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## DEFINITIONS

### RETAIL VALUE

The price paid by an individual purchaser at the Canadian point of manufacture and includes sales and excise taxes, charges for standard accessories, dealer's commission, etc. Duty is included in the retail value of imported vehicles. Freight charges from the factory to place of purchase are excluded.

### COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

A term which is occasionally used for convenience in some parts of this report and is synonymous with the term "trucks and buses", which is used more frequently. Passenger models used for commercial purposes, such as taxis, are classified with passenger vehicles.

### AMOUNT OF FINANCING

The deferred portion of the purchase price together with finance charges and insurance.

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This bulletin is issued as a supplement to the monthly series  
and contains revised figures for the year 1949 as well as less  
detailed statistics for previous years. In the main tables of the  
report, sales of trucks and buses are combined, but separate  
figures on sales of buses for the years 1948 and 1949 are shown  
in a text table on page 5.

# NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES AND MOTOR VEHICLE FINANCING

## 1949

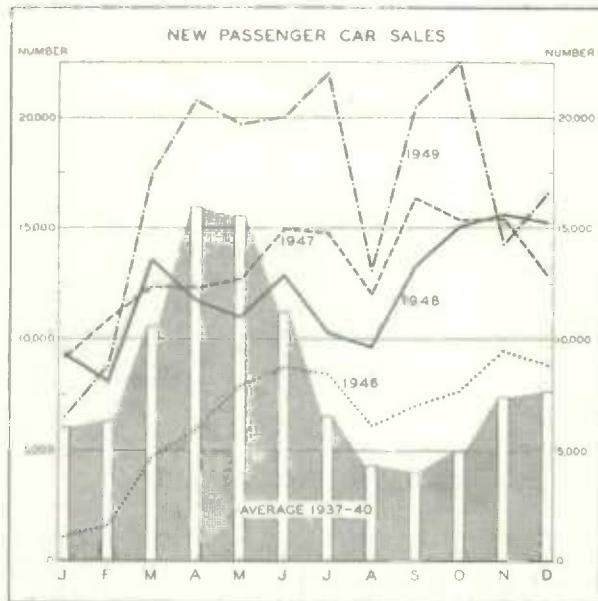
### New Motor Vehicle Sales

Canadians bought 202,318 new passenger cars during 1949, almost 40% more than the 145,655 cars purchased in 1948. The much larger number of cars imported from Great Britain helped to swell 1949 volume. Removal of restrictions which had curtailed imports from the United States during 1948 was also a factor, though a less important one.

The active demand for lower-priced and less expensively operated British vehicles is evidence of eagerness on the part of persons in the moderate-income brackets to acquire new cars. Further evidence of their more active participation in the new car market is revealed by the higher proportion of sales made on the instalment plan. In 1948, 21% had been financed, while the proportion rose to 26% in 1949.

In spite of the high volume of 1949 sales, a considerable backlog of orders remained at the year's end. Passenger car sales in the first three months of 1950 reached an unprecedented high of 71,071, more than one-third of the 1949 total and 128% above sales in the first three months last year.

The accompanying chart indicates the position of 1949 passenger car sales with respect to sales for the three preceding years and to the average for the four-year period, 1937-1940. It is apparent that the seasonal pattern was still distinctly different from that of the pre-war years.



With a larger increase in sales of passenger cars than of commercial vehicles, passenger car sales formed 71% of total sales in 1949 compared with 65% in 1948.

Truck sales increased 11% over 1948, while sales of buses declined 27%. Urgent post-war needs of transit systems were apparently satisfied to a large extent in 1947 and 1948, but the level of sales remained comparatively high to provide for extension of services and normal replacement requirements.

Bus sales are combined with truck sales in the main tables of this report. Separate figures for buses only are presented in the following table.

### Sales of Buses in Canada, 1948 and 1949

| Month and province                    | 1948   |              | 1949 <sup>1</sup> |              |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                                       | Number | Retail value | Number            | Retail value |
| \$                                    |        |              |                   |              |
| By Months                             |        |              |                   |              |
| Annual total .....                    | 787    | 13,475,993   | 573               | 10,255,283   |
| January .....                         | 72     | 1,312,827    | 55                | 1,000,370    |
| February .....                        | 16     | 261,386      | 46                | 903,866      |
| March .....                           | 59     | 1,016,766    | 51                | 783,875      |
| April .....                           | 77     | 1,292,193    | 75                | 1,481,286    |
| May .....                             | 77     | 1,333,445    | 91                | 1,835,969    |
| June .....                            | 80     | 1,369,079    | 57                | 992,370      |
| July .....                            | 57     | 1,032,387    | 36                | 601,512      |
| August .....                          | 68     | 891,209      | 20                | 149,208      |
| September .....                       | 68     | 1,105,105    | 12                | 70,336       |
| October .....                         | 62     | 1,083,145    | 23                | 389,802      |
| November .....                        | 75     | 1,368,910    | 77                | 1,443,774    |
| December .....                        | 76     | 1,409,541    | 30                | 602,915      |
| By Provinces                          |        |              |                   |              |
| Canada .....                          | 787    | 13,475,993   | 573               | 10,255,283   |
| Maritime Provinces <sup>1</sup> ..... | 87     | 1,585,882    | 31                | 207,335      |
| Quebec .....                          | 175    | 2,930,506    | 112               | 2,085,314    |
| Ontario .....                         | 280    | 4,404,256    | 157               | 2,382,102    |
| Manitoba .....                        | 38     | 728,456      | 11                | 253,785      |
| Saskatchewan .....                    | 11     | 239,628      | 45                | 883,691      |
| Alberta .....                         | 89     | 1,685,175    | 95                | 1,729,868    |
| British Columbia .....                | 107    | 1,902,090    | 122               | 2,713,188    |

1. Includes Newfoundland from April 1949.

In all, 286,341 new motor vehicles were sold in Canada in 1949 with a retail value of \$588,724,685 compared with 221,300 new vehicles sold for \$439,216,988 in 1948.

Sales of motor vehicles in Newfoundland have been included with the Maritime Provinces in the tabulations from April 1949. A total of 986 new vehicles were sold for \$1,941,567 in this province during the last nine months of 1949, and of these, 639 were passenger cars, 324 were trucks and 23 were buses.

Provincial distribution of passenger car sales in 1949 corresponded closely with that for 1948. The only notable exception was in British Columbia where sales accounted for 10.0% in 1949 compared with 8.6% in 1948.

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**Percentage Distribution of New Motor Vehicles Sold,  
by Provinces, 1949**

| Province                              | Passenger cars |       | Trucks and buses |       |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-------|------------------|-------|
|                                       | 1948           | 1949  | 1948             | 1949  |
| Canada.....                           | 100.0          | 100.0 | 100.0            | 100.0 |
| Maritime Provinces <sup>1</sup> ..... | 7.6            | 7.8   | 9.4              | 8.9   |
| Quebec .....                          | 18.1           | 18.2  | 19.2             | 16.9  |
| Ontario.....                          | 46.0           | 44.6  | 36.3             | 35.1  |
| Manitoba.....                         | 5.6            | 5.5   | 6.3              | 7.4   |
| Saskatchewan .....                    | 6.6            | 6.5   | 9.6              | 11.0  |
| Alberta .....                         | 7.5            | 7.4   | 10.4             | 12.6  |
| British Columbia .....                | 8.6            | 10.0  | 8.8              | 8.1   |

1. Includes Newfoundland from April 1949.

In the year-to-year comparisons, British Columbia registered the greatest advance in passenger car sales, the number of vehicles sold exceeding 1948 volume by 62%. In the commercial vehicle field, there was greater variation in the trends between 1948 and 1949. Major gains were recorded for the Prairie Provinces only, while sales of trucks and buses in Quebec actually declined. The following table shows percentage changes between the two years in number of vehicles sold.

