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FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIES

Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were valued at \$2,802,516 during October, 1955, compared with \$2,196,853 during October, 1954. The sales for October, 1955, included 236,746 batteries at \$2,375,822 for the ignition of internal combustion engines for passenger cars and light trucks; 2,362 cells at \$27,660 for farm lighting plants; 1,457 cells at \$60,275 for railway service; batteries valued at \$252,461 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 \$79,821.

Table 1 - Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, October, 1954 and 1955

Type	October, 1954		October, 1955	
	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	182,422	1,876,177	236,746	2,375,822
(b) Other Batteries	-	2,846	-	6,477
For farm lighting plants Cells	2,240	24,470	2,362	27,660
For railway service Cells	2,127	106,232	1,457	60,275
For all other purposes -	-	132,781	-	252,461
Parts and supplies -	-	54,347	-	79,821
Total -	-	2,196,853	-	2,802,516

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, 1955.

Table 2 - Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, Ten Months Ended October, 1954 and 1955

Type	Ten months ended October, 1954		Ten months ended October, 1955	
	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	1,432,999	13,835,370	1,745,906	17,174,509
(b) Other Batteries	-	58,768	-	116,093
For farm lighting plants Cells	18,508	210,029	21,432	251,392
For railway service Cells	21,429	1,052,577	17,712	767,923
For all other purposes -	-	2,957,068	-	2,633,660
Parts and supplies -	-	451,777	-	597,393
Total -	-	18,565,589	-	21,540,975

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