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AUTOMOBILE STATISTICS FOR CANADA

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Production of automobiles in Canada showed more than the customary seasonal increase during March, 1929, when the output reached a new high record at 40,621 cars, according to data compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa. This output was 20 per cent above the previous high level established last May at 33,942 cars and 30 per cent over the total of 31,287 cars made in February of this year, the third best month for the industry. The output of 40,621 cars during the current month was 64 per cent above the Bureau's moving average for the twelve months ending March, computed at 24,779 cars.

As compared with figures for February, the statistics for March showed increased outputs for all types of cars with the exception of open passenger cars which dropped to 4,107 from 4,730. Closed model passenger cars advanced 45 per cent in number to 27,145 from 18,661; trucks rose to 1,421 from 927 and the number of chassis increased to 7,948 from 6,969.

Customs records for March showed that 8,091 cars were imported into Canada during the month and that a total of 15,561 cars were exported during the same period. For the first quarter of this year imports totalled 12,800 cars and exports aggregated 35,414 cars.

Of the total output during March, 31,433 cars were made for sale in Canada and 9,188 cars were intended for export. The apparent consumption of automobiles in Canada during the month, as determined by adding the 31,433 cars made for sale in Canada to the 8,091 cars imported, amounted to 39,524 cars. For the first three months of this year the number of cars made available for use in Canada totalled 76,754 cars as compared with a corresponding total of 38,214 cars during the first quarter of last year, but in comparing the cumulative figures for these two years, it must be borne in mind that in the first part of 1928 one of the principal automobile manufacturers in Canada practically suspended operations pending a readjustment in plant and equipment due to the adoption of new models.

Table 1.- Number of Automobiles Produced in Canada during March 1929, and the three months ending March, 1928 and 1929.

| Class | March 1929 | | | Three months ending March | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|
| | For Sale in Canada | For Export | TOTAL | 1928 | 1929 |
| Passenger: | | | | | |
| Open - | | | | | |
| 2 to 3 passenger | 1,111 | 199 | 1,310 | 664 | 3,165 |
| 4 to 5 passenger | 741 | 2,054 | 2,795 | 4,083 | 9,317 |
| 7 passenger | 1 | 1 | 2 | 267 | 4 |
| Total open | 1,853 | 2,254 | 4,107 | 5,014 | 12,486 |
| Closed - | | | | | |
| 2 to 3 passenger | 3,539 | 134 | 3,673 | 3,039 | 7,208 |
| 4 to 5 passenger | 21,208 | 2,197 | 23,405 | 22,330 | 49,002 |
| 7 passenger | 67 | - | 67 | 393 | 121 |
| Total closed | 24,814 | 2,331 | 27,145 | 25,762 | 56,331 |
| Trucks: | | | | | |
| Under 1 ton capacity | 887 | 99 | 986 | 87 | 2,150 |
| 1 ton | 155 | - | 155 | 58 | 290 |
| Over 1 ton and under 5 tons | 280 | - | 280 | 428 | 485 |
| 5 tons and over | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total trucks | 1,322 | 99 | 1,421 | 573 | 2,925 |
| Chassis: | | | | | |
| Passenger | 332 | 1,249 | 1,581 | 1,465 | 6,764 |
| Freight | 3,112 | 3,255 | 6,367 | 5,495 | 14,901 |
| Either passenger or freight | - | - | - | 121 | 2 |
| Total chassis | 3,444 | 4,504 | 7,948 | 7,081 | 21,667 |
| Taxicabs and buses not included above | - | - | - | 6 | - |
| TOTAL | 31,433 | 9,188 | 40,621 | 38,436 | 93,409 |

Table 2.- Production in Canada, Imports and Exports of Automobiles,
by months, 1928 and 1929.

| Month | | Production | | | Customs' Records | |
|-----------|------|-----------------------|------------|--------|------------------|---------|
| | | For Sale in Canada | For Export | TOTAL | Imports | Exports |
| January | 1928 | 4,561 | 3,902 | 8,463 | 1,586 | 3,526 |
| | 1929 | 11,505 | 9,996 | 21,501 | 1,780 | 8,997 |
| February | 1928 | 9,082 | 3,422 | 12,504 | 2,644 | 4,128 |
| | 1929 | 21,016 | 10,271 | 31,287 | 2,929 | 10,856 |
| March | 1928 | 14,227 | 3,242 | 17,469 | 6,114 | 3,592 |
| | 1929 | 31,433 | 9,188 | 40,621 | 8,091 | 15,561 |
| April | 1928 | | | | | |
| | 1929 | | | | | |
| May | 1928 | | | | | |
| | 1929 | | | | | |
| June | 1928 | | | | | |
| | 1929 | | | | | |
| July | | | | | | |
| August | | | | | | |
| September | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 1928 | 27,870 | 10,566 | 38,436 | 10,344 | 11,246 |
| | 1929 | 63,954 | 29,455 | 93,409 | 12,800 | 35,414 |

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