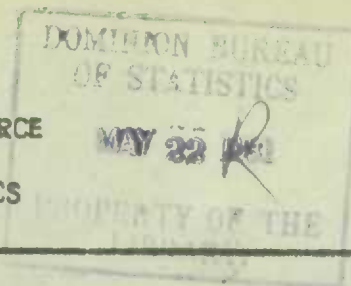


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Production of automobiles in Canada during April amounted to 17,159 cars, an average of 572 cars per day as compared with a daily output of 419 cars in March and 809 cars in April of a year ago. The rate of output in April of this year was 37 per cent higher than in March and the improvement over the preceding month was the greatest for any month of the year to date. Comparison of this month's figures with those for March shows that the increase was mostly in closed passenger cars with smaller gains for all other models. Closed passenger cars advanced to 12,336 from 9,319 open passenger cars to 1,655 from 1,002 and trucks also rose to 3,116 from 2,510.

The Bureau's 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 started in January at 60 per cent below the normal, moved up 20 points during the first quarter of this year and again advanced 14 points in April to register 26 per cent below the normal.

Customs' records for April showed that 1,421 cars were imported into Canada and that 1,209 cars were exported during the month. Figures for the first four months of this year showed total imports at 5,221 cars and exports at 7,798 cars as compared with imports of 10,420 cars and exports of 16,958 cars during the corresponding period of last year.

Of the total output during April, 15,837 cars were made for sale in Canada and the balance of 1,322 were intended for export. The apparent consumption of automobiles during the month, determined by adding the 15,837 cars made for sale in Canada to the 1,421 cars imported, amounted to 17,258 cars. The number of new cars made available for use in this country during the four months ending April 30, 1931, totalled 44,709 cars as compared with 64,612 cars in the first four months of last year.

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

Class	April 1931			Four months ending April	
	For Sale in Canada	For Export	TOTAL	1930	1931
Passenger cars:					
(a) Open - 2 to 3 passenger	743	123	866	2,750	1,989
4 to 5 passenger	314	475	789	5,016	2,703
7 passenger	-	-	-	8	3
Total Open	1,057	598	1,655	7,774	4,695
(b) Closed - 2 to 3 passenger	1,481	48	1,529	7,374	4,291
4 to 5 passenger	10,539	227	10,766	39,734	27,123
7 passenger	41	-	41	117	90
Total Closed	12,061	275	12,336	47,225	31,504
(c) Chassis (passenger)	4	48	52	4,915	408
TOTAL PASSENGER	13,122	921	14,043	59,914	36,607
Commercial Cars and Trucks: (Including truck chassis, taxicabs and buses)					
(a) Under 1 ton	828	204	1,032	xx	3,296
(b) 1 to 1½ tons, inclusive	1,682	185	1,867	xx	6,104
(c) Over 1½ to 2½ tons, in- clusive	148	-	148	xx	344
(d) Over 2½ tons to under 5 tons	41	-	41	xx	93
(e) 5 tons and over	7	-	7	xx	22
(f) Bus chassis	9	12	21	xx	46
Total Trucks and Chassis	2,715	401	3,116	11,009	9,905
TOTAL	15,837	1,322	17,159	70,923	46,512

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

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						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						
TOTAL	1930	54,192	16,731	70,923	10,420	16,958
	1931	39,488	7,024	46,512	5,221	7,798

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