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FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIES

Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were valued at \$1,980,367 during June, 1955, compared with \$1,806,047 during June, 1954. The sales for June, 1955, included 165,103 batteries at \$1,559,237 for the ignition of internal combustion engines for passenger cars and light trucks; 2,618 cells at \$30,240 for farm lighting plants; 1,365 cells at \$65,255 for railway service; batteries valued at \$270,587 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 \$55,048.

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

Type	June, 1954		June, 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	122,644	1,127,585	165,103	1,559,237
(b) Other Batteries	-	3,437	-	13,534
For farm lighting plants Cells	1,356	14,853	2,618	30,240
For railway service Cells	2,386	98,173	1,365	65,255
For all other purposes -	-	509,366	-	257,053
Parts and supplies -	-	52,633	-	55,048
Total	-	1,806,047	-	1,980,367

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.

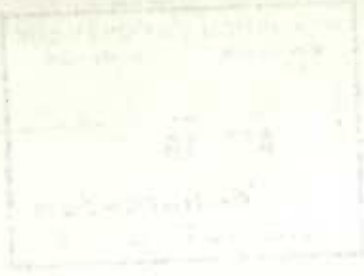
Table 2 - Factory Sales of Electric Storage Batteries, Six Months Ended June, 1954 and 1955

Type	Six months ended June, 1954		Six months ended June, 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	802,085	7,611,476	884,483	8,698,988
(b) Other Batteries	-	38,791	-	78,963
For farm lighting plants Cells	11,612	133,026	11,819	135,702
For railway service Cells	12,910	588,096	12,501	550,675
For all other purposes -	-	2,173,614	-	1,712,122
Parts and supplies -	-	284,029	-	351,081
Total	-	10,829,032	-	11,527,531

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