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FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIES

Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were valued at \$1,927,812 during February, 1955, compared with \$1,779,079 during February, 1954. The sales for February, 1955, included 139,999 batteries at \$1,395,815 for the ignition of internal combustion engines for passenger cars and light trucks; 1,802 cells at \$21,273 for farm lighting plants; 2,289 cells at \$98,435 for railway service; batteries valued at \$359,076 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 \$53,213.

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

Type	February, 1954		February, 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	144,072	1,373,138	139,999	1,395,815
(b) Other Batteries	-	3,638	-	3,429
For farm lighting plants Cells	1,729	19,874	1,802	21,273
For railway service Cells	1,660	67,630	2,289	98,435
For all other purposes -	-	261,468	-	355,647
Parts and supplies -	-	53,331	-	53,213
Total	-	1,779,079	-	1,927,812

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, Two Months Ended February, 1954 and 1955

Type	Two months ended February, 1954		Two months ended February, 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	306,902	2,995,426	289,390	2,950,932
(b) Other Batteries	-	8,211	-	8,949
For farm lighting plants Cells	4,129	48,370	4,121	48,758
For railway service Cells	3,786	171,995	4,345	188,219
For all other purposes -	-	558,143	-	634,306
Parts and supplies -	-	100,756	-	117,059
Total	-	3,882,901	-	3,948,223

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