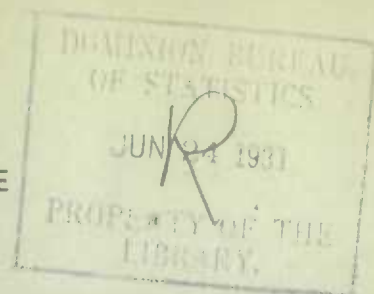


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AUTOMOBILE STATISTICS FOR CANADA

MAY 1931

Production of automobiles in Canada during May numbered 12,738 cars, including 10,621 passenger cars and 2,117 trucks. This output was at the rate of 411 cars a day and compares with a daily average of 572 cars in April and 796 cars per day in May of a year ago. Comparison of this month's figures with those for April shows that the decline was general to all types of cars, passenger cars dropping to 10,621 from 14,043, and trucks to 2,117 from 3,116.

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 each succeeding month to register 26 per cent below the normal in April, then dropped back to 50.6 per cent below in May.

Customs' records for the month under review showed that 1,690 cars were imported into Canada and that 1,569 cars were exported during the period. Figures for the first five months of this year showed total imports at 6,911 cars and exports at 9,367 cars as compared with imports of 14,396 cars and exports of 20,049 cars during the corresponding period of last year.

Of the total output during May 11,575 cars were made for sale in Canada and the balance of 1,163 were intended for export. The apparent consumption of automobiles during the month, determined by adding the 11,575 cars made for sale in Canada to the 1,690 cars imported, amounted to 13,265 cars. The number of new cars made available for use in this country during the five months ending May 31, 1931, totalled 57,974 cars as compared with 90,067 cars in the first five months of 1930.

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

| Class | May 1931 | | | Five months ending May | |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|--------|---------------------------|--------|
| | For Sale in Canada | For Export | TOTAL | 1930 | 1931 |
| Passenger cars: | | | | | |
| (a) Open - 2 to 3 passenger | 411 | 118 | 529 | 4,086 | 2,518 |
| 4 to 5 passenger | 317 | 253 | 570 | 6,295 | 3,273 |
| 7 passenger | 1 | - | 1 | 15 | 4 |
| Total Open | 729 | 371 | 1,100 | 10,396 | 5,795 |
| (b) Closed - 2 to 3 passenger | 1,017 | 52 | 1,069 | 10,626 | 5,360 |
| 4 to 5 passenger | 8,034 | 336 | 8,370 | 53,953 | 35,493 |
| 7 passenger | 54 | - | 54 | 126 | 144 |
| Total Closed | 9,105 | 388 | 9,493 | 64,705 | 40,997 |
| (c) Chassis (passenger) | - | 28 | 28 | 6,064 | 436 |
| TOTAL PASSENGER | 9,834 | 787 | 10,621 | 81,165 | 47,228 |
| Commercial Cars and Trucks: (Including truck chassis, taxicabs and buses) | | | | | |
| (a) Under 1 ton | 527 | 196 | 723 | xx | 4,019 |
| (b) 1 to 1½ tons, inclusive | 1,040 | 179 | 1,219 | xx | 7,323 |
| (c) Over 1½ to 2½ tons, in- clusive | 118 | - | 118 | xx | 462 |
| (d) Over 2½ tons to under 5 tons | 44 | - | 44 | xx | 132 |
| (e) 5 tons and over | - | - | - | xx | 27 |
| (f) Bus chassis | 12 | 1 | 13 | xx | 59 |
| Total Trucks and Chassis | 1,741 | 376 | 2,117 | 14,430 | 12,022 |
| TOTAL | 11,575 | 1,163 | 12,738 | 95,595 | 59,250 |

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 | 1930 | 21,479 | 3,193 | 24,672 | 3,976 | 3,091 |
| | 1931 | 11,575 | 1,163 | 12,738 | 1,690 | 1,569 |
| June | | | | | | |
| July | | | | | | |
| August | | | | | | |
| September | | | | | | |
| October | | | | | | |
| November | | | | | | |
| December | | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 1930 | 75,671 | 19,924 | 95,595 | 14,396 | 20,049 |
| | 1931 | 51,063 | 8,187 | 59,250 | 6,911 | 9,367 |

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