**Percentage Change in Number of Vehicles Sold, by  
Provinces, 1949/1948**

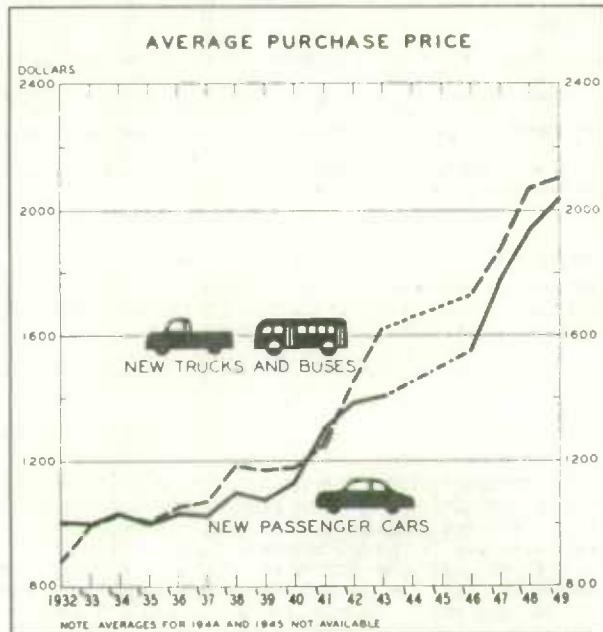
| Province                 | Passenger<br>cars | Trucks and<br>buses |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
|                          | %                 | %                   |
| Canada.....              | +38.9             | +11.1               |
| Maritime Provinces ..... | +42.3             | + 5.5               |
| Quebec .....             | +40.0             | - 2.2               |
| Ontario.....             | +34.7             | + 7.3               |
| Manitoba .....           | +35.3             | +30.7               |
| Saskatchewan .....       | +36.8             | +27.6               |
| Alberta .....            | +36.8             | +34.5               |
| British Columbia .....   | +61.6             | + 1.7               |

The average purchase price of new motor vehicles continued to advance, rising to \$2,038 per unit for passenger cars from \$1,942 in 1948, while the average price of new commercial vehicles increased from \$2,066 in 1948 to \$2,100 in 1949. The following table shows the average prices of passenger cars and commercial vehicles by provinces for the years 1948 and 1949. The table reveals fairly consistent increases in average prices of passenger cars for all provinces except British Columbia where the increase was proportionately smaller, an indication that lower-priced models were sold in relatively larger numbers than in other provinces. More variation in percentage changes between provinces occurred in the average prices of trucks and buses. Decreases in average prices in the Maritime Provinces, Manitoba, and Alberta were more than offset by higher prices in the other four provinces.

**Average Purchase Price of New Motor Vehicles in  
Canada, by Provinces, 1948 and 1949**

| Province               | Passenger cars |          |             | Trucks and buses |          |             |
|------------------------|----------------|----------|-------------|------------------|----------|-------------|
|                        | 1948           | 1949     | %<br>Change | 1948             | 1949     | %<br>Change |
| Canada.....            | \$ 1,942       | \$ 2,038 | +4.9        | \$ 2,066         | \$ 2,100 | +1.6        |
| Maritime Provinces ... | 1,914          | 1,998    | +4.4        | 2,023            | 1,929    | -4.6        |
| Quebec .....           | 1,954          | 2,083    | +6.6        | 2,163            | 2,209    | +2.1        |
| Ontario .....          | 1,949          | 2,042    | +4.8        | 2,013            | 2,077    | +3.2        |
| Manitoba .....         | 1,942          | 2,025    | +4.3        | 1,984            | 1,949    | -1.8        |
| Saskatchewan .....     | 1,919          | 2,054    | +7.0        | 1,841            | 1,999    | +8.6        |
| Alberta .....          | 1,932          | 2,044    | +5.8        | 2,163            | 2,139    | -1.1        |
| British Columbia.....  | 1,932          | 1,963    | +1.6        | 2,311            | 2,372    | +2.6        |

The movement in average purchase prices between the years 1932 and 1949 is revealed in the accompanying chart.



#### Financing of Motor Vehicle Sales

Figures compiled on the motor vehicle financing field cover used vehicles as well as new vehicles. Each of these classifications is further broken down between passenger cars and commercial vehicles. In all, there were 232,988 new and used vehicle sales financed to the extent of \$219,184,030 in 1949, a gain of 50% in number and 51% in amount of financing over 1948 when 155,634 vehicles were financed for \$144,955,013.

New vehicle sales financed numbered 81,502 units with a financed value of \$115,511,459, up 57% in number and value from the 1948 totals of 51,867 vehicles financed for \$73,805,672. Of the new vehicles financed, passenger cars accounted for 53,185, or 65% of the total. This was an increase of 78% over 1948, when the number financed was 29,923.

Considerable expansion was also evident in new commercial vehicle financing, where an increase of 29% brought the 1949 total to 28,317.

Financing of sales of used vehicles also increased substantially between 1948 and 1949. The total number of used vehicle sales financed was 151,486, an increase of 46% over 1948, while the amount of financing rose by the same percentage from \$71,149,341 to \$103,672,571. Of the total used vehicles, 124,595 were passenger cars, an increase of 50% over 1948 when used passenger car sales financed numbered 83,323. The following table shows percentage changes between 1948 and 1949 in number of vehicles financed by provinces.

#### Percentage Changes in Number of Vehicle Sales Financed by Provinces, 1949/1948

| Province                 | New               |                        | Used              |                        |
|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
|                          | Passenger<br>cars | Commercial<br>Vehicles | Passenger<br>cars | Commercial<br>Vehicles |
|                          | %                 | %                      | %                 | %                      |
| Canada .....             | + 77.7            | +29.0                  | + 49.5            | +31.5                  |
| Maritime Provinces ..... | +102.6            | +22.8                  | +119.7            | +54.8                  |
| Quebec .....             | + 72.9            | + 7.8                  | + 56.8            | +22.0                  |
| Ontario .....            | + 72.6            | +25.0                  | + 39.3            | +26.8                  |
| Manitoba .....           | + 43.7            | +70.0                  | + 48.5            | +32.9                  |
| Saskatchewan .....       | + 75.9            | +62.7                  | +130.9            | +56.3                  |
| Alberta .....            | + 85.9            | +73.3                  | + 69.9            | +45.8                  |
| British Columbia ...     | +109.9            | +25.1                  | + 41.4            | +14.1                  |

The average amount of financing per vehicle continued to rise in the passenger car field but a drop was recorded in the average financed value of both new and used commercial vehicles. Average financed value by provinces in each of the last two years is shown in the following table.

#### Average Financed Value of Motor Vehicles in Canada, by Provinces, 1948 and 1949

| Province               | New vehicles |          |             |            |          |             |
|------------------------|--------------|----------|-------------|------------|----------|-------------|
|                        | Passenger    |          |             | Commercial |          |             |
|                        | 1948         | 1949     | %<br>Change | 1948       | 1949     | %<br>Change |
| Canada .....           | \$ 1,259     | \$ 1,336 | +6.1        | \$ 1,646   | \$ 1,570 | - 4.6       |
| Maritime Provinces ... | 1,202        | 1,291    | +7.4        | 1,393      | 1,407    | + 1.0       |
| Quebec .....           | 1,398        | 1,490    | +6.6        | 1,774      | 1,685    | - 5.0       |
| Ontario .....          | 1,198        | 1,272    | +6.2        | 1,536      | 1,518    | - 1.2       |
| Manitoba .....         | 1,253        | 1,310    | +4.5        | 1,651      | 1,424    | -13.7       |
| Saskatchewan .....     | 1,191        | 1,268    | +6.5        | 1,299      | 1,389    | + 6.9       |
| Alberta .....          | 1,205        | 1,270    | +5.4        | 1,648      | 1,671    | + 1.4       |
| British Columbia ..... | 1,324        | 1,378    | +4.1        | 2,220      | 1,772    | -20.2       |
| Used vehicles          |              |          |             |            |          |             |
| Province               | Passenger    |          |             | Commercial |          |             |
|                        | 1948         | 1949     | %<br>Change | 1948       | 1949     | %<br>Change |
|                        | \$           | \$       |             | \$         | \$       |             |
| Canada .....           | 639          | 658      | +3.0        | 875        | 807      | - 7.8       |
| Maritime Provinces ... | 637          | 617      | -3.1        | 745        | 687      | - 7.8       |
| Quebec .....           | 807          | 791      | -2.0        | 1,090      | 965      | -11.5       |
| Ontario .....          | 577          | 607      | +5.2        | 724        | 703      | - 2.9       |
| Manitoba .....         | 658          | 651      | -1.1        | 783        | 763      | - 2.6       |
| Saskatchewan .....     | 708          | 708      | 1           | 864        | 753      | -12.8       |
| Alberta .....          | 733          | 720      | -1.8        | 910        | 894      | - 1.8       |
| British Columbia ..... | 735          | 755      | +2.7        | 1,155      | 1,001    | -13.3       |

1. Unchanged.

#### Sales and Financing of New Vehicles Compared

The proportion of new car sales financed continued to rise but remained short of the pre-war ratio when financing ranged between 32% and 39% of sales. In 1949, 29% of new car sales were financed compared with 23% in 1948 and 20% in 1947. New passenger car buyers, in 26% of all cases, purchased their cars under instalment purchase agreements with finance companies. Corresponding percentages for 1948 and 1947 were 21% and 17%, respectively.

