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## Sales of New Motor Vehicles

A new post-war peak was reached in October when 29,577 new motor vehicles were sold for $\$ 59,762,631,40 \%$ higher in number and $43 \%$ higher in value than the 21,110 units retailed for $\$ 41,740,931$ in October, 1948. Of this total, 21,435 were passenger cars which sold for $\$ 43,275,459$. These figures surpassed by $42 \%$ in number and $49 \%$ in value the 15,060 vehicles valued at $\$ 28, ? 72,963$ sold in the same month last year. New truck sales recorded gains of $36 \%$ in number and $38 \%$ in dollar volume over October, 1948. Only 21 buses were sold for $\$ 384,527$. continuing the marked decreases in sales this year as compared with 1948.

Cumulative figures for danuary-to-October 1949 showed 235,232 new motor vehicles sold for $\$ 487,392,443$. Increases were $33 \%$ in number and $38 \%$ in value over the comparable period of 1948 when 177,491 vehicles retailed for $\$ 352,089,771$. Passenger models were responsible for gains of $42 \%$ in number and $50 \%$ in value, while more moderate increases of $16 \%$ in number and $21 \%$ in value, were recorded by truck sales. In the first ten months of 1949,464 buses sold for $\$ 8,550,157$.

## Financing of Motor Vehicle Sales

New and used motor vehicles financed in October, 1949, totalled 22,057 units, financed for $\$ 20,384,390$. These totals exceeded those for October, 1948, when 14,012 units were financed for $\$ 12,988,618$ by $57 \%$ both. in number and financed value.

New Vehicles--There were 8,467 new vehicles financed in October, 1949, as compared with 4,521 units in the same month a year ago - an increase of $87 \%$ in number. Passenger cars accounted for a ma; or part of this increase with a gain of $104 \%$, while commercial vehtcles financed in October totalled $57 \%$ more than in October, 1948.

In the first ten months of $1949,66,925$ new vehicles were financed for $\$ 94,661,752$, totals which were $58 \%$ higher in number and $56 ; \%$ himher in value than the corresponding pesinod of 134 .

Used Vehicles-A total of 13,590 used veticius nser timancod to the extent of $\$ 8,943,577$ in October, 1945 , increakses o: 40,6 in number sind $32 \%$ in financed value compared with October, 1948.

## FINANCING OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN CANADA

NUMBER OF VEHICLES



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| Province | Number |  |  | Retail Value |  |  |
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|  | 1948 | 1949 | Change， | 1948 | 1949 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \% Char ce } \\ & 1949 \quad 948 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
|  | Total－Passonger Cars，Trucks 2 and Buses |  |  |  |  |  |
| CANADA | 21，110 | 29，577 | ＋40．1 | 41，740，931 | 59，762，651 | ＋43．2 |
| Maritimes | 1，598 | 2，022 | ＋26．5 | 3，461．860 | 3，936，233 | ＋14．0 |
| Quebec | 3，581 | 4，952 | ＋38．3 | 7，057，730 | 10，467，605 | ＋48．3 |
| Ontario | 9，150 | 13.180 | ＋44．0 | 17，938，857 | 26，408，708 | ＋47．2 |
| Manitoba ．．．．．．． | 1．271 | 1，777 | ＋39．8 | 2，495，276 | 3，479，368 | ＋39．1 |
| Saskatchewan | 1，596 | 2，264 | ＋41．9 | 3，115，088 | 4，568，823 | ＋46．7 |
| Alberta．．．．．．．．． | 2．078 | 2，615 | ＋25，8 | 4，166，006 | 5，531，031 | ＋32．8 |
| British Columbia | 1，836 | 2，767 | ＋50．7 | 3，516，108 | 5，379，863 | ＋53．0 |

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| CANADA ．．． | 15，060 | 21，435 | ＋42．3 | 28，972，963 | 43，275，459 | ＋49．18 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Naritimes | 1，225 | 1，541 | ＋25．8 | 2，370，834 | 3，048，922 | ＋20． 6 |
| Quebec | 2，692 | 3，796 | ＋41．0 | 5，226，381 | 3，180，889 | ＋56．5 |
| Ontario | 6，811 | 9，969 | ＋46．4 | 13，081，920 | 19，778，249 | ＋51．2 |
| Manitoba ．．．．．．． | 823 | 1，108 | ＋34．5 | 1，618，934 | 2，221，159 | ＋37．2 |
| Saskatchewan ．．． | 953 | 1，300 | ＋36．4 | 1，804，875 | 2，694，042 | ＋49．3 |
| Alberta ．．．．．．．． | 1，256 | 1．618 | ＋28．8 | 2，409，993 | 3，278，131 | ＋36．0 |
| British Columbia | 1，300 | 2，103 | ＋61．8 | $2,460,026$ | 4，074，067 | ＋65．6 |

