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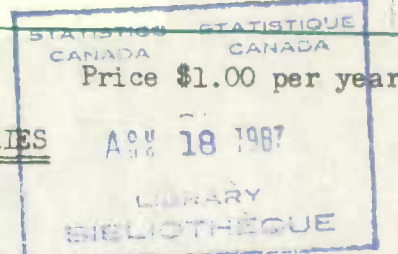
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FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIES

MARCH - 1952



Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were valued at \$1,423,466 during March, 1952 compared with \$1,585,290 during March, 1951. The sales for March, 1952 included 93,277 batteries at \$1,050,762 for the ignition of internal combustion engines for passenger cars and light trucks; 1,508 cells at \$16,651 for farm lighting plants; 1,309 cells at \$40,544 for railway service; batteries valued at \$267,643 for all other purposes, including telephone switchboards, direct motive power and ignition of internal combustion engines other than passenger cars and light trucks; and miscellaneous parts and supplies at \$47,866.

Table 1 - Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, March, 1951 and 1952

| Type | March - 1951 | | March - 1952 | |
|---|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| | Number | Selling value at works \$ | Number | Selling value at works \$ |
| For starting and/or ignition of internal combustion engines: | | | | |
| (a) Automotive type (Passenger cars and light trucks) . Batteries | 124,906 | 1,225,503 | 93,277 | 1,050,762 |
| (b) Other Batteries | ... | 6,676 | ... | 22,225 |
| For farm lighting plants Cells | 1,520 | 17,358 | 1,508 | 16,651 |
| For railway service Cells | 1,461 | 78,346 | 1,309 | 40,544 |
| For all other purposes | ... | 215,852 | ... | 245,418 |
| Parts and supplies | ... | 41,555 | ... | 47,866 |
| Total | ... | 1,585,290 | ... | 1,423,466 |

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, 1952.

Table 2 - Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, Three Months Ended March, 1951 and 1952

| Type | 3 months ended March, 1951 | | 3 months ended March, 1952 | |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| | Number | Selling value at works \$ | Number | Selling value at works \$ |
| For starting and/or ignition of internal combustion engines: | | | | |
| (a) Automotive type (Passenger cars and light trucks) . Batteries | 365,459 | 3,690,184 | 328,820 | 3,662,848 |
| (b) Other Batteries | ... | 22,975 | ... | 56,114 |
| For farm lighting plants Cells | 5,003 | 52,552 | 6,034 | 64,815 |
| For railway service Cells | 3,931 | 192,907 | 3,145 | 131,232 |
| For all other purposes | ... | 616,869 | ... | 746,546 |
| Parts and supplies | ... | 138,079 | ... | 178,520 |
| Total | ... | 4,713,566 | ... | 4,840,075 |

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