Provincial figures reveal a lower proportion of new vehicle sales financed in Manitoba and Saskatchewan than in

the other provinces. The percentage of sales financed in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec was in excess of that for the other parts of the country.

Financing statistics reported in this survey apply only to the activities of acceptance companies. They do not include the financing of motor vehicles through other sources such as loans made by banks, insurance companies, or small loan companies for the purchase of motor vehicles.

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TABLE 1. New motor vehicle sales in Canada, by months, 1949

| Month                    | Total Vehicles |              | Passenger cars |              | Trucks and buses |              |
|--------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
|                          | Number         | Retail value | Number         | Retail value | Number           | Retail value |
|                          |                | \$           |                | \$           |                  | \$           |
| Annual Total.....        | 286,341        | 588,724,685  | 202,318        | 412,297,863  | 84,023           | 176,426,822  |
| January.....             | 11,838         | 25,386,000   | 6,537          | 13,774,215   | 5,301            | 11,611,785   |
| February .....           | 15,301         | 32,984,144   | 8,833          | 18,984,736   | 6,468            | 13,999,408   |
| March .....              | 25,054         | 52,840,358   | 17,401         | 36,565,035   | 7,653            | 16,075,323   |
| April <sup>1</sup> ..... | 29,314         | 60,856,368   | 20,764         | 42,523,598   | 8,550            | 18,332,770   |
| May.....                 | 28,385         | 59,576,563   | 19,692         | 40,397,359   | 8,693            | 19,179,204   |
| June.....                | 27,829         | 57,546,107   | 20,035         | 41,327,598   | 7,794            | 16,218,509   |
| July .....               | 29,177         | 59,294,941   | 22,057         | 44,909,873   | 7,120            | 14,385,068   |
| August.....              | 18,561         | 37,085,728   | 13,083         | 26,215,678   | 5,478            | 10,870,060   |
| September.....           | 28,239         | 56,656,841   | 20,487         | 41,451,070   | 7,752            | 15,205,771   |
| October.....             | 30,722         | 61,593,903   | 22,548         | 45,089,840   | 8,174            | 16,504,063   |
| November.....            | 19,700         | 40,300,881   | 14,260         | 28,139,733   | 5,440            | 12,161,148   |
| December.....            | 22,221         | 44,802,851   | 16,621         | 32,919,128   | 5,600            | 11,883,723   |

1. Newfoundland included from April 1949.

TABLE 2. New motor vehicle sales in Canada, by provinces, 1949

| Province                              | Total Vehicles |              | Passenger cars |              | Trucks and buses |              |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|--------------|
|                                       | Number         | Retail value | Number         | Retail value | Number           | Retail value |
|                                       |                | \$           |                | \$           |                  | \$           |
| Canada .....                          | 286,341        | 588,724,685  | 202,318        | 412,297,863  | 84,023           | 176,426,822  |
| Maritime Provinces <sup>1</sup> ..... | 23,310         | 46,068,167   | 15,850         | 31,674,470   | 7,460            | 14,393,697   |
| Quebec.....                           | 50,974         | 107,947,062  | 36,782         | 76,603,862   | 14,192           | 31,343,200   |
| Ontario.....                          | 119,752        | 245,531,242  | 90,272         | 184,298,230  | 29,480           | 61,233,012   |
| Manitoba.....                         | 17,289         | 34,544,101   | 11,081         | 22,442,608   | 6,208            | 12,101,493   |
| Saskatchewan.....                     | 22,361         | 45,418,481   | 13,081         | 26,868,603   | 9,280            | 18,549,878   |
| Alberta.....                          | 25,605         | 53,338,201   | 14,994         | 30,642,810   | 10,611           | 22,695,391   |
| British Columbia.....                 | 27,050         | 55,877,431   | 20,258         | 39,767,280   | 6,792            | 16,110,151   |

1. Includes Newfoundland from April 1949.

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TABLE 3. New motor vehicles sold in Canada, by provinces and months, 1949

| Month             | Canada  | Maritime Provinces <sup>1</sup> | Quebec | Ontario | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | British Columbia |
|-------------------|---------|---------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|------------------|
| TOTAL VEHICLES    |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| Annual Total..... | 286,341 | 23,310                          | 50,974 | 119,752 | 17,289   | 22,361       | 25,605  | 27,050           |
| January.....      | 11,838  | 891                             | 2,006  | 5,706   | 655      | 737          | 935     | 908              |
| February.....     | 15,301  | 1,191                           | 3,020  | 6,166   | 907      | 1,195        | 1,433   | 1,389            |
| March.....        | 25,054  | 2,270                           | 5,216  | 9,274   | 1,406    | 2,089        | 2,379   | 2,420            |
| April.....        | 29,314  | 2,275                           | 5,531  | 11,642  | 1,880    | 2,275        | 2,727   | 2,984            |
| May.....          | 28,385  | 2,444                           | 5,008  | 11,672  | 1,888    | 2,301        | 2,521   | 2,571            |
| June.....         | 27,829  | 2,278                           | 5,676  | 11,218  | 1,570    | 1,901        | 2,459   | 2,727            |
| July.....         | 29,177  | 2,420                           | 4,726  | 13,470  | 1,423    | 1,892        | 2,220   | 3,026            |
| August.....       | 18,561  | 1,952                           | 3,119  | 6,935   | 1,411    | 1,765        | 1,547   | 1,832            |
| September.....    | 28,239  | 2,452                           | 4,897  | 12,256  | 1,559    | 2,360        | 2,389   | 2,326            |
| October.....      | 30,722  | 2,202                           | 5,084  | 13,862  | 1,760    | 2,257        | 2,657   | 2,880            |
| November.....     | 19,700  | 1,431                           | 3,142  | 8,667   | 1,268    | 1,409        | 1,983   | 1,800            |
| December.....     | 22,221  | 1,504                           | 3,549  | 8,884   | 1,562    | 2,180        | 2,355   | 2,187            |
| PASSENGER CARS    |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| Annual Total..... | 202,318 | 15,850                          | 36,782 | 90,272  | 11,081   | 13,081       | 14,994  | 20,258           |
| January.....      | 6,537   | 329                             | 983    | 3,657   | 323      | 263          | 378     | 604              |
| February.....     | 8,833   | 589                             | 1,792  | 3,919   | 486      | 567          | 634     | 846              |
| March.....        | 17,401  | 1,484                           | 3,679  | 6,715   | 939      | 1,304        | 1,488   | 1,792            |
| April.....        | 20,764  | 1,557                           | 3,910  | 8,555   | 1,279    | 1,477        | 1,786   | 2,200            |
| May.....          | 19,692  | 1,540                           | 3,365  | 8,807   | 1,209    | 1,437        | 1,539   | 1,795            |
| June.....         | 20,035  | 1,559                           | 4,226  | 8,399   | 1,137    | 1,187        | 1,489   | 2,058            |
| July.....         | 22,057  | 1,819                           | 3,684  | 10,789  | 906      | 1,155        | 1,293   | 2,411            |
| August.....       | 13,083  | 1,364                           | 2,376  | 5,598   | 787      | 812          | 743     | 1,403            |
| September.....    | 20,487  | 1,807                           | 3,770  | 9,586   | 928      | 1,301        | 1,309   | 1,786            |
| October.....      | 22,548  | 1,676                           | 3,931  | 10,651  | 1,117    | 1,301        | 1,660   | 2,212            |
| November.....     | 14,260  | 1,044                           | 2,448  | 6,488   | 839      | 790          | 1,224   | 1,427            |
| December.....     | 16,621  | 1,082                           | 2,618  | 7,108   | 1,131    | 1,487        | 1,471   | 1,724            |
| TRUCKS AND BUSES  |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| Annual Total..... | 84,023  | 7,460                           | 14,192 | 29,480  | 6,208    | 9,280        | 10,611  | 6,792            |
| January.....      | 5,301   | 562                             | 1,023  | 2,049   | 332      | 474          | 557     | 304              |
| February.....     | 6,468   | 602                             | 1,228  | 2,247   | 421      | 628          | 799     | 543              |
| March.....        | 7,653   | 786                             | 1,537  | 2,559   | 467      | 785          | 691     | 628              |
| April.....        | 8,550   | 718                             | 1,621  | 3,087   | 601      | 798          | 941     | 784              |
| May.....          | 8,693   | 904                             | 1,643  | 2,865   | 659      | 864          | 982     | 776              |
| June.....         | 7,794   | 719                             | 1,450  | 2,819   | 433      | 714          | 990     | 669              |
| July.....         | 7,120   | 601                             | 1,042  | 2,681   | 517      | 737          | 927     | 615              |
| August.....       | 5,478   | 588                             | 743    | 1,337   | 624      | 953          | 804     | 429              |
| September.....    | 7,752   | 645                             | 1,127  | 2,670   | 631      | 1,059        | 1,080   | 540              |
| October.....      | 8,174   | 526                             | 1,153  | 3,211   | 663      | 956          | 997     | 668              |
| November.....     | 5,440   | 387                             | 694    | 2,179   | 429      | 619          | 759     | 373              |
| December.....     | 5,600   | 422                             | 931    | 1,776   | 431      | 693          | 884     | 463              |

