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AUTOMOBILE STATISTICS FOR CANADA

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Production of automobiles in Canada during April at 24,257 cars was well under the 41,901 cars produced in April of a year ago, the record month of the industry, but compares favourably with the totals of 24,211 cars in April, 1928, and 24,611 cars in April, 1927. The Bureau's monthly index number on motor car production, which makes due allowances for seasonal tendencies and is based on the long term trend, 1919 to 1927 inclusive, shows that the output was 40 per cent below normal in January of this year, was still 22 per cent under normal in February and 7.4 per cent below in March, but in April it was 2.5 per cent above the normal for that month.

When compared with data for last month, the figures for April show an increase in the output of open and closed passenger cars and a decline in the number of trucks, chassis, taxicabs and buses. The number of open passenger cars rose to 2,517 from 2,420; closed model passenger cars to 17,409 from 13,540; trucks declined to 777 from 1,011; chassis dropped to 3,547 from 3,749, and the number of taxicabs and buses was lower at 7 as against 10 in March.

Customs' records show that the number of cars imported into Canada during April was 3,432 as compared with 3,805 in March; exports also declined to 3,321 from 6,360 in the preceding month.

Of the total cars produced in Canada during April, 2,964 were intended for export and the balance of 21,293 cars were made for sale in the Canadian market. The apparent consumption of automobiles in Canada during the month, as determined by adding the 21,293 cars made for sale in Canada to the 3,432 cars imported, amounted to 24,725 cars. For the year to date the apparent consumption, thus computed, was 64,612 cars.

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

| Class | April 1930 | | | Four months ending April | |
|--|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| | For Sale in Canada | For Export | TOTAL | 1929 | 1930 |
| Passenger: | | | | | |
| Open - | | | | | |
| 2 to 3 passenger | 1,121 | 137 | 1,258 | 4,453 | 2,750 |
| 4 to 5 passenger | 391 | 865 | 1,256 | 13,756 | 5,016 |
| 7 passenger | 3 | - | 3 | 38 | 8 |
| Total open | 1,515 | 1,002 | 2,517 | 18,247 | 7,774 |
| Closed - | | | | | |
| 2 to 3 passenger | 2,950 | 73 | 3,023 | 10,987 | 7,374 |
| 4 to 5 passenger | 13,746 | 613 | 14,359 | 73,065 | 39,734 |
| 7 passenger | 26 | 1 | 27 | 191 | 117 |
| Total closed | 16,722 | 687 | 17,409 | 84,243 | 47,225 |
| Trucks: | | | | | |
| Under 1 ton capacity | 356 | 43 | 399 | 3,071 | 1,619 |
| 1 ton | 229 | - | 229 | 616 | 475 |
| Over 1 ton and under 5 tons | 132 | - | 132 | 660 | 581 |
| 5 tons and over | 17 | - | 17 | - | 17 |
| Total trucks | 734 | 43 | 777 | 4,347 | 2,692 |
| Chassis: | | | | | |
| Passenger | 311 | 628 | 939 | 7,464 | 4,884 |
| Freight | 2,004 | 604 | 2,608 | 20,988 | 8,293 |
| Either passenger or freight | - | - | - | 2 | 24 |
| Total chassis | 2,315 | 1,232 | 3,547 | 28,454 | 13,201 |
| Taxicabs and buses not included above | | | | | |
| | 7 | - | 7 | 19 | 31 |
| TOTAL | 21,293 | 2,964 | 24,257 * | 135,310 | 70,923 |

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 | | | | | | |
| June | | | | | | |
| July | | | | | | |
| August | | | | | | |
| September | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 1929 | 96,933 | 38,377 | 135,310 | 20,284 | 42,027 |
| | 1930 | 54,192 | 16,731 | 70,923 | 10,420 | 16,958 |

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