

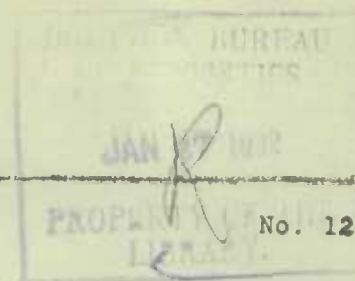
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Line "0" should read 1931 instead of 1930.

figures in this report are the latest available at time of printing where necessary, data for earlier months have been revised.

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AUTOMOBILE STATISTICS FOR CANADA

DECEMBER 1931

Production of automobiles in Canada during 1931 at 82,614 cars was 46 per cent under the 153,372 cars of the previous year. The record output for the industry was established in 1929 when 262,625 cars were produced. Statistics on the Canadian motor car industry which are available since 1917, show that for the fifteen-year period the production was lower than in 1930 on only two occasions, viz., in 1918 output was reported at 82,408 cars and in 1922 at 66,246 cars.

Of the total output during the year under review, 69,981 cars were made for sale in Canada, the balance of 12,633 cars being intended for export. These figures represented a decline from the next preceding year of 36 per cent in the number of cars made for sale in Canada and 71 per cent in the number made for export. The apparent consumption of automobiles in Canada during the year, as determined by adding the 69,981 cars made for sale in Canada to the 8,739 cars imported, amounted to 78,720 cars.

A calculation based on the figures of the past six years shows that the number of cars withdrawn from use each year amounted to about 7 per cent of the number of licenses issued in the preceding 12 month period. Applying this percentage it is estimated that the number of worn out cars needing replacement in 1931 amounted to 85,600. The 78,720 new cars placed on the roads of this country during the year were not enough to replace the 85,600 cars which would ordinarily have been scrapped.

At the close of 1930 a total of 11 firms were engaged in manufacturing or assembling motor cars in Canada but during 1931 a number of new plants were opened up until a total of 18 firms reported to the Bureau in December, 1931.

Table 1.- Number of Automobiles Produced in Canada during DECEMBER 1931, and the TWELVE months ending DECEMBER, 1930 and 1931.

Class	DECEMBER 1931			TWELVE months ending DECEMBER	
	For Sale in Canada	For Export	TOTAL	1930 +	1931
Passenger cars:					
(a) Open - 2 to 3 passenger	34	23	57	7,735	3,444
4 to 5 passenger	25	109	134	12,073	4,543
7 passenger	-	-	-	41	6
Total Open	59	132	191	19,849	7,993
(b) Closed - 2 to 3 passenger	294	1	295	16,853	7,452
4 to 5 passenger	1,342	45	1,387	78,399	48,410
7 passenger	31	-	31	279	609
Total Closed	1,667	46	1,713	95,531	56,471
(c) Chassis (passenger)	15	105	120	5,802	629
TOTAL PASSENGER	1,741	283	2,024	121,182	65,093
Commercial Cars and Trucks: (Including truck chassis, taxicabs and buses)					
(a) Under 1 ton	151	30	181	xx	5,942
(b) 1 to 1½ tons, inclusive	99	90	189	xx	10,445
(c) Over 1½ to 2½ tons, inclusive	17	12	29	xx	730
(d) Over 2½ tons to under 5 tons	5	-	5	xx	256
(e) 5 tons and over	-	-	-	xx	45
(f) Bus chassis	4	-	4	xx	103
Total Trucks and Chassis	276	132	408	32,190	17,521
TOTAL	2,017	415	2,432	153,372	82,614

xx Due to change in classification for 1931, corresponding data for 1930 are not available.

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Table 2.- Production in Canada, Imports and Exports of Automobiles,
by months, 1930 and 1931.

Month		Production			Customs' Records	
		For Sale in Canada	For Export	TOTAL	Imports	Exports
January	1930	6,267	4,121	10,388	1,290	2,997
	1931	4,122	2,374	6,496	915	3,095
February	1930	10,388	5,160	15,548	1,893	4,280
	1931	7,748	2,116	9,864	1,255	1,596
March	1930	16,244	4,486	20,730	3,805	6,360
	1931	11,781	1,212	12,993	1,630	1,898
April	1930	21,293	2,964	24,257	3,432	3,321
	1931	15,837	1,322	17,159	1,421	1,209
May	1930	21,479	3,193	24,672	3,976	3,091
	1931	11,575	1,163	12,738	1,690	1,569
June	1930	10,794	4,296	15,090	2,148	3,746
	1931	5,720	1,115	6,835	647	1,084
July	1930	7,191	2,997	10,188	1,476	3,588
	1931	3,626	594	4,220	383	1,009
August	1930	5,225	4,567	9,792	1,136	4,007
	1931	3,872	672	4,544	268	797
September	1930	3,910	4,047	7,957	1,458	4,662
	1931	2,054	592	2,646	245	787
October	1930	2,662	1,879	4,541	1,059	2,948
	1931	743	697	1,440	150	712
November	1930	2,574	2,833	5,407	682	2,663
	1931	886	361	1,247	84	480
December	1930	1,440	3,362	4,802	878	3,708
	1931	2,017	415	2,432	51	303
TOTAL	1930	109,467	43,905	153,372	23,233	45,371
	1931	69,981	12,633	82,614	8,739	14,539

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