1. Includes Newfoundland from April 1949.

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TABLE 4. Annual sales of new motor vehicles in Canada, 1932-1949

| Year      | Total vehicles      |              |                        | Passenger cars     |              |                        | Trucks and buses    |              |                        |
|-----------|---------------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|--------------|------------------------|
|           | Number              | Retail value |                        | Number             | Retail value |                        | Number              | Retail value |                        |
|           |                     | Total        | Average purchase price |                    | Total        | Average purchase price |                     | Total        | Average purchase price |
| 1932..... | 45,870              | 45,260,742   | 987                    | 38,621             | 38,919,015   | 1,008                  | 7,249               | 6,341,727    | 875                    |
| 1933..... | 45,332              | 45,450,230   | 1,003                  | 39,568             | 39,692,630   | 1,003                  | 5,764               | 5,757,600    | 979                    |
| 1934..... | 73,358              | 75,785,461   | 1,033                  | 61,503             | 63,566,402   | 1,034                  | 11,855              | 12,219,059   | 1,031                  |
| 1935..... | 101,461             | 101,742,449  | 1,003                  | 83,242             | 83,429,114   | 1,002                  | 18,219              | 18,313,335   | 1,005                  |
| 1936..... | 113,314             | 117,582,796  | 1,038                  | 92,287             | 95,403,199   | 1,034                  | 21,027              | 22,179,597   | 1,055                  |
| 1937..... | 144,441             | 149,170,527  | 1,033                  | 114,275            | 116,886,334  | 1,023                  | 30,166              | 32,284,193   | 1,070                  |
| 1938..... | 121,165             | 135,011,908  | 1,114                  | 95,751             | 105,006,462  | 1,097                  | 25,414              | 30,005,446   | 1,181                  |
| 1939..... | 114,747             | 125,967,521  | 1,098                  | 90,054             | 97,131,128   | 1,079                  | 24,693              | 28,836,393   | 1,168                  |
| 1940..... | 130,552             | 148,845,278  | 1,140                  | 101,789            | 114,928,833  | 1,129                  | 28,763              | 33,916,445   | 1,179                  |
| 1941..... | 118,073             | 151,868,905  | 1,286                  | 83,642             | 108,923,842  | 1,302                  | 34,431              | 42,944,963   | 1,247                  |
| 1942..... | 30,356              | 42,879,522   | 1,413                  | 17,286             | 23,899,745   | 1,383                  | 13,070              | 18,979,777   | 1,452                  |
| 1943..... | 4,798               | 7,557,360    | 1,575                  | 984                | 1,378,200    | 1,401                  | 3,814               | 6,179,160    | 1,620                  |
| 1944..... | 11,670 <sup>1</sup> | 2            | -                      | 2,156 <sup>1</sup> | 2            | -                      | 9,514 <sup>1</sup>  | 2            | -                      |
| 1945..... | 24,356 <sup>1</sup> | 2            | -                      | 4,526 <sup>1</sup> | 2            | -                      | 19,830 <sup>1</sup> | 2            | -                      |
| 1946..... | 120,044             | 193,329,005  | 1,611                  | 77,742             | 120,325,496  | 1,548                  | 42,302              | 73,003,509   | 1,726                  |
| 1947..... | 230,255             | 416,237,495  | 1,808                  | 159,205            | 283,190,390  | 1,779                  | 71,050              | 133,047,105  | 1,873                  |
| 1948..... | 221,300             | 439,216,988  | 1,985                  | 145,655            | 282,903,958  | 1,942                  | 75,645              | 156,313,030  | 2,066                  |
| 1949..... | 286,341             | 588,724,685  | 2,056                  | 202,318            | 412,297,863  | 2,038                  | 84,023              | 176,426,822  | 2,100                  |

1. The number of vehicles sold in 1944 and 1945 was obtained from official records of releases from the Government-administered reserve bank of new vehicles.

2. Retail values not available.

TABLE 5. Number of new motor vehicles sold in Canada, by provinces, 1936-1949

| Year                             | Canada  | Maritime Provinces <sup>1</sup> | Quebec | Ontario | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | British Columbia |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|------------------|
| PASSENGER CARS                   |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| 1936.....                        | 92,287  | 6,673                           | 18,115 | 46,378  | 4,317    | 4,160        | 5,404   | 7,240            |
| 1937.....                        | 114,275 | 9,208                           | 22,658 | 55,504  | 6,219    | 5,704        | 6,811   | 8,171            |
| 1938.....                        | 95,751  | 7,076                           | 18,147 | 47,514  | 5,575    | 3,753        | 7,543   | 6,143            |
| 1939.....                        | 90,054  | 6,982                           | 16,700 | 41,544  | 5,287    | 5,971        | 7,361   | 6,209            |
| 1940.....                        | 101,789 | 7,899                           | 18,220 | 48,777  | 5,819    | 6,936        | 7,264   | 6,874            |
| 1941.....                        | 83,642  | 6,635                           | 16,440 | 40,600  | 4,252    | 4,832        | 5,181   | 5,702            |
| 1942.....                        | 17,286  | 1,504                           | 3,840  | 8,095   | 765      | 888          | 992     | 1,202            |
| 1943 <sup>2</sup> , <sup>3</sup> | 984     | -                               | -      | -       | -        | -            | -       | -                |
| 1944 <sup>2</sup> , <sup>3</sup> | 2,156   | -                               | -      | -       | -        | -            | -       | -                |
| 1945 <sup>2</sup> , <sup>3</sup> | 4,526   | -                               | -      | -       | -        | -            | -       | -                |
| 1946.....                        | 77,742  | 6,388                           | 14,376 | 37,070  | 3,717    | 5,140        | 5,194   | 5,857            |
| 1947.....                        | 159,205 | 12,232                          | 28,833 | 73,160  | 8,467    | 10,511       | 11,952  | 14,050           |
| 1948.....                        | 145,655 | 11,142                          | 26,266 | 67,000  | 8,190    | 9,562        | 10,959  | 12,536           |
| 1949.....                        | 202,318 | 15,850                          | 36,782 | 90,272  | 11,081   | 13,081       | 14,994  | 20,258           |
| TRUCKS AND BUSES                 |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| 1936.....                        | 21,027  | 2,574                           | 3,872  | 8,289   | 1,497    | 1,116        | 1,686   | 1,993            |
| 1937.....                        | 30,166  | 3,757                           | 6,774  | 11,199  | 2,243    | 1,397        | 2,133   | 2,663            |
| 1938.....                        | 25,414  | 2,510                           | 4,925  | 9,010   | 2,217    | 1,997        | 2,992   | 1,763            |
| 1939.....                        | 24,693  | 2,386                           | 4,629  | 8,631   | 1,483    | 2,970        | 2,929   | 1,665            |
| 1940.....                        | 28,763  | 3,042                           | 5,064  | 9,327   | 1,896    | 4,663        | 2,927   | 1,844            |
| 1941.....                        | 34,431  | 3,850                           | 6,529  | 11,375  | 2,080    | 4,378        | 3,719   | 2,500            |
| 1942.....                        | 13,070  | 1,343                           | 2,930  | 5,056   | 708      | 1,046        | 1,066   | 921              |
| 1943 <sup>2</sup> ,              | 3,814   | -                               | -      | -       | -        | -            | -       | -                |
| 1944 <sup>2</sup> , <sup>3</sup> | 9,514   | -                               | -      | -       | -        | -            | -       | -                |
| 1945 <sup>2</sup> , <sup>3</sup> | 19,830  | -                               | -      | -       | -        | -            | -       | -                |
| 1946.....                        | 42,302  | 4,463                           | 7,243  | 15,710  | 2,722    | 4,588        | 4,236   | 3,340            |
| 1947.....                        | 71,050  | 7,632                           | 13,133 | 25,135  | 4,511    | 7,032        | 7,617   | 5,990            |
| 1948.....                        | 75,645  | 7,070                           | 14,510 | 27,472  | 4,751    | 7,274        | 7,889   | 6,679            |
| 1949.....                        | 84,023  | 7,460                           | 14,192 | 29,480  | 6,208    | 9,280        | 10,611  | 6,792            |

