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MOTOR VEHICLE SHIPMENTS

Factory shipments of Canadian-made vehicles totalled 32,380 units in March, 1955, compared with 31,827 units in the previous month and with 45,634 units in March, 1954. The shipments for the current month included 26,744 passenger cars, 5,592 trucks and 44 buses.

Table 1 - Motor Vehicle Production and Shipments(*), March, 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	3,782	2,177	15	2,192	1,060
Permanent closed cars -					
Coupe	1,542	810	15	825	8
2-door sedan	7,984	4,961	2	4,963	5
4-door sedan	26,546	14,447	1,741	16,188	659
Station-wagon type	1,580	893	26	919	210
Other models	595	169	-	169	213
Chassis (sold without bodies)	1,488	-	1,488	1,488	-
Total passenger cars	43,517	23,457	3,287	26,744	2,155
(b) Commercial vehicles, including trucks, buses and chassis					
Maximum gross vehicle weight - in pounds -					
5,000 and less	3,705	2,813	295	3,108	5
5,001 - 10,000	1,047	845	27	872	168
10,001 - 14,000	348	239	4	243	20
14,001 - 16,000	714	494	72	566	54
16,001 - 19,500	782	534	-	534	17
19,501 - 26,000	254	246	-	246	26
Over 26,000	35	23	-	23	25
Total trucks	6,885	5,194	398	5,592	315
Total coaches or buses	43	44	-	44	28
Total commercial vehicles	6,928	5,238	398	5,636	343
TOTAL PASSENGER AND COMMERCIAL	50,445	28,695	3,685	32,380	2,498

(*) Includes military vehicles.

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Table 2 - Motor Vehicle Production and Shipments(*), Three Months Ended March, 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	8,958	7,380	16	7,396	2,756
Permanent closed cars -					
Coupe	4,421	3,752	17	3,769	8
2-door sedan	17,590	14,290	4	14,294	31
4-door sedan	62,382	48,381	2,444	50,825	1,958
Station-wagon type	2,904	2,098	26	2,124	406
Other models	603	169	-	169	245
Chassis (sold without bodies)	1,872	-	1,872	1,872	-
Total passenger cars	98,730	76,070	4,379	80,449	5,404
(b) Commercial vehicles, including trucks, buses and chassis					
Maximum gross vehicle weight - in pounds -					
5,000 and less	6,541	5,894	559	6,453	199
5,001 - 10,000	2,174	1,905	178	2,083	383
10,001 - 14,000	1,066	442	500	942	76
14,001 - 16,000	1,622	930	612	1,542	116
16,001 - 19,500	1,419	1,280	-	1,280	87
19,501 - 26,000	747	746	-	746	177
Over 26,000	105	65	-	65	72
Total trucks	13,674	11,262	1,849	13,111	1,110
Total coaches or buses	48	50	-	50	34
Total commercial vehicles	13,722	11,312	1,849	13,161	1,144
TOTAL PASSENGER AND COMMERCIAL	112,452	87,382	6,228	93,610	6,548

(*) 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
Total three months	100,889	130,788	130,212	93,610
April	46,908	52,420	45,622	
May	42,690	50,590	37,284	
June	41,110	49,900	30,229	
July	34,314	48,691	26,128	
August	22,853	22,640	17,249	
September	41,065	35,021	13,982	
October	41,659	35,898	10,624	
November	31,340	19,931	18,176	
December	29,868	33,770	26,280	
TOTAL	432,696	479,649	355,786	