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MOTOR VEHICLE SHIPMENTS

Factory shipments of Canadian-made vehicles totalled 28,185 units in December, 1955, compared with 28,860 units in the previous month and with 26,280 units in December, 1954. The shipments for the current month included 24,167 passenger cars, 3,986 trucks and 32 buses.

Table 1 - Motor Vehicle Production and Shipments*, December, 1955

	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) Passenger cars					
Convertible cars	1,939	1,945	2	1,947	1,221
Permanent closed cars -					
Coupe	137	144	-	144	12
2-door sedan	4,102	4,094	4	4,098	50
4-door sedan	14,687	14,500	472	14,972	1,218
Station-wagon type	1,742	1,700	58	1,758	332
Other models	-	-	-	-	923
Chassis (sold without bodies)	1,537	-	1,248	1,248	1
Total passenger cars	24,144	22,383	1,784	24,167	3,757
(b) Commercial vehicles, including trucks, buses and chassis					
Maximum gross vehicle weight - in pounds -					
5,000 and less	1,730	1,512	226	1,738	110
5,001 - 10,000	573	559	28	587	241
10,001 - 14,000	213	170	14	184	59
14,001 - 16,000	782	443	321	764	79
16,001 - 19,500	505	492	-	492	69
19,501 - 26,000	210	178	-	178	96
Over 26,000	77	43	-	43	98
Total trucks	4,090	3,397	589	3,986	752
Total coaches or buses	32	32	-	32	-
Total commercial vehicles	4,122	3,429	589	4,018	752
TOTAL PASSENGER AND COMMERCIAL	28,266	25,812	2,373	28,185	4,509

* Includes military vehicles.

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Table 2 - Motor Vehicle Production and Shipments*, Twelve Months Ended December, 1955

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	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) Passenger cars					
Convertible cars	30,153	30,646	79	30,725	9,684
Permanent closed cars -					
Coupe	13,475	13,534	65	13,599	163
2-door sedan	68,825	68,899	20	68,919	1,509
4-door sedan	225,484	213,718	11,255	224,973	12,487
Station-wagon type	16,993	15,890	952	16,842	2,172
Other models	6,381	6,355	3	6,358	3,777
Chassis (sold without bodies)	13,634	-	13,345	13,345	1
Total passenger cars	374,945	349,042	25,719	374,761	29,793
(b) Commercial vehicles, including trucks, buses and chassis					
Maximum gross vehicle weight - in pounds -					
5,000 and less	39,297	35,400	4,452	39,852	1,100
5,001 - 10,000	11,787	10,934	636	11,570	1,982
10,001 - 14,000	4,555	3,281	696	3,977	368
14,001 - 16,000	8,872	5,489	3,560	9,049	688
16,001 - 19,500	10,281	10,247	29	10,276	591
19,501 - 26,000	3,413	3,288	-	3,288	667
Over 26,000	677	489	2	491	636
Total trucks	78,882	69,128	9,375	78,503	6,032
Total coaches or buses	355	359	-	359	143
Total commercial vehicles	79,237	69,487	9,375	78,862	6,175
TOTAL PASSENGER AND COMMERCIAL	454,182	418,529	35,094	453,623	35,968

* Includes military vehicles.

Table 3 - Factory Shipments of Made-in-Canada Vehicles, by Months, 1952-1955 (Including revisions to date)

Month	1952	1953	1954	1955
	(Number of units)			
January	34,232	35,894	40,310	29,403
February	32,448	42,904	44,268	31,827
March	34,209	51,990	45,634	32,380
April	46,908	52,420	45,622	66,944
May	42,690	50,590	37,284	60,882
June	41,110	49,900	30,229	56,685
July	34,314	48,691	26,128	48,067
August	22,853	22,640	17,249	25,014
September	41,065	35,021	13,982	19,077
October	41,659	35,898	10,624	26,299
November	31,340	19,931	18,176	28,860
December	29,868	33,770	26,280	28,185
TOTAL	432,696	479,649	355,786	453,623