1. Includes Newfoundland from April 1949.

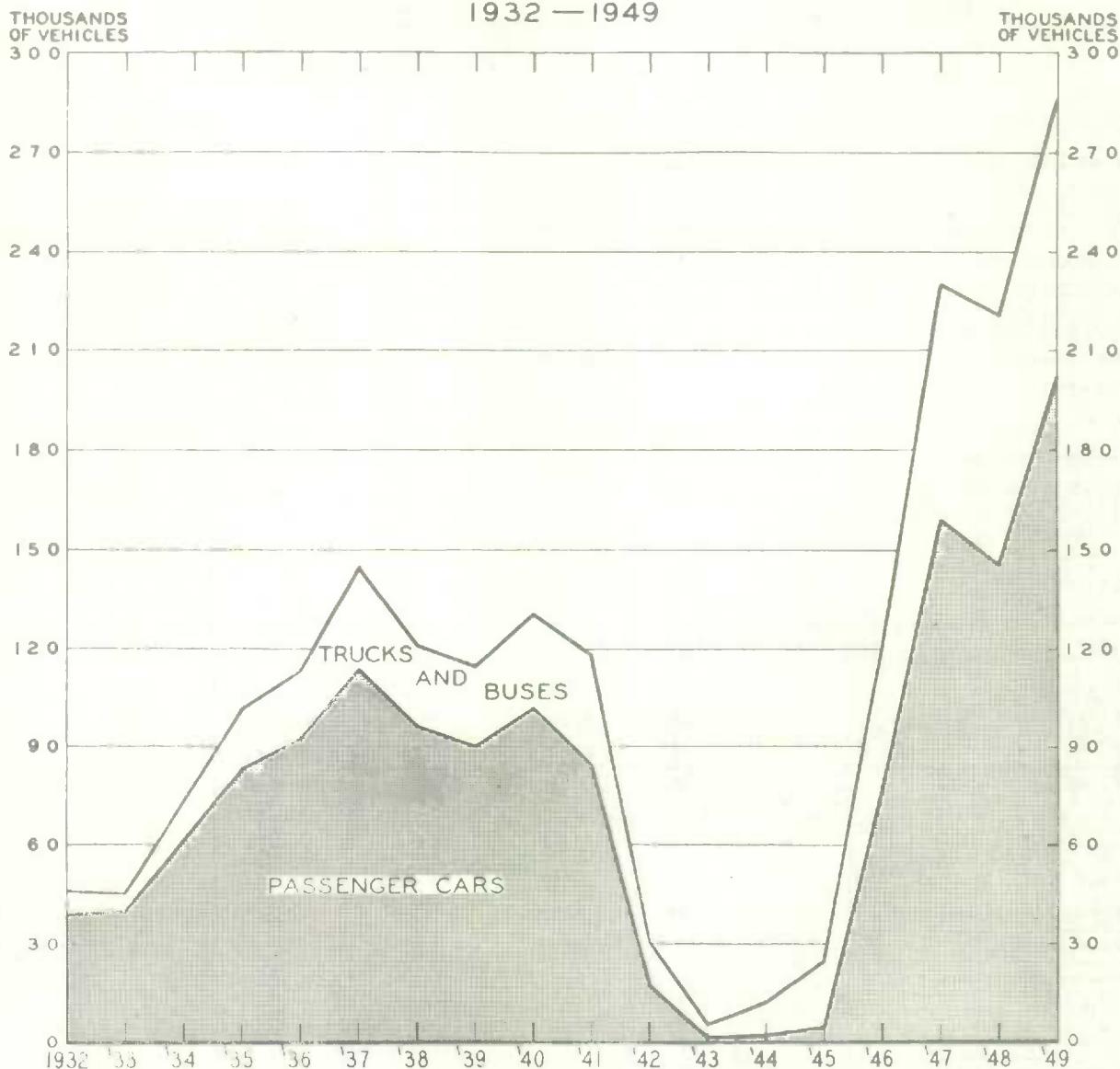
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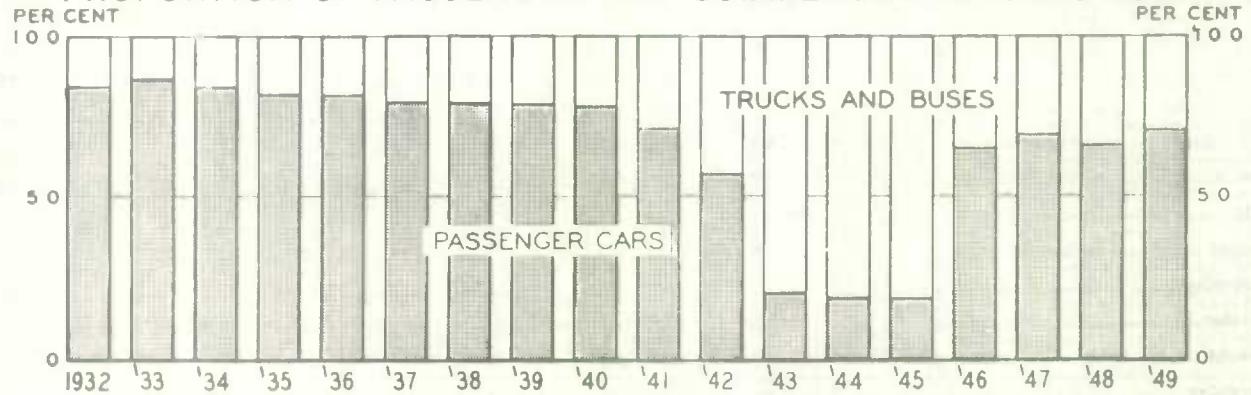
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## NUMBER OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLES SOLD IN CANADA

1932 — 1949



## PROPORTION OF PASSENGER AND COMMERCIAL MODELS SOLD



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TABLE 6. Financing of motor vehicle sales in Canada, by months, 1949

