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### DOMESTIC WASHING MACHINES

Production of domestic type washing machines totalled 19,159 units in February, 1955, compared with 16,406 in February, 1954. For the two months of this year the total was 35,983 units, an increase of 21 per cent from the number made in the corresponding period of 1954.

Table 1 - Production, Factory Shipments and Factory Stocks of Washing Machines

|                            | Stock at<br>beginning<br>of period | Made<br>during<br>period | Shipped<br>during<br>period | Stock at<br>end of<br>period |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| (Number)                   |                                    |                          |                             |                              |
| <u>February - 1954</u>     |                                    |                          |                             |                              |
| Electric - Automatic ..... | 5,211                              | 2,028                    | 1,709                       | 5,530                        |
| Conventional .....         | 22,751                             | 13,934                   | 14,329                      | 22,356                       |
| Gasoline .....             | 1,321                              | 444                      | 569                         | 1,196                        |
| Total .....                | 29,283                             | 16,406                   | 16,607                      | 29,082                       |
| <u>February - 1955</u>     |                                    |                          |                             |                              |
| Electric - Automatic ..... | 6,681                              | 3,452                    | 3,511                       | 6,622                        |
| Conventional .....         | 20,298                             | 15,291                   | 17,183                      | 18,406                       |
| Gasoline .....             | 728                                | 416                      | 325                         | 819                          |
| Total .....                | 27,707                             | 19,159                   | 21,019                      | 25,847                       |
| <u>Two months ended</u>    |                                    |                          |                             |                              |
| <u>February, 1954</u>      |                                    |                          |                             |                              |
| Electric - Automatic ..... | 6,058                              | 3,499                    | 4,027                       | 5,530                        |
| Conventional .....         | 22,142                             | 25,112                   | 24,898                      | 22,356                       |
| Gasoline .....             | 1,135                              | 1,065                    | 1,004                       | 1,196                        |
| Total .....                | 29,335                             | 29,676                   | 29,929                      | 29,082                       |
| <u>Two months ended</u>    |                                    |                          |                             |                              |
| <u>February, 1955</u>      |                                    |                          |                             |                              |
| Electric - Automatic ..... | 6,594                              | 5,877                    | 5,849                       | 6,622                        |
| Conventional .....         | 19,473                             | 29,335                   | 30,402                      | 18,406                       |
| Gasoline .....             | 650                                | 771                      | 602                         | 819                          |
| Total .....                | 26,717                             | 35,983                   | 36,853                      | 25,847                       |

NOTE: Apartment type machines not included in above figures.

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Table 2 - Factory Shipments of Washing Machines, by Provinces

| Province               | February |        | Two months ended February |        |
|------------------------|----------|--------|---------------------------|--------|
|                        | 1954     | 1955   | 1954                      | 1955*  |
|                        | (Number) |        |                           |        |
| Newfoundland .....     | 154      | 157    | 248                       | 234    |
| Maritimes .....        | 1,667    | 1,380  | 2,341                     | 2,770  |
| Quebec .....           | 3,869    | 4,825  | 6,807                     | 8,162  |
| Ontario .....          | 5,754    | 8,761  | 11,028                    | 15,822 |
| Manitoba .....         |          | 1,370  |                           | 2,403  |
| Saskatchewan .....     | 3,417**  | 754    | 6,280**                   | 1,181  |
| Alberta .....          |          | 1,894  |                           | 3,056  |
| British Columbia ..... | 1,319    | 1,567  | 2,529                     | 2,697  |
| Export*** .....        | 427      | 311    | 696                       | 528    |
| Total .....            | 16,607   | 21,019 | 29,929                    | 36,853 |

\* Revised

\*\* Not available separately in 1954.

\*\*\* Producers' shipments for export.

NOTE: Apartment type machines not included in above figures.

Table 3 - Factory Shipments of Domestic Washing Machines, by Months, 1954 and 1955

|               | 1954      |              |          | 1955      |              |          |
|---------------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|--------------|----------|
|               | Electric  |              | Gasoline | Electric  |              | Gasoline |
|               | Automatic | Conventional |          | Automatic | Conventional |          |
|               | (Number)  |              |          | (Number)  |              |          |
| January ..... | 2,318     | 10,569       | 435      | 2,338     | 13,219       | 277      |
| February .... | 1,709     | 14,329       | 569      | 3,511     | 17,183       | 325      |
| Total ....    | 4,027     | 24,898       | 1,004    | 5,849     | 30,402       | 602      |

Table 4 - Imports of Washing Machines

|                                     | January, 1955 |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------|
|                                     | Number        | \$      |
| Domestic, electric .....            | 1,382         | 159,348 |
| Domestic, power, not electric ..... | -             | -       |
| Parts .....                         | -             | 289,606 |

NOTE: Data on imports during February are not yet available.

Table 5 - Exports\* of Washing Machines

|                          | February, 1955 |        | Two months ended February, 1955 |        |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
|                          | Number         | \$     | Number                          | \$     |
| Domestic, electric ..... | 236            | 20,646 | 437                             | 42,478 |
| Domestic, n.o.p. ....    | 1              | 102    | 101                             | 12,127 |
| Parts .....              | -              | 22,581 | -                               | 50,951 |

\* Customs clearances