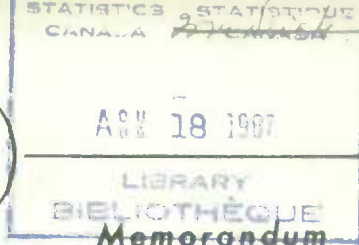


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FACTORY SALES OF ELECTRIC STORAGE BATTERIES

Sales of electric storage batteries and parts by principal Canadian producers were valued at \$2,979,992 during September, 1955, compared with \$2,197,114 during September, 1954. The sales for September, 1955, included 261,850 batteries at \$2,568,570 for the ignition of internal combustion engines for passenger cars and light trucks; 3,410 cells at \$41,776 for farm lighting plants; 1,113 cells at \$39,566 for railway service; batteries valued at \$257,025 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 \$66,262.

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

Type	September, 1954		September, 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	191,841	1,851,327	261,850	2,568,570
(b) Other Batteries	-	6,922	-	6,793
For farm lighting plants Cells	2,562	23,653	3,410	41,776
For railway service Cells	1,410	64,448	1,113	39,566
For all other purposes -	-	203,141	-	257,025
Parts and supplies -	-	42,623	-	66,262
Total -	-	2,197,114	-	2,979,992

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, Nine Months Ended September, 1954 and 1955

Type	Nine months ended September, 1954		Nine months ended September, 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	1,250,577	11,959,193	1,509,160	14,798,587
(b) Other Batteries	-	55,922	-	109,616
For farm lighting plants Cells	16,268	185,559	19,070	223,738
For railway service Cells	19,302	946,345	16,255	707,648
For all other purposes -	-	2,824,287	-	2,381,199
Parts and supplies -	-	397,430	-	517,577
Total -	-	16,368,736	-	18,738,459

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