| Month                        | Total, passenger and commercial |                     | Passenger cars |                     | Trucks and buses |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|
|                              | Number                          | Amount of financing | Number         | Amount of financing | Number           | Amount of financing |
|                              |                                 |                     |                |                     |                  |                     |
| TOTAL, NEW AND USED VEHICLES |                                 |                     |                |                     |                  |                     |
| Annual Total .....           | 232,988                         | 219,184,030         | 177,780        | 153,027,141         | 55,208           | 66,156,889          |
| January .....                | 9,482                           | 9,481,683           | 6,940          | 6,162,787           | 2,542            | 3,318,896           |
| February.....                | 10,715                          | 10,547,275          | 7,741          | 6,723,693           | 2,974            | 3,823,582           |
| March.....                   | 16,653                          | 16,153,171          | 12,412         | 10,975,492          | 4,241            | 5,177,679           |
| April <sup>1</sup> .....     | 24,558                          | 23,433,411          | 18,795         | 16,523,878          | 5,763            | 6,909,533           |
| May .....                    | 25,800                          | 24,153,676          | 19,702         | 16,409,240          | 6,098            | 7,744,436           |
| June .....                   | 23,405                          | 21,365,721          | 17,839         | 14,635,184          | 5,566            | 6,730,537           |
| July.....                    | 22,514                          | 20,524,044          | 17,796         | 15,071,984          | 4,718            | 5,452,060           |
| August.....                  | 20,546                          | 18,800,085          | 15,612         | 13,045,626          | 4,934            | 5,754,459           |
| September .....              | 19,901                          | 18,610,478          | 15,051         | 12,973,845          | 4,850            | 5,636,633           |
| October.....                 | 22,135                          | 20,534,371          | 17,215         | 14,885,389          | 4,920            | 5,648,982           |
| November.....                | 20,117                          | 18,686,827          | 15,369         | 13,233,203          | 4,748            | 5,453,624           |
| December.....                | 17,162                          | 16,893,288          | 13,308         | 12,386,820          | 3,854            | 4,506,468           |
| NEW VEHICLES                 |                                 |                     |                |                     |                  |                     |
| Annual Total .....           | 81,502                          | 115,511,459         | 53,185         | 71,044,324          | 28,317           | 44,467,135          |
| January .....                | 3,677                           | 5,311,377           | 2,339          | 3,080,526           | 1,338            | 2,230,851           |
| February.....                | 3,658                           | 5,509,367           | 2,109          | 2,962,916           | 1,549            | 2,546,451           |
| March.....                   | 5,857                           | 8,453,498           | 3,651          | 5,053,312           | 2,206            | 3,400,186           |
| April <sup>1</sup> .....     | 8,504                           | 11,999,880          | 5,499          | 7,357,931           | 3,005            | 4,641,949           |
| May .....                    | 8,222                           | 11,819,237          | 5,021          | 6,517,660           | 3,201            | 5,301,577           |
| June .....                   | 7,272                           | 10,454,896          | 4,394          | 5,806,088           | 2,878            | 4,648,808           |
| July.....                    | 7,693                           | 10,580,582          | 5,186          | 6,884,914           | 2,507            | 3,695,668           |
| August.....                  | 6,652                           | 9,493,088           | 4,161          | 5,642,684           | 2,491            | 3,850,404           |
| September .....              | 7,183                           | 10,129,875          | 4,659          | 6,263,637           | 2,524            | 3,866,238           |
| October.....                 | 8,543                           | 11,557,419          | 6,026          | 7,770,381           | 2,517            | 3,787,038           |
| November.....                | 7,374                           | 10,335,552          | 5,020          | 6,701,819           | 2,354            | 3,633,933           |
| December.....                | 6,867                           | 9,866,688           | 5,120          | 7,002,658           | 1,747            | 2,864,032           |
| USED VEHICLES                |                                 |                     |                |                     |                  |                     |
| Annual Total .....           | 151,486                         | 103,672,571         | 124,585        | 81,982,817          | 26,891           | 21,689,754          |
| January.....                 | 5,805                           | 4,170,306           | 4,601          | 3,082,261           | 1,204            | 1,088,045           |
| February.....                | 7,057                           | 5,037,908           | 5,632          | 3,760,777           | 1,425            | 1,277,131           |
| March.....                   | 10,796                          | 7,699,673           | 8,761          | 5,922,180           | 2,035            | 1,777,493           |
| April <sup>1</sup> .....     | 16,054                          | 11,433,531          | 13,296         | 9,165,947           | 2,758            | 2,267,584           |
| May .....                    | 17,578                          | 12,334,439          | 14,681         | 9,891,580           | 2,897            | 2,442,859           |
| June .....                   | 16,133                          | 10,910,825          | 13,445         | 8,829,096           | 2,688            | 2,081,729           |
| July.....                    | 14,821                          | 9,943,462           | 12,610         | 8,187,070           | 2,211            | 1,756,392           |
| August.....                  | 13,894                          | 9,306,997           | 11,451         | 7,402,942           | 2,443            | 1,904,055           |
| September .....              | 12,718                          | 8,480,603           | 10,392         | 6,710,208           | 2,326            | 1,770,395           |
| October.....                 | 13,592                          | 8,976,952           | 11,189         | 7,115,008           | 2,403            | 1,861,944           |
| November.....                | 12,743                          | 8,351,275           | 10,349         | 6,531,584           | 2,394            | 1,819,691           |
| December.....                | 10,295                          | 7,026,600           | 8,188          | 5,384,164           | 2,107            | 1,642,436           |

1. Newfoundland included from April 1949.

## MOTOR VEHICLE SALES AND FINANCING

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TABLE 7. Financing of motor vehicle sales in Canada, by provinces, 1949

| Province                              | Total, passenger and commercial |                     |                     | Passenger cars |                     |                     | Trucks and buses |                     |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                                       | Number                          | Amount of financing |                     | Number         | Amount of financing |                     | Number           | Amount of financing |                     |
|                                       |                                 | Total               | Average per vehicle |                | Total               | Average per vehicle |                  | Total               | Average per vehicle |
|                                       |                                 | \$                  | \$                  |                | \$                  | \$                  |                  | \$                  | \$                  |
| TOTAL, NEW AND USED VEHICLES          |                                 |                     |                     |                |                     |                     |                  |                     |                     |
| Canada .....                          | 232,988                         | 219,184,030         | 941                 | 177,780        | 153,027,141         | 861                 | 55,208           | 66,156,889          | 1,198               |
| Maritime Provinces <sup>1</sup> ..... | 20,546                          | 18,765,829          | 913                 | 13,858         | 11,977,597          | 864                 | 6,688            | 6,788,232           | 1,015               |
| Quebec .....                          | 38,788                          | 45,805,593          | 1,181               | 27,473         | 30,388,904          | 1,106               | 11,315           | 15,416,689          | 1,363               |
| Ontario .....                         | 111,672                         | 91,934,924          | 823                 | 92,811         | 71,142,385          | 767                 | 18,861           | 20,792,539          | 1,102               |
| Manitoba .....                        | 9,394                           | 8,996,316           | 958                 | 6,408          | 5,615,245           | 876                 | 2,986            | 3,381,071           | 1,132               |
| Saskatchewan.....                     | 9,157                           | 9,185,903           | 1,003               | 5,776          | 5,391,307           | 933                 | 3,381            | 3,794,596           | 1,122               |
| Alberta .....                         | 21,056                          | 21,493,036          | 1,021               | 13,886         | 12,188,277          | 878                 | 7,170            | 9,304,759           | 1,298               |
| British Columbia.....                 | 22,375                          | 23,002,429          | 1,028               | 17,568         | 16,323,426          | 929                 | 4,807            | 6,679,003           | 1,389               |
| NEW VEHICLES                          |                                 |                     |                     |                |                     |                     |                  |                     |                     |
| Canada .....                          | 81,502                          | 115,511,459         | 1,417               | 53,185         | 71,044,324          | 1,336               | 28,317           | 44,467,135          | 1,570               |
| Maritime Provinces <sup>1</sup> ..... | 8,134                           | 10,856,352          | 1,335               | 5,086          | 8,567,830           | 1,291               | 3,048            | 4,288,522           | 1,407               |
| Quebec .....                          | 18,632                          | 28,985,698          | 1,556               | 12,387         | 18,461,750          | 1,490               | 6,245            | 10,523,948          | 1,685               |
| Ontario .....                         | 31,558                          | 42,413,412          | 1,344               | 22,313         | 28,377,391          | 1,272               | 9,245            | 14,036,021          | 1,518               |
| Manitoba .....                        | 3,859                           | 5,246,607           | 1,360               | 2,190          | 2,869,907           | 1,310               | 1,669            | 2,376,700           | 1,424               |
| Saskatchewan.....                     | 4,288                           | 5,675,606           | 1,324               | 2,326          | 2,950,024           | 1,268               | 1,962            | 2,725,582           | 1,389               |
| Alberta .....                         | 7,704                           | 11,278,057          | 1,464               | 3,977          | 5,051,268           | 1,270               | 3,727            | 6,226,789           | 1,671               |
| British Columbia.....                 | 7,327                           | 11,055,727          | 1,509               | 4,906          | 6,766,154           | 1,379               | 2,421            | 4,289,573           | 1,772               |
| USED VEHICLES                         |                                 |                     |                     |                |                     |                     |                  |                     |                     |
| Canada .....                          | 131,486                         | 103,672,571         | 684                 | 124,595        | 81,982,817          | 658                 | 26,891           | 21,689,754          | 807                 |
| Maritime Provinces <sup>1</sup> ..... | 12,412                          | 7,909,477           | 637                 | 8,772          | 5,409,767           | 617                 | 3,640            | 2,499,710           | 687                 |
| Quebec .....                          | 20,156                          | 16,819,895          | 834                 | 15,086         | 11,927,154          | 791                 | 5,070            | 4,892,741           | 965                 |
| Ontario .....                         | 80,114                          | 49,521,512          | 618                 | 70,498         | 42,764,994          | 607                 | 9,616            | 6,756,518           | 703                 |
| Manitoba .....                        | 5,535                           | 3,749,709           | 677                 | 4,218          | 2,745,338           | 651                 | 1,317            | 1,004,371           | 763                 |
| Saskatchewan.....                     | 4,869                           | 3,510,297           | 721                 | 3,450          | 2,441,283           | 708                 | 1,419            | 1,069,014           | 753                 |
| Alberta .....                         | 13,352                          | 10,214,979          | 765                 | 9,909          | 7,137,009           | 720                 | 3,443            | 3,077,970           | 894                 |
| British Columbia.....                 | 15,048                          | 11,946,702          | 794                 | 12,662         | 9,557,272           | 755                 | 2,386            | 2,389,430           | 1,001               |

<sup>1</sup>. Includes Newfoundland from April 1949.

