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FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIES

Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were valued at \$1,776,861 during April, 1955, compared with \$1,643,485 during April, 1954. The sales for April, 1955, included 137,696 batteries at \$1,351,041 for the ignition of internal combustion engines for passenger cars and light trucks; 1,823 cells at \$21,021 for farm lighting plants; 2,025 cells at \$86,253 for railway service; batteries valued at \$269,135 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 \$49,411.

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

Type	April, 1954		April, 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	117,011	1,126,363	137,696	1,351,041
(b) Other Batteries	-	11,479	-	26,763
For farm lighting plants Cells	3,028	31,486	1,823	21,021
For railway service Cells	2,154	117,251	2,025	86,253
For all other purposes -	-	311,520	-	242,372
Parts and supplies -	-	45,376	-	49,411
Total -	-	1,643,485	-	1,776,861

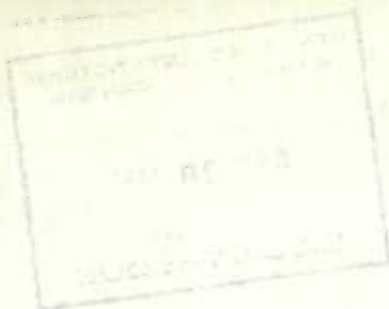
NOTE: Firms which report monthly account for more than 95 per cent of the total Canadian production of storage batteries. For a list of reporting firms, please refer to the report for January, 1955.

Table 2 - Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, Four Months Ended April, 1954 and 1955

Type	Four months ended April, 1954		Four months ended April, 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	569,051	5,431,331	571,724	5,706,738
(b) Other Batteries	-	28,374	-	51,285
For farm lighting plants Cells	9,214	104,184	7,309	84,753
For railway service Cells	8,466	396,963	8,957	390,394
For all other purposes -	-	1,304,803	-	1,155,241
Parts and supplies -	-	194,589	-	224,156
Total -	-	7,460,043	-	7,612,567

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