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FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIES

MAY - 1950

Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were valued at \$1,156,143 during May, 1950 compared with \$960,502 during May, 1949. The sales for May, 1950 included 113,423 batteries at \$892,198 for the ignition of internal combustion engines; 1,266 cells at \$14,617 for farm lighting plants; 1,264 cells at \$60,097 for railway services; 553 batteries at \$2,719 for radios; batteries valued at \$152,382 for other purposes, including those for telephone switchboards and motorcycles, and miscellaneous parts and supplies for batteries valued at \$34,130.

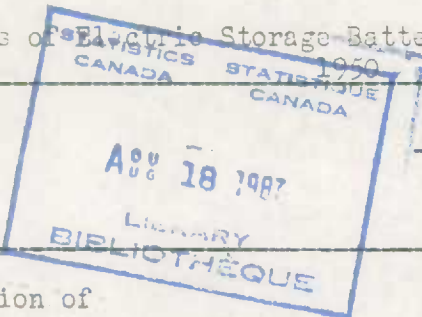
Table 1 - Factory Sales of Electric Batteries, May 1949 and 1950

Type	May, 1949		May, 1950	
	Number	Selling value at works \$	Number	Selling value at works \$
For starting and ignition of internal combustion engines	Batteries	83,521 698,734	113,423	892,198
For farm lighting plants	Cells	2,294 20,584	1,266	14,617
For railway service, car lighting and signal	Cells	1,435 66,859	1,264	60,097
For radios	Batteries	... ..	553	2,719
For all other purposes, including telephone and motorcycles .....	...	... 146,471	...	152,382
Parts and supplies .....	...	... 27,854	...	34,130
Total .....	...	... 960,502	...	1,156,143

Note: Firms which report monthly account for more than 95 per cent of the total Canadian production of Storage batteries. For a list of reporting firms please refer to the report for January, 1950.

Table 2 - Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, Five Months Ended May, 1949 and

Type	Five months ended May, 1949		Five months ended May, 1950	
	Number	Selling value at works \$	Number	Selling value at works \$
For starting and ignition of internal combustion engines	Batteries	494,623 4,787,310	534,576	4,442,504
For farm lighting plants	Cells	12,478 113,985	8,407	83,780
For railway service, car lighting and signal	Cells	6,214 279,927	7,156	275,987
For radios	Batteries	... ..	2,889	12,675
For all other purposes, including telephone and motorcycles 725,806	...	612,227
Parts and supplies 224,204	...	217,774
Total 6,131,232	...	5,644,947



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