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FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIESSEPTEMBER - 1953

Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were valued at \$2,350,966 during September, 1953, compared with \$2,244,367 during September, 1952. The sales for September, 1953, included 203,408 batteries at \$1,939,523 for the ignition of internal combustion engines for passenger cars and light trucks; 3,569 cells at \$40,953 for farm lighting plants; 1,299 cells at \$62,483 for railway service; batteries valued at \$246,966 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 \$61,041.

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

Type	September, 1952		September, 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	195,236	1,915,932	203,408	1,939,523
(b) Other .....	...	2,736	...	3,724
For farm lighting plants .....	Cells 1,863	23,871	3,569	40,953
For railway service .....	Cells 1,038	43,561	1,299	62,483
For all other purposes .....	...	182,976	...	243,242
Parts and supplies .....	...	75,291	...	61,041
Total .....	...	2,244,367	...	2,350,966

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, Nine Months Ended September, 1952 and 1953

Type	Nine months ended September, 1952		Nine months ended September, 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	1,121,028	11,693,237	1,220,332	11,512,711
(b) Other .....	...	126,345	...	27,458
For farm lighting plants .....	Cells 16,758	176,131	22,268	213,375
For railway service .....	Cells 10,597	447,930	11,720	493,678
For all other purposes .....	...	2,045,447	...	2,165,305
Parts and supplies .....	...	527,455	...	422,433
Total .....	...	15,016,545	...	14,834,960



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