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## AUTCMOBILE STATISTICS FOR CANADA

MARCII 1931

Production of autcmobiles in Canada during March at 12,993 cars represented an increase of 32 per cent over the total of 9,864 cars for February and a decline of 37 per cent from the 20,730 care made in Narch of a year ago. Compared with the figures for the previous month the dati for Narch showed the increase to be mostly in the closed models of the 4 to 5 paseenger type and thie gain advanced the entire passenger car total to 10,433 from ?,523. The rumber of trucks also was higher at 2,5i0 as against 2,335 in February.

The Bureau'e index number of motor car production, which is adjusted for seasonal variation and expressed as a percentage of the long term trend determined from the period 1919 to 1928 inclusive, which etarted in January at 60 per cent belcw the normal, moved up 20 points during the firet quarter of this year to register 40 per cent below the normal in March.

Suetoms recorde for Narch ehowed that 1,630 care ware imported into Canada and that 1,898 cars were exported during the month. Figures for the first three monthe of thie year showed total importe at 3,800 care and exports at 6,589 care as compared with imports of 6,988 cars and exports of 23,637 cars during the correaponding period of last year.

Of the total output during Narch, 11,78 cars were made for sale In Canada and the balance of 1,212 were intended for export. The apparent coneumption of autcmobilee during the month, determined by adding the 11,781 cars made for sale in Canaba to the 1,630 cars imported, amounted to 13.411 cars. The number of cars made available for uee in this country during the three months ending Narch 31, 1931, totalled 27,451 cars as compared with an apparent consumption cf 39,887 cars in the first quarter (f last year.

Table 1.- Numbs of Ahtomotiles Produced in Canada during March 1931, and the three monthe ending March, 1930 and 1931.

| Class | March 1931 |  |  | Three months эnding March |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | For Sale <br> in Canada | For Export | rotal | 1930 | 1931 |
| Rasenger cars: |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Open - 2 to 3 passenger | 471 | 78 | 54 ! | 1,492 | $1,123$ |
| 4 to 5 passenger 7 7 | 193 | 260 | 45i | 3,760 | $\begin{array}{r} 1,914 \\ 3 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| Total Open | 664 | 338 | 1,002 | 5,257 | 3,040 |
| (b) Closed - 2 to 3 passenger | 1.229 | 22 | 1,251 | 4,351 | 2,762 |
| 4 to 5 passenger | 7,755 | 274 | 8,029 | 25,375 | 16,357 |
| 7 pasoenger |  | - | 35 | 90 | 49 |
| Total Closed | 9,023 | 296 | 9,319 | 29,816 | 19,168 |
| (c) Chassis (passencer) | - | 162 | 162 | 3,969 | 356 |
| TOTAL PASSENGER | 9,687 | 796 | 10,483 | 39,042 | 22,564 |
| Commercial Cars and Trucks: <br> (Including truck chass:s, |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (a) Under 1 ton | 743 | 216 | 959 | xx | 2,264 |
| (b) 1 to $1 \frac{3}{2}$ tons, inclusive | 1,200 | 199 | 1,399 | xx | 4,237 |
| (c) Over $1 \frac{1}{2}$ to $2 \frac{1}{2}$ tons, inclusive | 59 | - | 99 | xx | 196 |
| (d) Over $2 \frac{1}{2}$ tons to under 5 tons | 36 | - | 36 | $x \mathrm{x}$ | 52 |
| (e) 5 tons and over | 10 | - | 10 | XX | 15 |
| $(\mathrm{f}) \mathrm{Bus} \mathrm{chassis}$ | 6 | 1 | 7 | x $\times$ | 25 |
| Total Trucks and Chassis | 2,094 | 416 | 2,510 | 7,624 | 6,789 |
| TOTAL | 11,781 | 1,212 | 12,593 | 46,666 | 29,353 |

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

Table 2.- Production in Canada, Imports and Expnrts of Automobiles, by monthe, 19:0 and 1931.

| Month |  | Production |  |  | Custome ${ }^{\prime}$ | Fecords |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | For Sale <br> in Canada | For Export | TOTAL | Imports | Exports |
| Ja.nuary |  | 6,267 | 4,121 | 10,388 | 1,290 | 2.957 |
|  | 1931 | 4,122 | 2,374 | 6,496 | 915 | 3,095 |
| Fibruary | 1930 | 10,388 | 5,160 | 15,543 | 1,893 | 4,280 |
|  | 1931 | 7,743 | 2,116 | 9,864 | i,255 | 1,556 |
| March | 1530 | 16.244 | 4,496 | 20,730 | 3,8C5 | 6,360 |
| April |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| May |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jinne |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ju! |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| August |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Soptember |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| October |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nevember |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| December |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| TJTAL | 1930 | 32,8991 | 13,767 | 46,666 | 6,988 | 13.687 |
|  | 1931 | 23,651 | 5,702! | 29,3531 | 3,800 | 6,589 |

