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FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIES

Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were valued at \$1,806,047 during June, 1954, compared with \$1,571,300 during June, 1953. The sales for June, 1954, included 122,644 batteries at \$1,127,585 for the ignition of internal combustion engines for passenger cars and light trucks; 1,356 cells at \$14,853 for farm lighting plants; 2,386 cells at \$98,173 for railway service; batteries valued at \$512,803 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 \$52,633.

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

Type	June, 1953		June, 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) .. Batteries	133,690	1,205,371	122,644	1,127,585
(b) Other .. Batteries	...	6,027	...	3,437
For farm lighting plants .. Cells	2,323	26,289	1,356	14,853
For railway service .. Cells	1,584	72,366	2,386	98,173
For all other purposes	209,346	...	509,366
Parts and supplies	51,901	...	52,633
Total	1,571,300	...	1,806,047

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, Six Months Ended June, 1953 and 1954

Type	Six months ended June, 1953		Six months ended June, 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) .. Batteries	746,200*	6,965,036	802,085	7,611,476
(b) Other .. Batteries	...	18,221	...	38,791
For farm lighting plants .. Cells	14,556	132,706	11,612	133,026
For railway service .. Cells	7,896	326,319	12,910	588,096
For all other purposes	1,602,668	...	2,173,614
Parts and supplies	262,510	...	284,029
Total	9,307,460	...	10,829,032

* Revised.

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