Trucks

| CANADA | 5，988 | 8.121 | ＋35．5 | 11，684，823 | 16，102．645 | ＋37．8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maritimes | 352 | 481 | ＋36．6 | 632，646 | 887，311 | ＋40．3 |
| Quebec | 883 | 1，156 | ＋30．9 | 1，770，278 | 2，285，716 | ＋29．2 |
| Ontario | 2，317 | 3，210 | ＋38．5 | 4，545，274 | 6，622，こ二乚 | ＋45．7 |
| Manitoba | 448 | 669 | ＋49．3 | 876， 348 | 1，249，209 | －42．5 |
| Saskatchewan | 635 | 963 | ＋51．7 | 1，105，287 | 1，852，987 | ＋63．1 |
| Alberta | 817 | 978 | ＋19．7 | 1，668，254 | 1，898，088 | ＋13．8 |
| British Columbia | 536 | 664 | ＋23．9 | 1，056，082 | 1，305，796 | $+23.6$ |

Buses

| CANADA | 62 | 21 | －66．1 | 1，083，145 | 384，527 | －64．5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Marjtimes | 21 | － | － | 448，380 | － | － |
| Quebec ．．．．．．．．． | 6 | － | － | 61，077 | $\cdots$ | － |
| Ontario．．．．．．．． | 22 | 1 | －95．5 | 311，653 | 7，931 | －97．5 |
| Manitoba ．．．．．．． | － | － | － | － | － | － |
| Saskatchewan ． | 8 | 1 | －87．5 | 174．276 | 21，784 | －87．5 |
| Alberta | 5 | 19 | ＋280．0 | 87.759 | 354，812 | ＋304．3 |
| British Columbia | － | － | － | － | － | － |

TABLE 2 - NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SAIES BY MONTHS


Total - Passenger Cars, Trucks, and Buses

| January to March | 47,871 | 50,625 | $+5.8$ | 93,180,503 | 108,524,877 | +16.5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April to June .. | 59,663 | 82,155 | +37.7 | 118,830,578 | 171,608,854 | +44.4 |
| July . | 16,164 | 27,729 | +71.5 | 33,000,923 | 56,572,753 | +71.4 |
| August | 13,676 | 17,964 | +31.4 | 27,616,430 | 36,024,083 | +30.4 |
| September | 19,007 | 27,182 | +43.0 | 37,720,406 | 54,899,245 | +45.5 |
| October ........ | 21,110 | 29,577 | +40.1 | 41,740,931 | 59,762,631 | +43.2 |
| Jan. - Dctober.. | 177,491 | 235,232 | $+32.5$ | 352,089,771 | 487,392,443 | +38.4 |
| Passenger Cars |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January to March | 30,959 | 31,222 | + 0.8 | 58,132,476 | 66,416,182 | +14.2 |
| April to June .. | 35,543 | 57,247 | +61.1 | 69,702,383 | 118,046,769 | +69.4 |
| July .......... | 10,296 | 20.775 | +101.8 | 21,135,333 | 42,581,776 | +101.5 |
| August ......... | 9,656 | 12,558 | +30.1 | 19,129,644 | 25,286,910 | +32.2 |
| September ...... | 13,278 | 19,502 | +46.9 | 26,000,908 | 39,795,600 | +53.1 |
| October | 15,060 | 21,435 | +42.3 | 28,972,963 | 43,275,459 | +49.4 |
| Jan. - October.. | 114,792 | 162,739 | +41.8 | 223,073,707 | 335,402,696 | +50.4 |


| Trucks |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| January to March | 16,765 | 19,229 | +14.7 | 32,457,048 | 38,913,620 | +19.9 |
| April to June .. | 23,886 | 24,693 | $+3.4$ | 45,133,478 | 49,273,191 | + 9.2 |
| July ........... | 5,811 | 6,926 | +19.2 | 10,833,203 | 13,513,116 | +24.7 |
| August ......... | 3,952 | 5,387 | $+36.3$ | 7,595,577 | 10,590,577 | +39.4 |
| September ...... | 5,661 | 7,673 | +35.5 | 10,614,393 | 15,046,441 | +41.8 |
| October | 5,988 | 8,121 | +35.6 | 11,684,823 | 16,102,645 | +37.8 |
| Jan. - October.. | 62,063 | 72,029 | +16.1 | 118,318,522 | 143,439,590 | +21.2 |


| danuary to March | 147 | 174 | +18.4 | 2,590,979 | 3,195,075 | +23.3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April to June .. | 234 | 215 | - 8.1 | 3,994,717 | 4,288,894 | + 7.4 |
| July ........... | 57 | 28 | -50.9 | 1,032,387 | 477,861 | -53.7 |
| August ......... | 68 | 19 | -72.1 | 891,209 | 146,596 | -83.5 |
| September ...... | 68 | 7 | $-89.7$ | 1,105,105 | 57,204 | -94.8 |
| October ........ | 62 | 21 | -66.1 | 1,083,145 | 384,527 | -64.5 |
| Jan. - October.. | 636 | 464 | -27.0 | 10,697,542 | 8,550,157 | -20.1 |

