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FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIESMAY - 1953

Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were valued at \$1,439,250 during May, 1953, compared with \$1,641,078 during May, 1952. The sales for May, 1953 included 118,079 batteries at \$1,122,434 for the ignition of internal combustion engines for passenger cars and light trucks; 1,095 cells at \$9,826 for farm lighting plants; 1,575 cells at \$54,124 for railway service; batteries valued at \$210,660 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 \$42,206.

Table 1 - Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, May, 1952 and 1953

Type	May - 1952		May - 1953	
	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	117,102	1,212,651	118,079	1,122,434
(b) Other .....	---	14,803	---	5,601
For farm lighting plants .....	Cells 2,177	19,860	1,095	9,826
For railway service .....	Cells 1,518	70,611	1,575	54,124
For all other purposes .....	---	281,181	---	205,059
Parts and supplies .....	---	41,972	---	42,206
Total .....	---	1,641,078	---	1,439,250

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, 1953.

Table 2 - Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, Five Months Ended May, 1952 and 1953

Type	Five months ended May - 1952		Five months ended May - 1953	
	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	554,870	6,061,759	609,510	5,759,665
(b) Other .....	---	89,926	---	12,194
For farm lighting plants .....	Cells 9,905	101,931	12,223	106,417
For railway service .....	Cells 6,473	278,919	6,312	253,953
For all other purposes .....	---	1,253,897	---	1,393,322
Parts and supplies .....	---	309,799	---	210,609
Total .....	---	8,096,231	---	7,736,160



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