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FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIES

Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were valued at \$2,163,898 during December, 1954, compared with \$1,843,772 during December, 1953. The sales for December, 1954, included 164,177 batteries at \$1,754,575 for the ignition of internal combustion engines for passenger cars and light trucks; 2,758 cells at \$35,475 for farm lighting plants; 2,098 cells at \$99,602 for railway service; batteries valued at \$224,277 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 \$49,969.

Table 1 - Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, December, 1953 and 1954

Type	STATISTICS CANADA		STATISTIQUE CANADA		December, 1953		December, 1954	
	Number	Selling value at works	Number	Selling value at works	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)	128,864	1,367,681	164,177	1,754,575				
(b) Other	-	7,313	-	3,190				
For farm lighting plants	2,780	32,224	2,758	35,475				
For railway service	1,783	82,712	2,098	99,602				
For all other purposes	-	307,884	-	221,087				
Parts and supplies	-	45,956	-	49,969				
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1,843,772</b>	-	<b>2,163,898</b>				

NOTE: Firms which report monthly account for more than 95 per cent of the total Canadian production of storage batteries. The figures have not been expanded. For a list of reporting firms, please refer to the report for January, 1954.

Table 2 - Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, Twelve Months Ended December, 1953 and 1954

Type	Twelve months ended December, 1953		Twelve months ended December, 1954	
	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)	1,712,787	16,302,373	1,761,851	17,321,508
(b) Other	-	43,640	-	65,828
For farm lighting plants	30,905	320,880	24,690	312,452
For railway service	15,653	668,545	25,252	1,200,739
For all other purposes	-	2,974,489	-	3,348,091
Parts and supplies	-	595,638	-	551,153
<b>Total</b>	-	<b>20,912,565</b>	-	<b>22,799,771</b>

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