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# NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES AND MOTOR VEHICLE FINANCING 

SEPTEMBER 1952

## New Motor Vehicle Sales

Sales of new motor vehicles continued higher in September than in the same month last year. There were 31,861 new vehicles sold in September 1952 for a retail value of $\$ 78,495,563$, an increase of $14 \%$ in mumber and $11 \%$ in value over September 1951. Sales of both passenger cars and commercial vehicles were higher during this period. Passenger car sales increased $20 \%$ in number and $12 \%$ in retail value over September a year ago. Commercial vehicle sales were $2 \%$ higher in number and $8 \%$ higher in value than in September 1951.

In spite of the upward trend in sales of new motor vehicles which began in May 1952, cumulative figures for the first nine months of this year were still slightly below the total for the corresponding period of 1951. There were 310,947 new vehicles retailed for $\$ 779,842,681$ during the period from Jamury to September 1952, a decline of $3 \%$ in mumber and less than $1 \%$ in value from the 321,104 new vehicles sold for $\$ 785,608,902$ during the first nine months of 1951. Passenger car sales were $4 \%$ lower in number and $3 \%$ lower in value during the first nine months of 1952 as compared with the same period last year.

Note: Retail values quoted in this report are based on the retail price to individual purchasers at the Canadian point of mamufacture. In the case of imported vehicles, the values are the retail price delivered at the nearest Canadian distributing centre. Retail values include sales and excise taxes, charges for standard accessories,dealers' commissions, etc. Transportation charges from Canadian point of mamfacture to point of delivery are not included.

## Province

| Atlantic Provinces | - | 10 | - | 140,630 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Quebec | 16 | 81 | 415,762 | $1,760,008$ |
| Ontario | 36 | 7 | 881,067 | 67,165 |
| Manitoba | 5 | 7 | 87,380 | 119,388 |
| Saskatchewan | - | - | - | - |
| Alberta | 2 | - | 38,312 | - |
| British Columbia | 1 | - | 8,465 | - |
|  |  | 60 | 105 | $1,430,986$ |
| Canada | $2,087,191$ |  |  |  |

Quebec
Ontario
Manitoba
Saskatchewan
Alberta
British Columbia

Canada

## Number of Units

$1951 \quad 1952$

60
105

## Financing of Motor Vehicle Sales

## New Vehicles-

There was an increase of $45 \%$ in the number of new vehicles financed during September compared with the same month last year while the amount of financing was 648 greater. New passenger car financing accounted for the greater part of this increase with $79 \%$ more cars financed for a gain of $127 \%$ in amount of financing. The financing of commercial vehicles showed little change from September of last year. There was a decline of $3 \%$ in the number of vehicles financed and an increase of 48 in the amount.

Financing of new vehicles during the first nine months of 1952 was $31 \%$ greater in mumber and $48 \%$ greater in amount than for the same period of 1951.

## Used Vehicleg-

The number of vehicles and the amount financed was greater than last September for both used passenger and used commercial vehicles. Similar to new vehicles, financing of passenger cars showed much greater gains than commercial vehicles. The amount of used passenger car financing was $106 \%$ greater in September 1952 than in the same month last year. At September 30, used passenger car financing was $100 \%$ above the amount financed during the first nine months of 1951. The number of total used vehicles financed was $53 \%$ greater and the amount $87 \%$ above the Jamuary to September period of last year.

Sales and Financing of Now Vehicles Compared
The following table shows a comparison of the sales and financing of new motor vohicles for September and for the Jan.-Sept. period of this year and last.
Month and Item
September
No. Sold
No. Financed
\% of Sales Financed
Jan.-Sept.
No. Sold
No. Financed
\% of Sales Financed

| Passenger |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| 1951 | Cars |
| 18,582 | 22,268 |
| 5,684 | 10,192 |
| 30.6 | 45.8 |


| 235,387 | 225,178 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 65,483 | 92,802 |
| 27.8 | 41.2 |


| 85,717 | 85,769 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 32,809 | 36,127 |
| 38.3 | 42.1 |



