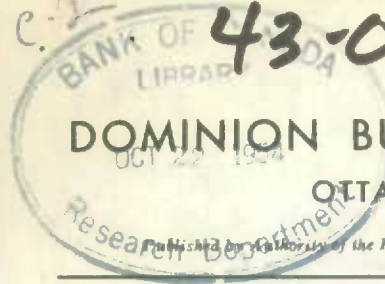


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FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIES

Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were valued at \$1,847,610 during August, 1954, compared with \$1,703,454 during August, 1953. The sales for August, 1954, included 152,373 batteries at \$1,471,451 for the ignition of internal combustion engines for passenger cars and light trucks; 1,009 cells at \$13,120 for farm lighting plants; 1,939 cells at \$90,104 for railway service; batteries valued at \$235,679 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 \$37,256.

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

Type	August, 1953		August, 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	143,360	1,414,141	152,373	1,471,451
(b) Other Batteries	-	1,995	-	5,039
For farm lighting plants Cells	1,920	18,665	1,009	13,120
For railway service Cells	1,080	46,568	1,939	90,104
For all other purposes -	-	167,107	-	230,640
Parts and supplies -	-	54,978	-	37,256
Total -	-	1,703,454	-	1,847,610

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, Eight Months Ended August, 1953 and 1954

Type	Eight months ended August, 1953		Eight months ended August, 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	1,019,924	9,573,188	1,058,736	10,107,866
(b) Other Batteries	-	23,734	-	49,000
For farm lighting plants Cells	18,699	172,422	13,706	156,906
For railway service Cells	10,421	431,195	17,892*	881,897
For all other purposes -	-	1,922,063	-	2,621,146
Parts and supplies -	-	361,392	-	354,897
Total -	-	12,483,994	-	14,171,622

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