,823	12,702,723	5,293,074	2,017,492
April	No.	17,533	6,678	24,211	5,150	3,656
	\$	13,690,539	2,871,515	16,562,054	4,485,845	1,766,965
May	No.	27,308	6,634	33,942	8,126	6,196
	\$	20,535,421	2,283,071	22,818,492	6,711,901	2,663,138
June	No.					
	\$					
July	No.					
	\$					
August	No.					
	\$					
September	No.					
	\$					
October	No.					
	\$					
November	No.					
	\$					
December	No.					
	\$					
TOTAL	No.	72,707	23,882	96,589	23,620	21,098
	\$	55,554,617	10,433,748	65,988,365	20,481,614	10,479,232

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