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FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIES

May - 1949

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Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were valued at \$960,502 during May, 1949, compared with \$1,055,022 during May, 1948. The sales for May, 1949 included 83,521 batteries at \$698,734 for the ignition of internal combustion engines; 164 batteries at \$1,681 for motorcycle starting; 2,294 cells at \$20,584 for farm lighting plants; 1,435 cells at \$66,859 for railway services; batteries valued at \$144,790 for other purposes, including those for telephone switchboards, and miscellaneous parts and supplies for batteries valued at \$27,854.

Table 1 - Factory Sales of Electric Batteries, May, 1948 and 1949

Type	May, 1948		May, 1949	
	Number	Selling value at works \$	Number	Selling value at works \$
For starting and ignition of internal combustion engines Batteries	95,418	800,185	83,521	698,734
For farm lighting plants ... Cells	2,098	22,056	2,294	20,584
For railway service, car lighting and signal Cells	538	19,376	1,435	66,859
For motorcycle starting Batteries	612	2,989	164	1,681
For all other purposes, including telephone	171,653	...	144,790
Parts and supplies	38,763	...	27,854
TOTAL	1,055,022	...	960,502

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 February, 1949.

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Table 2 - Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, Five Months Ended May, 1948 and 1949

Type		Five Months Ended May, 1948		Five Months Ended May, 1949	
		Number	Selling	Number	Selling
			value at works \$		value at works \$
For starting and ignition of internal combustion engines	Batteries	533,863	4,392,621	494,623	4,787,310
For farm lighting plants ...	Cells	12,089	110,458	12,478	113,985
For railway service, car lighting and signal	Cells	3,918	117,855	6,214	279,927
For motorcycle starting	Batteries	1,593	9,169	456	4,649
For all other purposes, including telephone	792,708	...	721,157
Parts and supplies	306,820	...	224,204
TOTAL	5,729,631	...	6,131,232

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