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Production of automobiles in Canada during March numbered 20,730 cars. While this output was just about one-half the total of 40,621 cars made in the corresponding month of last year, it was the highest number reported for any month of the year to date, being almost double the output of 10,388 cars in January and 34 per cent greater than the 15,548 cars of February. The rate of production in March was 669 cars per day, an increase of 114 cars a day over the daily average of 555 cars in February.

Data for March, when compared with the figures for February, showed output gains in all types of cars with the exception of taxicabs or buses which class dropped to 10 from 12 in February. Open passenger cars advanced to 2,420 from 2,243; closed model passenger cars rose to 13,540 from 10,021; truck output reached 1,011 as against 539, and the number of chassis was increased to 3,749 in March from 2,733 in the preceding month. Of the March total, 83 per cent or 17,165 units were intended for passenger service and the balance of 17 per cent or 3,565 units were for trucks.

Customs records showed that 3,805 cars were imported into Canada and 6,360 cars were exported during March. Corresponding figures for February indicated an import of 1,893 cars and an export of 4,280 cars.

Of the total output during March 16,244 cars were made for sale in Canada and 4,486 cars were intended for export. The apparent consumption of automobiles in Canada during the month, as determined by adding the 16,244 cars made for sale in Canada to the 3,805 cars imported, amounted to 20,049 cars. For the first quarter of this year the apparent consumption, thus computed, amounted to 33,887 cars.

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

Class	March 1930			Three months ending March	
	For Sale in Canada	For Export	TOTAL	1929	1930
Passenger:					
Open -					
2 to 3 passenger	616	159	775	3,165	1,492
4 to 5 passenger	275	1,368	1,643	9,317	3,760
7 passenger	-	2	2	4	5
Total open	891	1,529	2,420	12,486	5,257
Closed -					
2 to 3 passenger	2,199	117	2,316	7,208	4,351
4 to 5 passenger	10,401	779	11,180	49,002	25,375
7 passenger	43	1	44	121	90
Total closed	12,643	897	13,540	56,331	29,816
Trucks:					
Under 1 ton capacity	493	124	617	2,150	1,220
1 ton	147	-	147	290	246
Over 1 ton and under 5 tons	230	-	230	485	432
5 tons and over	17	-	17	-	17
Total trucks	887	124	1,011	2,925	1,915
Chassis:					
Passenger	247	948	1,195	6,764	3,945
Freight	1,572	982	2,554	14,901	5,685
Either passenger or freight	-	-	-	2	24
Total chassis	1,819	1,930	3,749	21,667	9,654
Taxicabs and buses not included above	4	6	10	-	24
TOTAL	16,244	4,486	20,730	93,409	46,666

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						
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
TOTAL	1929	63,954	29,455	93,409	12,800	35,414
	1930	26,899	13,767	40,666	6,988	13,637

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