TABLE 1 New Motor Vehicle Sales, by Provinces
September, 1951 and 1952

| Province | Number |  |  | Retall Value |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1951 (1) | 1952 | $\begin{gathered} \text { \% Change, } \\ \text { 1952/1951 } \end{gathered}$ | 1951 (1) | 1952 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \% Change, } \\ & \text { 1952/1951 } \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  | \% | \$ | \$ | \% |
|  | Passenger Cars |  |  |  |  |  |
| Newfoundland | 202 |  | + 13.4 | 521,164 | 514,834 | - 1.2 |
| Prince Edward Island... | 113 | 109 | - 3.5 | 282,149 | 247,113 | - 12.4 |
| Nova Scotia .............. | 529 | 685 | + 29.5 | 1,312,763 | 1,604,218 | + 22.2 |
| New Brunswick .......... | 478 | 569 | + 19.0 | 1,207,116 | 1,312,961 | + 8.8 |
| Quebec............. | 3,662 | 4,091 | + 11.7 | 9,579,262 | 9,758,352 | + 1.9 |
| Ontario | 7,383 | 9,974 | + 35.1 | 18,875,645 | 24,223,197 | +28.3 |
| Manitoba | 1,275 | 1,312 | + 2.9 | 3,190,279 | 3,068,357 | - 3.8 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,657 | 1,324 | - 20.1 | 4,150,217 | 3,201,963 | - 22.8 |
| Alberta. | 1,678 | 1,913 | + 14.0 | 4,289,899 | 4,639,640 | 8.2 $+\quad 188$ |
| British Columbia | 1,605 | 2,062 | $+28.5$ | 3,916,933 | 4,653,350 | + 18.8 |
| Canada | 18,582 | 22,268 | + 19.8 | 47,325,427 | 53,223,885 | + 12.5 |
|  | Commercial Vehicles |  |  |  |  |  |
| Newfoundiand | 128 | 189 | + 47.7 | 267,618 | 402,162 | + 50.3 |
| Prince Eawerd Island... | 77 | 58 | - 24.7 | 155,947 | 115,795 | - 25.7 |
| Nove Scotia ... | 297 | 279 | - 6.1 | 596,549 | 660,970 | + 10.8 |
| New Brunswick. | 294 | 228 | - 22.4 | 687,194 | 549,682 | - 20.0 |
| Quebec........... | 1,638 | 1,551 | - 5.3 | 4,343,422 | 5,601,277 | + 29.0 |
| Ontario. | 2,714 | 3,085 | + 13.7 | 7,841,953 | 7,848,435 | + 0.1 |
| Menitoba | 584 | 636 | + 8.9 | 1,345,168 | 1,529,406 | $+13.7$ |
| Saskatchewan | 1,435 | 1,222 | - 14.8 | 3,057,478 | 2,746,263 | - 10.2 |
| Alberta........... | 1,518 | 1,626 | + 7.1 | 3,453,244 | 3,938,754 | $+14.1$ |
| British Columble ..... | 729 | 719 | - 1.4 | 1,761,517 | 1,878,934 | + 6.7 |
| Canada | 9,414 | 9,593 | + 1.9 | 23,510,090 | 25,271,678 | + 7.5 |
|  | Total - Passenger Cars and Commercial Vehicles |  |  |  |  |  |
| Newfoundland | 330 | 478 | + 26.7 | 788,782 | 916,996 | + 16.3 |
| Prince Edward Islend. | 190 | 167 | - 12.1 | 438,096 | 362,908 | - 17.2 |
| Nova Scotia. | 826 | 964 | + 16.7 | 1,909,312 | 2,265,088 | + 18.6 |
| New Brunswick | 772 | 797 | + 3.2 | 1,894,310 | 1,862,643 | - 1.7 |
| Quebec. | 5,300 | 5,642 | + 6.5 | 13,922,684 | 15,359,629 | + 10.3 |
| Ontario | 10,097 | 13,059 | + 29.3 | 26,717,598 | 32,071,632 | +20.0 |
| Manitota | 1,859 | 1,948 | + 4.8 | 4,535,447 | 4,597,763 | + 1.4 |
| Saskatchewan | 3,092 | 2,546 | - 1.8 | 7,207,695 | 5,948,226 | - 17.5 |
| Alberta | 3,196 | 3,539 | + 10.7 | 7,743,143 | 8,578,394 | + 10.8 |
| British Columbla | 2,334 | 2,781 | + 19.2 | 5,678,450 | 6,532,284 | + 15.0 |
| Canada | 27,996 | 31,861 | + 13.8 | 70,835,517 | 78,495,563 | + 10.8 |

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TABIE 3 Financing of Sales of New Motor Vehicles, by Provinces SEPTEMBER, 1951 AND 1952