TABLE 3.- FINANCING OF SALES OF NEN MOTOR VEHICLES, BY PROVINCES,
OCTOBER, 1948 AND 1949

|  | Number of Tohicles |  |  | Amount of Financing |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1948 | 1949 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \% Change, } \\ & 1949 / 1948 \end{aligned}$ | 1948 | 1949 | \% Change, $1949 / 1948$ |
| Total - Passonger and Commorcial Vehicles $\$$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CANADA. | 4,521 | 8,467 | $+87.3$ | 6,232,607 | 11,440,813 | +83.6 |
| Maritimes | 376 | 716 | $+90.4$ | 486,739 | 896,302 | +84.1 |
| Quebec ......... | 987 | 1,833 | $+85.7$ | 1,485,174 | 2,744,823 | +84.8 |
| Ontario........ | 1,984 | 3,433 | +73.0 | 2,522,860 | 4,442,383 | +76.1 |
| Manitoba...... | 236 | 396 | +67.3 | 343,228 | 511,818 | +49.1 |
| Saskatchewan ... | 206 | 472 | +129.1 | 252,733 | 595,633 | +135.7 |
| Alberta ....... | 375 | 874 | +133.1 | 559,750 | 1,228,019 | $+119.4$ |
| British Colunbia | 357 | 743 | +108.1 | 582,123 | 1,021,835 | $+75.5$ |

Passengor Cars

| CANADA | 2,932 | 5. 972 | $+103.7$ | 3,669,620 | 7,692,505 | +109.6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maritimes ...... | 246 | 530 | +115.4 | 312,183 | 655,319 | +109.8 |
| Quebec ......... | 670 | 1,323 | $+97.5$ | 951,223 | 1,917,052 | +101.5 |
| Ontario........ | 1,367 | 2,657 | +94.4 | 1,589,515 | 3,252,516 | +104.6 |
| Manitoba | 143 | 205 | +43.4 | 174,116 | 256,367 | +47.2 |
| Saskatchewan ... | 122 | 269 | +120.5 | 147,004 | 335,004 | +127.9 |
| Alberta ........ | 178 | 466 | +161.8 | 219,792 | 581,313 | +164.5 |
| British Columbia | 206 | 522 | +153.4 | 275,787 | 694,934 | +1.52.0 |


| Canada ... | 1,589 | 2,495 | +57.0 | 2,562,987 | 3,748,308 | $+46.2$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Naritimes ...... | 130 | 186 | +43.1 | 174,556 | 240,983 | +38.1 |
| Quebec ......... | 317 | 510 | +60.9 | 533,951 | 827,771 | +55.0 |
| Ontario........ | 617 | 776 | +25.8 | 935,345 | 1,189,867 | +27.5 |
| Manitoba ....... | 93 | 191 | +105.1 | 169,112 | 255,451 | +51.1 |
| Saskatchewan . | 84 | 203 | +141.7 | 105,729 | 260,629 | +146.5 |
| Alberta ........ | 197 | 408 | +107.1 | 339,958 | 646,706 | +90.2 |
| British Columbia | 151 | 221 | +46.4 | 306,336 | 326,901 | +6.7 |