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TABLE 8. Number of motor vehicles financed, by provinces and months, 1949

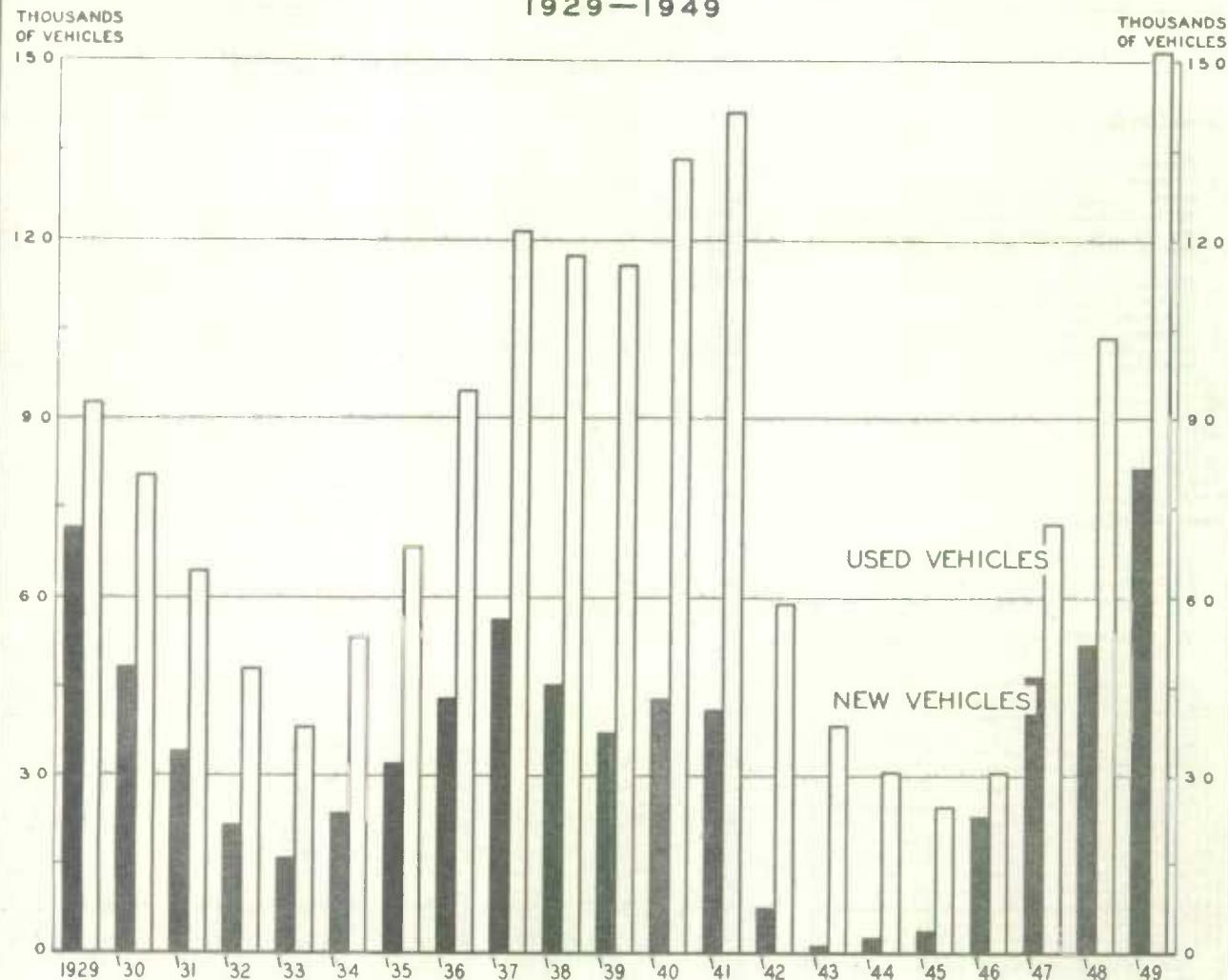
| Month                 | Canada  | Maritime Provinces <sup>1</sup> | Quebec | Ontario | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | British Columbia |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|------------------|
| NEW PASSENGER CARS    |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| <b>Annual Total</b>   |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
|                       | 53,185  | 5,086                           | 12,387 | 22,313  | 2,190    | 2,326        | 3,977   | 4,906            |
| January               | 2,339   | 215                             | 529    | 1,085   | 73       | 83           | 164     | 190              |
| February              | 2,109   | 159                             | 511    | 1,015   | 79       | 54           | 140     | 151              |
| March                 | 3,651   | 362                             | 997    | 1,541   | 137      | 128          | 224     | 262              |
| April                 | 5,499   | 538                             | 1,462  | 2,169   | 241      | 242          | 367     | 480              |
| May                   | 5,021   | 478                             | 1,121  | 1,960   | 250      | 221          | 468     | 523              |
| June                  | 4,394   | 401                             | 1,033  | 1,796   | 197      | 222          | 308     | 437              |
| July                  | 5,186   | 527                             | 1,269  | 2,049   | 236      | 227          | 355     | 523              |
| August                | 4,161   | 436                             | 907    | 1,663   | 163      | 195          | 291     | 506              |
| September             | 4,659   | 468                             | 1,050  | 2,037   | 197      | 228          | 299     | 380              |
| October               | 6,026   | 590                             | 1,326  | 2,652   | 205      | 269          | 463     | 521              |
| November              | 5,020   | 468                             | 1,056  | 2,072   | 188      | 256          | 495     | 485              |
| December              | 5,120   | 444                             | 1,126  | 2,274   | 224      | 201          | 403     | 448              |
| NEW TRUCKS AND BUSES  |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| <b>Annual Total</b>   |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
|                       | 28,317  | 3,048                           | 6,245  | 9,245   | 1,669    | 1,962        | 3,727   | 2,421            |
| January               | 1,338   | 155                             | 263    | 498     | 56       | 56           | 189     | 121              |
| February              | 1,549   | 223                             | 350    | 580     | 58       | 65           | 149     | 124              |
| March                 | 2,206   | 275                             | 515    | 758     | 123      | 109          | 220     | 206              |
| April                 | 3,005   | 360                             | 835    | 895     | 156      | 189          | 320     | 250              |
| May                   | 3,201   | 393                             | 857    | 1,001   | 146      | 198          | 350     | 256              |
| June                  | 2,878   | 349                             | 564    | 996     | 156      | 186          | 327     | 300              |
| July                  | 2,507   | 315                             | 574    | 813     | 145      | 163          | 284     | 213              |
| August                | 2,491   | 217                             | 485    | 812     | 150      | 235          | 383     | 209              |
| September             | 2,524   | 199                             | 472    | 777     | 206      | 257          | 414     | 199              |
| October               | 2,517   | 209                             | 509    | 776     | 191      | 203          | 408     | 221              |
| November              | 2,354   | 209                             | 461    | 745     | 171      | 184          | 387     | 197              |
| December              | 1,747   | 144                             | 360    | 594     | 111      | 117          | 296     | 125              |
| USED PASSENGER CARS   |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| <b>Annual Total</b>   |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
|                       | 124,595 | 8,772                           | 15,086 | 70,498  | 4,218    | 3,450        | 9,909   | 12,662           |
| January               | 4,601   | 288                             | 421    | 2,957   | 103      | 46           | 311     | 475              |
| February              | 5,632   | 328                             | 606    | 3,574   | 125      | 63           | 367     | 569              |
| March                 | 8,761   | 559                             | 999    | 5,118   | 233      | 139          | 677     | 1,036            |
| April                 | 13,296  | 941                             | 1,936  | 7,394   | 470      | 319          | 954     | 1,282            |
| May                   | 14,681  | 969                             | 2,078  | 8,351   | 543      | 420          | 1,075   | 1,245            |
| June                  | 13,445  | 855                             | 1,713  | 7,695   | 485      | 426          | 1,046   | 1,225            |
| July                  | 12,610  | 907                             | 1,467  | 7,431   | 413      | 300          | 938     | 1,154            |
| August                | 11,451  | 786                             | 1,329  | 6,412   | 405      | 274          | 913     | 1,332            |
| September             | 10,392  | 733                             | 1,178  | 5,732   | 394      | 316          | 954     | 1,085            |
| October               | 11,189  | 868                             | 1,287  | 6,115   | 375      | 436          | 953     | 1,155            |
| November              | 10,349  | 798                             | 1,220  | 5,422   | 397      | 417          | 940     | 1,155            |
| December              | 8,188   | 740                             | 852    | 4,297   | 275      | 294          | 781     | 949              |
| USED TRUCKS AND BUSES |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| <b>Annual Total</b>   |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
|                       | 26,891  | 3,640                           | 5,070  | 9,616   | 1,317    | 1,419        | 3,443   | 2,386            |
| January               | 1,204   | 143                             | 227    | 488     | 32       | 32           | 161     | 121              |
| February              | 1,425   | 196                             | 261    | 573     | 51       | 41           | 141     | 162              |
| March                 | 2,035   | 286                             | 351    | 759     | 67       | 84           | 266     | 222              |
| April                 | 2,758   | 402                             | 574    | 976     | 131      | 126          | 317     | 232              |
| May                   | 2,897   | 424                             | 681    | 974     | 146      | 135          | 325     | 212              |
| June                  | 2,688   | 382                             | 493    | 980     | 130      | 138          | 318     | 247              |
| July                  | 2,211   | 350                             | 390    | 814     | 108      | 102          | 255     | 192              |
| August                | 2,443   | 296                             | 437    | 889     | 133      | 138          | 327     | 223              |
| September             | 2,326   | 318                             | 407    | 794     | 126      | 156          | 317     | 208              |
| October               | 2,403   | 304                             | 444    | 780     | 137      | 171          | 357     | 210              |
| November              | 2,394   | 278                             | 408    | 850     | 139      | 163          | 356     | 200              |
| December              | 2,107   | 261                             | 397    | 739     | 117      | 133          | 303     | 157              |

