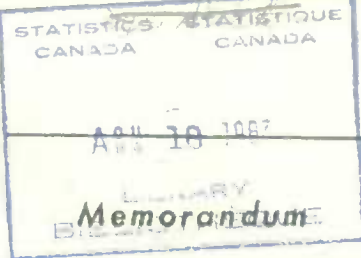


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FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIES

Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were valued at \$1,934,597 during May, 1955, compared with \$1,562,942 during May, 1954. The sales for May, 1955, included 147,656 batteries at \$1,433,013 for the ignition of internal combustion engines for passenger cars and light trucks; 1,892 cells at \$20,709 for farm lighting plants; 2,179 cells at \$95,026 for railway service; batteries valued at \$313,972 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 \$71,877.

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

Type	May, 1954		May, 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	110,390	1,052,560	147,656	1,433,013
(b) Other Batteries	-	6,980	-	14,144
For farm lighting plants Cells	1,042	13,989	1,892	20,709
For railway service Cells	2,058	92,960	2,179	95,026
For all other purposes -	-	359,445	-	299,828
Parts and supplies -	-	37,008	-	71,877
Total	-	1,562,942	-	1,934,597

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.

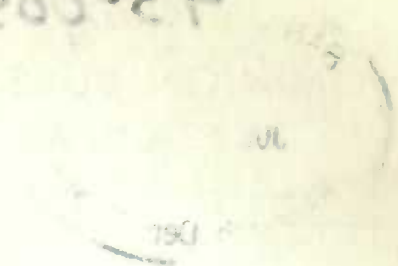
Table 2 - Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, Five Months Ended May, 1954 and 1955

Type	Five months ended May, 1954		Five months ended May, 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	679,441	6,483,891	719,380	7,139,751
(b) Other Batteries	-	35,354	-	65,429
For farm lighting plants Cells	10,256	118,173	9,201	105,462
For railway service Cells	10,524	489,923	11,136	485,420
For all other purposes -	-	1,664,248	-	1,455,069
Parts and supplies -	-	231,396	-	296,033
Total	-	9,022,985	-	9,547,164

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