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A further pronounced seasonal decline in automobile production was reflected in the output figures for June when only 21,492 cars were made in Canada. May output at 31,559 cars marked the first recession from the rapid rise in output totals reported during each of the months from January to April, inclusive, that resulted in the establishment of a new monthly record in March which was in turn surpassed in April. The rise in production during the early months of the current year was more sharply marked than in any preceding year, and the seasonal recession, characteristic of the later months of the year, was begun this year a full month earlier than usual. Readjustment of the relations between production and markets will thus be brought about more quickly so that, while the output in succeeding months may be expected to follow a generally downward trend to the end of the year, it is probable that no further drastic reductions in output will be necessary and that the total for the year will be greater than in 1928.

Compared with the figures for the next preceding month, data for June showed declines in the output of closed passenger models, trucks and chassis while an increase was registered in the number of open passenger cars and taxicabs or buses. Closed passenger models dropped to 12,335 from 20,988, trucks to 914 from 1,012 and chassis to 4,832 from 6,376 while the number of open passenger cars rose slightly to 3,378 from 3,162 and taxicabs or buses to 33 from 21 in May.

Customs' records for June showed that 4,768 cars were imported into Canada during the month and that 8,270 were exported. For the first half of this year imports totalled 33,333 cars and exports numbered 59,891 cars, an advance of 11 per cent in imports and 124 per cent in exports over the figures for the corresponding period of 1928.

Of the June total 13,148 cars were made for sale in Canada and 8,344 cars were intended for export. The apparent consumption of automobiles in Canada during the month, as determined by adding the 13,148 cars made for sale in Canada to the 4,768 cars imported, amounted to 17,916 cars. For the six months ending June the number of cars made available for use in Canada totalled 167,853 cars, an increase of 36 per cent as compared with the corresponding total of 123,755 cars for the first half of 1928.

Production to date, this year, included 21,501 cars in January, 31,287 in February, 40,621 in March, 41,901 in April, 31,559 in May, and 21,492 in June, or a total of 188,361 cars.

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

Class	June 1929			Six months ending June	
	For Sale in Canada	For Export	TOTAL	1928	1929
Passenger:					
Open -					
2 to 3 passenger	462	276	738	3,517	6,211
4 to 5 passenger	237	2,403	2,640	13,827	18,538
7 passenger	-	-	-	1,270	38
Total open	699	2,679	3,378	18,614	24,787
Closed -					
2 to 3 passenger	1,686	94	1,780	8,967	15,696
4 to 5 passenger	8,780	1,770	10,550	72,304	101,625
7 passenger	5	-	5	803	245
Total closed	10,471	1,864	12,335	82,074	117,566
Trucks:					
Under 1 ton capacity	307	211	518	894	4,281
1 ton	125	-	125	228	853
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	268	3	271	1,083	1,139
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	700	214	914	2,205	6,273
Chassis:					
Passenger	75	690	765	7,138	9,187
Freight	1,188	2,879	4,067	14,751	30,473
Either passenger or freight	-	-	-	163	2
Total chassis	1,263	3,569	4,832	22,052	39,662
Taxicabs and buses not included above	15	18	33	43	73
TOTAL	13,148	8,344	21,492	124,988	188,361

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	14,223	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	27,308	6,634	33,942	8,126	6,196
	1929	24,439	7,120	31,559	8,281	9,594
June	1928	21,113	7,286	28,399	6,315	5,653
	1929	13,148	8,344	21,492	4,768	8,270
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
TOTAL	1928	93,820	31,168	124,988	29,935	26,751
	1929	134,520	53,841	188,361	33,333	59,891

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