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AUTOMOBILE STATISTICS FOR CANADA

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According to a statement issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics at Ottawa the production of automobiles in Canada during August was 14,214 cars. This output was the lowest reported for any month of the year to date, being 18 per cent under the total of 17,461 cars of the previous month and less than one-half the output of 31,245 cars in August of last year.

Compared with the figures for the next preceding month the data for August showed that the decline was common to all types of cars made, with the exception of a slight increase in taxicabs or buses to 22 from 20. Open model passenger cars dropped to 1,824 from 2,766, closed model passenger cars dropped to 7,435 from 9,270, chassis to 4,544 from 4,701 and trucks to 389 from 704.

Production for the eight months ending August of this year amounted to 220,036 cars. This was the highest output reported for any eight-month period and exceeded by 21 per cent the total of 181,459 cars produced during the corresponding period of a year ago. This year's output included 134,271 closed passenger cars, 29,377 open passenger cars, 48,907 chassis, 7,366 trucks and 115 taxicabs or buses.

Of the August total 7,530 cars were made for sale in Canada and the balance of 6,684 were intended for export. The apparent consumption of automobiles in Canada during the month, as determined by adding the 7,530 cars made for sale in Canada to the 2,411 cars imported, amounted to 9,941 cars. For the year to date the apparent consumption, thus computed, totalled 190,151 cars. Customs' records show that 2,411 cars were imported into Canada and 7,629 exported during August to make a total of 38,572 cars imported and 74,898 cars exported during the first eight months of this year.

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

Class	August 1929			Eight months ending August	
	For Sale in Canada	For Export	TOTAL	1928	1929
Passenger:					
Open -					
2 to 3 passenger	271	255	526	5,595	7,331
4 to 5 passenger	54	1,226	1,280	22,648	21,990
7 passenger	4	14	18	1,271	56
Total open	329	1,495	1,824	29,514	29,377
Closed -					
2 to 3 passenger	792	103	895	12,015	17,612
4 to 5 passenger	5,021	1,458	6,479	96,707	116,315
7 passenger	61	-	61	912	344
Total closed	5,874	1,561	7,435	109,634	134,271
Trucks:					
Under 1 ton capacity	165	68	233	1,956	5,010
1 ton	87	-	87	912	1,028
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	69	-	69	1,473	1,328
5 tons and over	-	-	-	-	-
Total trucks	321	68	389	4,341	7,366
Chassis:					
Passenger	113	1,643	1,756	13,073	12,487
Freight	892	1,896	2,788	24,523	36,418
Either passenger or freight	-	-	-	330	2
Total chassis	1,005	3,539	4,544	37,926	48,907
Taxicabs and buses not included above	1	21	22	44	115
TOTAL	7,530	6,684	14,214	181,459	220,036

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	1928	15,897	9,329	25,226	4,210	8,057
	1929	9,529	7,932	17,461	2,828	7,378
August	1928	19,941	11,304	31,245	4,753	11,048
	1929	7,530	6,684	14,214	2,411	7,629
September						
October						
November						
December						
TOTAL	1928	129,658	51,801	181,459	38,898	45,856
	1929	151,579	68,457	220,036	38,572	74,898

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