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## AUTOMOBILE STATISTICS FOR CANADA

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Production of automobiles in Canada during April at 41,901 cars set up a new high record for the second month in succession, according to a statement issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Earlier records, now surpassed, were established in March of this year when 40,621 cars were made, and in May of last year, when the output was 33,942 cars. The output of 41,901 cars during the current month was 3 per cent greater than production for last month and 60 per cent above the Bureau's moving average for the twelve months ending April, computed at 26,254 cars.

Compared with the figures for March, data for April showed increased outputs for all types except chassis. The greatest gain was in open passenger cars which advanced to 5,761 from 4,107; closed model passenger cars rose slightly to 27,912 from 27,145; the output of trucks remained practically stationary at 1,422 as against 1,421, and the number of chassis declined to 6,787 from 7,948. During April, 19 taxicabs or buses were made; none of this type were produced in March.

Customs records for April showed that 7,484 cars were imported into Canada during the month and 6,613 were exported. For the first four months of this year imports totalled 20,284 cars and exports, 42,027 cars.

Of the total output during April, 32,979 cars were made for sale in Canada and 8,922 cars were intended for export. The apparent consumption of automobiles in Canada during the month, as determined by adding the 32,979 cars made for sale in Canada to the 7,484 cars imported, amounted to 40,463 cars. For the first four months of this year the number of cars made available for use in Canada totalled 117,217 cars as compared with a total of 60,893 cars during the corresponding period 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 had practically suspended operations pending a readjustment in plant and equipment due to the adoption of new models.

Number of Automobiles Produced in Canada during April 1929, and the four months ending April, 1928 and 1929.

Class	April 1929			Four months ending April	
	For Sale in Canada	For Export	TOTAL	1928	1929
Passenger:					
Open -					
2 to 3 passenger	1,073	215	1,288	1,390	4,453
4 to 5 passenger	941	3,498	4,439	6,359	13,756
? passenger	33	1	34	395	38
Total open	2,047	3,714	5,761	8,144	18,247
Closed -					
2 to 3 passenger	3,672	107	3,779	4,464	10,987
4 to 5 passenger	22,384	1,679	24,063	36,031	73,065
? passenger	70	-	70	563	191
Total closed	26,126	1,786	27,912	41,058	84,243
Trucks:					
Under 1 ton capacity	840	81	921	119	3,071
1 ton	326	-	326	83	616
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	175	-	175	663	660
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	1,341	81	1,422	865	4,347
Chassis:					
Passenger	185	515	700	3,556	7,464
Freight	3,261	2,826	6,087	8,863	20,988
Either passenger or freight	-	-	-	155	2
Total chassis	3,446	3,341	6,787	12,574	28,454
Taxicabs and buses not included above	19	-	19	6	19
TOTAL	32,979	8,922	41,901	62,647	135,310

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	9,032	3,422	12,504	2,644	4,128
	1929	21,016	10,271	31,287	2,929	10,856
March	1928	14,223	3,246	17,469	6,114	3,592
	1929	31,433	9,188	40,621	8,091	15,561
April	1928	17,533	6,678	24,211	5,150	3,656
	1929	32,979	8,922	41,901	7,484	6,613
May	1928					
	1929					
June	1928					
	1929					
July	1928					
	1929					
August	1928					
	1929					
September	1928					
	1929					
October	1928					
	1929					
November	1928					
	1929					
December	1928					
	1929					
TOTAL	1928	45,399	17,248	62,647	15,494	14,902
	1929	96,933	38,377	135,310	20,284	42,027



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