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FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIES

Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were valued at \$2,396,688 during August, 1955, compared with \$1,847,610 during August, 1954. The sales for August, 1955, included 203,164 batteries at \$2,011,221 for the ignition of internal combustion engines for passenger cars and light trucks; 1,838 cells at \$21,136 for farm lighting plants; 2,115 cells at \$93,298 for railway service; batteries valued at \$219,497 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 \$51,536.

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

Type	August, 1954		August, 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	152,373	1,471,451	203,164	2,011,221
(b) Other Batteries	-	5,039	-	7,722
For farm lighting plants Cells	1,009	13,120	1,838	21,136
For railway service Cells	1,939	90,104	2,115	93,298
For all other purposes -	-	230,640	-	211,775
Parts and supplies -	-	37,256	-	51,536
Total -	-	1,847,610	-	2,396,688

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, Eight Months Ended August, 1954 and 1955

Type	Eight months ended August, 1954		Eight months ended August, 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	1,058,736	10,107,866	1,247,310	12,230,117
(b) Other Batteries	-	49,000	-	102,823
For farm lighting plants Cells	13,706	156,906	15,660	181,956
For railway service Cells	17,892	881,897	15,142	668,082
For all other purposes -	-	2,621,146	-	2,124,174
Parts and supplies -	-	354,807	-	451,315
Total -	-	14,171,622	-	15,758,467

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