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# AUTOMOBILE STATISTICS FOR CANADA

MARCH, 1932.

Production of 8,318 automobiles in Canada during March was the greatest for any month since last May when 12,738 cars were made. This month's output exceeded by 50 per cent the February total of 5,477 cars which in turn was 47 per cent higher than the 3,731 cars of the next preceding month and compares with 12,993 cars made in March, 1931. The increase over the figures for February was general to all types of cars, the open passenger cars advancing to 272 from 186, closed passenger cars to 6,532 from 4,505, passenger car chassis to 13 from 3, and trucks to 1,701 from 983.

Customs' records for March showed that 296 cars were imported into Canada and that 592 were exported during the same period to make a total for the first three months of this year of 658 cars imported and 1,583 cars exported. During the first quarter of last year imports aggregated 3,800 and exports 6,539.

Of the March output, 7,738 cars were made for sale in Canada and the balance of 530 cars was intended for export. The apparent consumption of automobiles during the month, as determined by adding the 7,738 cars made for sale in Canada to the 296 cars imported, amounted to 8,034 cars. Comparative figures showing the number of cars made available for Canadian use during the previous month totalled 5,463 cars and in March of a year ago, amounted to 13,411 cars.

Table 1. NUMBER OF AUTOMOBILES PRODUCED IN CANADA DURING MARCH 1932, and the THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH, 1931 and 1932.

| THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH, 1931 AND 1932.      |                       |               |       |           |        |        |
|--|-----------------------|---------------|-------|-----------|--------|--------|
| Class  | M A R C H, 1932       |               |       | M A R C H |        |        |
|  | For Sale<br>in Canada | For<br>Export | TOTAL | 1931      | 1932   |        |
| Passenger cars:                                |                       |               |       |           |        |        |
| (a) Open                                       | 2 to 3 passenger....  | 241           | 1     | 242       | 1,123  | 530    |
|  | 4 to 5 passenger....  | ...           | 30    | 30        | 1,914  | 205    |
|  | 7 passenger .....     | ...           | ...   | 3         | ...    | ...    |
|  | Total Open .....      | 241           | 31    | 272       | 3,040  | 735    |
| (b) Closed                                     | 2 to 3 passenger....  | 1,065         | 2     | 1,065     | 2,762  | 2,452  |
|  | 4 to 5 passenger....  | 5,100         | 126   | 5,226     | 16,357 | 10,937 |
|  | 7 passenger .....     | 23            | 18    | 41        | 49     | 77     |
|  | Total Closed ....     | 6,186         | 146   | 6,332     | 19,168 | 13,466 |
| (c) Chassis (passenger).....                   | 4                     | 9             | 13    | 356       | 22     |        |
| TOTAL PASSENGER.....                           |                       | 6,431         | 186   | 6,617     | 22,564 | 14,223 |
| Commercial cars and trucks:                    |                       |               |       |           |        |        |
| (Including truck chassis, taxi-cabs and buses) |                       |               |       |           |        |        |
| (a) Under 1 ton .....                          | 332                   | 32            | 364   | 2,264     | 900    |        |
| (b) 1 to 1½ tons, inclusive,....               | 851                   | 304           | 1,155 | 4,237     | 2,092  |        |
| (c) Over 1½ to 2½ tons, inclusive.             | 157                   | 8             | 165   | 196       | 251    |        |
| (d) Over 2½ tons to under 5 tons.              | 13                    | ...           | 13    | 52        | 54     |        |
| (e) 5 tons and over .....                      | 1                     | ...           | 1     | 15        | 1      |        |
| (f) Bus chassis .....                          | 3                     | ...           | 3     | 25        | 5      |        |
| Total Trucks and Chassis..                     |                       | 1,357         | 344   | 1,701     | 6,789  | 3,303  |
| TOTAL .....                                    |                       | 7,783         | 530   | 8,318     | 29,353 | 17,526 |

Table 2 - PRODUCTION IN CANADA, IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF AUTOMOBILES, BY MONTHS, 1931 and 1932

|          |      | 1931 and 1932<br>P R O D U C T I O N |               |        | C U S T O M S' R E C O R D S |         |
|----------|------|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------|------------------------------|---------|
| Month    |      | For Sale<br>in Canada                | For<br>Export | TOTAL  | IMPORTS                      | EXPORTS |
| January  | 1931 | 4,122                                | 2,374         | 6,496  | 915                          | 3,095   |
|          | 1932 | 3,403                                | 328           | 3,731  | 202                          | 582     |
| February | 1931 | 7,748                                | 2,123         | 9,871  | 1,255                        | 1,596   |
|          | 1932 | 5,303                                | 174           | 5,477  | 160                          | 414     |
| March    | 1931 | 11,781                               | 1,212         | 12,993 | 1,630                        | 1,898   |
|          | 1932 | 7,788                                | 530           | 8,318  | 296                          | 592     |
| TOTAL    | 1931 | 23,651                               | 5,702         | 29,353 | 3,800                        | 6,589   |
|          | 1932 | 16,494                               | 1,032         | 17,526 | 658                          | 1,588   |

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