TABLE 4 - FINANCING OF SALES OF USED MOTOR VEHICLES, BY PROVINCES,
OCT OBER, 1948 AND 1949


Total - Passenger and Commercial Vehicles

| CANADA | 9,491 | 13,590 | $+43.2$ | 6,756,011. | $8,943,577$ | +32.4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maritimes ..... | 506 | 1,126 | +122.5 | 355,364 | 636,737 | +93.2 |
| Quebec ....... | 1,152 | 1,732 | +50.3 | 1,040,993 | 1,350,191 | +29.7 |
| Ontario... | 5,358 | 6,913 | +29.0 | 3,314,393 | 4,134,834 | +24.8 |
| Manitoba ..... | 400 | 527 | +31.8 | 266,570 | 350,035 | +31.3 |
| Saskatchewan | 256 | 607 | +137.1 | 214,393 | 441,151 | +105.8 |
| Alberta ...... | 833 | 1,308 | +57.0 | 725,004 | 987.577 | +36.2 |
| British Columbia | 986 | 1,377 | +39.7 | 839,294 | 993,052 | +18.3 |
| Passenger Cars |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CANADA | 7,697 | 11,196 | $+45.5$ | 5,229,716 | 7,090,530 | +35.6 |
| Maritimes .... | 324 | 834 | +157.4 | 221,421 | 491,668 | +122.1 |
| Quebec ........ | 833 | 1,288 | +54.6 | 707,193 | 950,465 | +34.4 |
| Ontario ....... | 4,641 | 6.135 | +32.2 | 2,807,718 | 3,600,826 | +28.2 |
| Manitoba ...... | 307 | 392 | +27.7 | 193,578 | 254,653 | +31.6 |
| Saskatchewan. | 170 | 436 | +156.5 | 137.521 | 319,589 | +132.4 |
| Alberta ....... | 611 | 948 | +55.2 | 500,430 | 683,138 | +36.5 |
| British Columbia | 811 | 1,163 | $+43.4$ | 661,855 | 790,191 | +19.4 |

Comercial Vohicles

| CANADA | 1.794 | 2,394 | $+33.1$ | 1,526,295 | 1,853,047 | +21. 4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Maritimes . | 182 | 292 | +60.4 | 133,943 | 195,069 | +45.6 |
| Quebec....... | 319 | 444 | $+39.2$ | 333,800 | 399,726 | +19.8 |
| Ontario | 717 | 778 | $+8.5$ | 506,675 | 534,008 | + 5.4 |
| Manitoba...... | 93 | 135 | +45.2 | 72,992 | 95,382 | +30.7 |
| Saskatchewan | 86 | 171 | +98.8 | 76,872 | 121,562 | +58.1 |
| Alberta | 222 | 360 | +62.2 | 224,574 | 304,439 | +35.6 |
| British Columbia | 175 | 214 | +22.3 | 177,439 | 202,861 | +14.3 |

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Total - Passencer and Commercial Vohicles

| January to March.. | 11,284 | 13,146 | +16.5 | $15,834,708$ | $19,254,883$ | +21.6 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| April to June $\ldots \ldots$ | 14,452 | 23,895 | +65.3 | $20,997,988$ | $34,086,177$ | +62.3 |
| July $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 4,353 | 7,600 | +74.6 | $6,344,621$ | $10,437,665$ | +64.5 |
| August $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 3,578 | 6,562 | +83.4 | $5,295,808$ | $9,356,165$ | +76.7 |
| September $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 4,209 | 7,155 | +70.0 | $5,943,646$ | $10,086,049$ | +69.7 |
| October $\ldots \ldots \ldots \ldots$ | 4,521 | 8,467 | +87.3 | $6,232,607$ | $11,440,813$ | +83.6 |
| Jan. - October $\ldots .$. | 42,397 | 66,325 | +57.6 | $60,649,378$ | $94,661,752$ | +56.1 |

Passenger Cars

| January to March.. | 6,830 | 8,059 | +18.0 | 8,486,480 | 11,031,034 | +30.0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April to June .... | 6,889 | 14,829 | +115.3 | 8,559,973 | 19,557,822 | +128.5 |
| July | 2,336 | 5,112 | +118.8 | 3,054,481 | 6,768,388 | +121.6 |
| August | 2,057 | 4,084 | +98.5 | 2,707,870 | 5,535,958 | +104.4 |
| September | 2,663 | 4,637 | +74.1 | 3,375,177 | 6,228,087 | +84.5 |
| October. | 2,932 | 5,972 | +103.7 | 3,669,620 | 7,692,505 | +109.6 |
| Jan. - October .. | 23,707 | 42,693 | +80.1 | 29,853,601 | 56,813,794 | $+90.3$ |

Commercial Vehicles

| January to March.. | 4,454 | 5,087 | +14.2 | 7,348,228 | 8,223,849 | +11.9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| April to June .... | 7,563 | 9,066 | +19.9 | 12,438,015 | 14,528,355 | +16.8 |
| July | 2,017 | 2,488 | $+23.4$ | 3,290,140 | 3,669,277 | +11.5 |
| August ........... | 1,521 | 2,478 | +62.9 | 2,587,938 | 3,820,207 | +47.6 |
| September ........ | 1,546 | 2,518 | +62.9 | 2,568,469 | 3,857,962 | +50.2 |
| October ........... | 1,589 | 2,495 | +57.0 | 2,562,987 | 3,748,308 | +46.2 |
| Jan. - October | 18,690 | 24,132 | +29.1 | 30,795,777 | 37,847,958 | +22.9 |