Total - Passenger Cars and Commercial Vehicles

| Atlantic Provinces ...... | 799 | 1,084 | + 35.7 | 1,099,596 | 1,752,301 | + 59.4 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quebec........................ | 2,428 | 2,975 | + 22.5 | 4,126,393 | 5,726,441 | $+38.8$ |
| Ontario | 3,238 | 5,266 | + 62.6 | 4,653,009 | 8,520,880 | +83.1 |
| Manitoba ...................... | 606 | 736 | $+21.5$ | 851,816 | 1,134,727 | $+33.2$ |
| Saskatchewan | 782 | 1,130 | $+44.5$ | 1,199,925 | 1,941,732 | +61.8 |
| Alberta | 1,167 | 1,652 | $+41.6$ | 1,902,965 | 3,136,434 | + 64.8 |
| British Columbla .......... | 778 | 1,338 | $+72.0$ | 1,271,411 | 2,496,683 | + 96.4 |
| Canada................... | 9,798 | 14,181 | $+44.7$ | 15,105,115 | 24,709,198 | $+63.6$ |

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| Province | Number of Vehicles |  |  | Amount of Financing |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1951 (1) | 1952 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { \% Change. } \\ & 1952 / 1951 \end{aligned}$ | 1951 (1) | 1952 | \% Change, $1952 / 1951$ |
|  |  |  | \% | \$ | \$ | \% |
|  | Passenger Cars |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atlantic Provinces ...... | 1,890 | 2,563 | + 35.6 | 991,622 | 1,754,155 | + 76.9 |
| Quebec ....................... | 3,231 | 4,546 | $+40.7$ | 2,074,456 | 3,869,651 | + 86.5 |
| Ontarlo ........................ | 9,634 | 13,371 | + 38.8 | 4,720,022 | 9,935,975 | +110.5 |
| Manitoba .................... | 988 | 1,558 | + 57.7 | 535,606 | 1,215,495 | +126.9 |
| Saskatchewan .............. | 992 | 1,590 | +60.3 | 579,431 | 1,218,819 | +110.3 |
| Alberta ...................... | 1,862 | 2,919 | + 51.4 | 1,123,547 | 2,318,285 | +106.3 |
| British Columbia ......... | 1,893 | 3,027 | + 59.9 | 1,106,137 | 2,561,098 | +131.5 |
| Canada | 20,490 | 29,474 | + 43.8 | 11,130,821 | 22,873,478 | +105.5 |
|  | Commercial Vehicles |  |  |  |  |  |
| Atisntic Provinces ...... | 716 | 801 | + 11.9 | 496,838 | 561,860 | $+13.1$ |
| Quebec ....................... | 1,071 | 1,091 | + 1.9 | 1,021,758 | 1,075,787 | $+5.3$ |
| Ontario | 1,756 | 1,915 | + 9.1 | 1,354,819 | 1,581,609 | + 16.7 |
| Manitoba | 297 | 397 | + 33.7 | 201,159 | 294,404 | $+46.4$ |
| Saskatchewan ............. | 503 | 742 | + 47.5 | 372,084 | 608,744 | + 63.6 |
| Alberta ........................ | 717 | 877 | + 22.3 | 615,972 | 866,324 | + 40.6 |
| British Columble .......... | 487 | 589 | + 20.9 | 434,328 | 587,419 | + 35.2 |
| Canada | 5,547 | 6,412 | + 15.6 | 4,496,958 | 5,576,147 | $+24.0$ |

Total - Passenger Cars and Commercial Vehicles

| Atlantic Providees | 2,606 | 3,364 | $+29.1$ | 1,488,460 | 2,316,015 | +55.6 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Quebec ......................... | 4,302 | 5,637 | + 31.0 | 3,096,214 | 4,945,438 | $+59.7$ |
| Ontario | 11,390 | 15,286 | + 34.2 | 6,074,841 | 11,517,584 | $+89.6$ |
| Manitoba | 1,285 | 1,955 | $+52.1$ | 736,765 | 1,509,899 | +104.9 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,495 | 2,332 | $+56.0$ | 951,515 | 1,827,563 | + 92.1 |
| Alberta | 2,579 | 3,696 | $+43.3$ | 1,739,519 | 3,184,609 | +83.1 |
| British Columbia ......... | 2,380 | 3,616 | $+51.9$ | 1,540,465 | 3,148,517 | +104.4 |
| Canade .................. | 26,037 | 35,886 | $+37.8$ | 15,627,779 | 28,449, $6=5$ | + S2.0. |

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