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Production of automobiles in Canada during 1930 at 154,192 cars was 41.3 per cent under the record of 262,625 cars in the previous year. The Bureau's index number which is based on 100 for the five-year period 1919 to 1924, and adjusted for normal production on the long term trend 1919 to 1927 inclusive, started at 60 in January, or 40 per cent below the normal, after which it gradually climbed until the peak of 104.7 was registered in May; the index then dropped steadily to the year's low of 25 in October and recovered slightly to around 30 during November and December.

The greatest loss from the previous year was in the number of exported cars, this trade dropping to 45,361 cars from 102,382 cars in 1929. Imports also declined to 23,233 cars from 44,724 cars. A calculation of the number of cars made available for use in Canada during 1930, made by deducting the exports from the sum of the production and the imports, shows a total of 132,064 cars as compared with a consumption of 204,967 cars in 1929.

Estimating the population of Canada at 9,934,500 persons in 1930, and taking the number of cars made at 154,192, it follows that in the year under review Canadian automobile manufacturers made one new car for every 64 persons in the Dominion. In 1929 production averaged one new car to 37 persons, in 1928 one car to 40 persons, in 1927 one car to 53 persons, in 1926 one car to 46 persons, and in 1925 the ratio was one car to 57 persons.

Compared with data for the preceding year, production figures for 1930 showed an increase in truck chassis to 22,027 from 9,025; the total chassis including passenger rose to 32,091 from 23,611. Losses were reported for all other lines including open passenger cars to 19,990 from 34,744, closed model passenger cars to 95,822 from 153,778, trucks to 6,214 from 50,293, and only 135 taxicabs or buses were made in 1930 as against 199 of this type in 1929.

Table 1.- Number of Automobiles Produced in Canada during December 1930, and the twelve months ending December, 1929 and 1930.

Class	December 1930			Twelve months ending December	
	For Sale in Canada	For Export	TOTAL	1929	1930
Passenger:					
Open -					
2 to 3 passenger	21	174	195	8,115	6,559
4 to 5 passenger	58	1,127	1,185	26,597	13,399
7 passenger	-	4	4	32	32
Total open	79	1,305	1,384	34,744	19,990
Closed -					
2 to 3 passenger	253	38	291	19,725	15,605
4 to 5 passenger	1,564	661	2,225	133,439	79,926
7 passenger	2	-	2	614	291
Total closed	1,819	699	2,518	153,778	95,822
Trucks:					
Under 1 ton capacity	98	74	172	5,969	4,122
1 ton	1	-	1	1,059	928
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	23	-	23	43,265	1,148
5 tons and over	12	-	12	-	16
Total trucks	134	74	208	50,293	6,214
Chassis:					
Passenger	42	259	301	14,586	9,555
Freight	182	1,007	1,189	9,025	22,027
Either passenger or freight	-	-	-	-	509
Total chassis	224	1,266	1,490	23,611	32,091
Taxicabs and buses not included above	4	18	22	199	135
TOTAL	2,260	3,362	5,622	262,625	154,192

Table 2.- Production in Canada, Imports and Exports of Automobiles,
by months, 1929 and 1930.

Month		Production			Customs' Records	
		For Sale in Canada	For Export	TOTAL	Imports	Exports
January	1929	11,505	9,996	21,501	1,780	8,997
	1930	6,267	4,121	10,388	1,290	2,997
February	1929	21,016	10,271	31,287	2,929	10,856
	1930	10,388	5,160	15,548	1,893	4,280
March	1929	31,433	9,188	40,621	8,091	15,561
	1930	16,244	4,486	20,730	3,805	6,360
April	1929	32,979	8,922	41,901	7,484	6,613
	1930	21,293	2,964	24,257	3,432	3,321
May	1929	24,439	7,120	31,559	8,281	9,594
	1930	21,479	3,193	24,672	3,976	3,091
June	1929	13,148	8,344	21,492	4,768	8,270
	1930	10,794	4,296	15,090	2,148	3,746
July	1929	9,529	7,932	17,461	2,828	7,378
	1930	7,191	2,997	10,188	1,476	3,588
August	1929	7,530	6,684	14,214	2,411	7,709
	1930	5,225	4,567	9,792	1,136	4,007
September	1929	6,982	6,835	13,817	2,020	6,754
	1930	3,910	4,047	7,957	1,458	4,662
October	1929	5,066	9,457	14,523	2,026	9,767
	1930	2,662	1,879	4,541	1,059	2,938
November	1929	2,731	6,693	9,424	1,259	5,973
	1930	2,574	2,833	5,407	682	2,663
December	1929	2,414	2,411	4,825	847	4,910
	1930	2,260	3,362	5,622	878	3,708
TOTAL	1929	168,772	93,853	262,625	44,724	102,382
	1930	110,287	43,905	154,192	23,233	45,361

Note: December figures for 1929 have been revised to
compensate errors in monthly figures.



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Table 5. - Reduction

Note: December figures for 1989 have been revised to compensate errors in monthly figures.