1. Includes Newfoundland from April 1949.

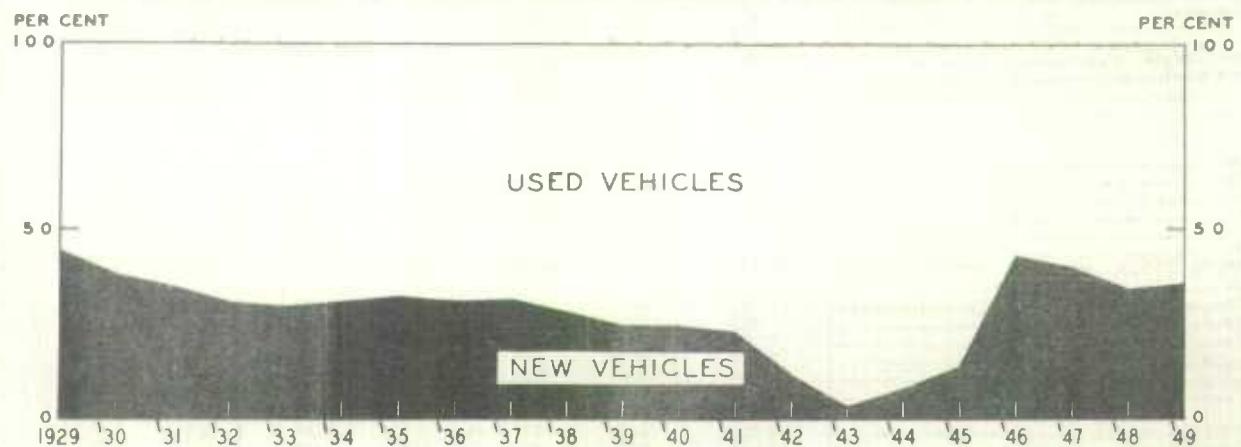
CHART 2

## NUMBER OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES FINANCED

1929-1949



## PROPORTION OF NEW AND USED VEHICLES FINANCED



## MERCHANDISING AND SERVICES

TABLE 9. Annual financing of motor vehicle sales in Canada, 1929-1949

| Year      | Total, new and used vehicles |                     |                     | New vehicles |                     |                     | Used vehicles |                     |                     |
|-----------|------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|           | Number                       | Amount of financing |                     | Number       | Amount of financing |                     | Number        | Amount of financing |                     |
|           |                              | Total               | Average per vehicle |              | Total               | Average per vehicle |               | Total               | Average per vehicle |
|           |                              | \$                  | \$                  |              | \$                  | \$                  |               | \$                  | \$                  |
| 1929..... | 164,131                      | 88,165,531          | 537                 | 71,582       | 48,104,523          | 672                 | 92,549        | 40,061,008          | 433                 |
| 1930..... | 128,314                      | 62,978,174          | 491                 | 47,961       | 28,810,731          | 597                 | 80,353        | 34,367,443          | 428                 |
| 1931..... | 98,623                       | 41,941,254          | 425                 | 33,988       | 20,889,547          | 614                 | 64,635        | 21,071,707          | 326                 |
| 1932..... | 69,291                       | 25,864,873          | 373                 | 21,293       | 12,741,179          | 598                 | 47,998        | 13,123,694          | 273                 |
| 1933..... | 54,238                       | 20,158,788          | 372                 | 15,880       | 10,030,368          | 632                 | 38,358        | 10,128,420          | 264                 |
| 1934..... | 76,170                       | 30,091,463          | 395                 | 23,264       | 16,364,735          | 703                 | 52,906        | 13,726,728          | 259                 |
| 1935..... | 100,178                      | 40,251,521          | 402                 | 31,950       | 22,410,656          | 701                 | 68,228        | 17,840,865          | 261                 |
| 1936..... | 137,514                      | 54,859,812          | 399                 | 42,863       | 29,887,861          | 697                 | 94,651        | 24,971,961          | 264                 |
| 1937..... | 177,898                      | 75,850,173          | 426                 | 56,247       | 40,664,675          | 723                 | 121,651       | 35,185,198          | 289                 |
| 1938..... | 162,703                      | 69,685,853          | 428                 | 45,267       | 33,701,624          | 745                 | 117,436       | 35,984,229          | 306                 |
| 1939..... | 153,107                      | 62,768,746          | 410                 | 37,320       | 27,852,627          | 746                 | 115,787       | 34,916,119          | 302                 |
| 1940..... | 176,578                      | 75,235,793          | 426                 | 42,982       | 33,473,397          | 779                 | 133,596       | 41,762,396          | 313                 |
| 1941..... | 182,419                      | 84,716,783          | 464                 | 41,032       | 34,887,591          | 850                 | 141,387       | 49,829,192          | 352                 |
| 1942..... | 66,310                       | 24,596,915          | 371                 | 7,398        | 6,207,111           | 839                 | 58,912        | 18,389,804          | 312                 |
| 1943..... | 39,573                       | 14,792,566          | 376                 | 1,077        | 1,254,878           | 1,165               | 38,496        | 13,637,688          | 354                 |
| 1944..... | 32,970                       | 14,570,937          | 442                 | 2,371        | 2,927,396           | 1,235               | 30,599        | 11,643,541          | 381                 |
| 1945..... | 27,986                       | 14,437,182          | 516                 | 3,630        | 4,934,456           | 1,359               | 24,356        | 9,502,726           | 390                 |
| 1946..... | 53,393                       | 41,586,565          | 779                 | 22,866       | 27,978,992          | 1,224               | 30,527        | 13,607,573          | 446                 |
| 1947..... | 118,867                      | 108,744,758         | 915                 | 46,700       | 65,422,230          | 1,401               | 72,167        | 43,322,528          | 600                 |
| 1948..... | 155,634                      | 144,955,013         | 931                 | 51,867       | 73,805,672          | 1,423               | 103,767       | 71,149,341          | 686                 |
| 1949..... | 232,988                      | 219,184,030         | 941                 | 81,502       | 115,311,459         | 1,417               | 151,486       | 103,672,571         | 684                 |

TABLE 10. Number of motor vehicles financed in Canada, by provinces, 1936-1949

| Year            | Canada  | Maritime Provinces <sup>1</sup> | Quebec | Ontario | Manitoba | Saskatchewan | Alberta | British Columbia |
|-----------------|---------|---------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|--------------|---------|------------------|
| NEW VEHICLES    |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| 1936.....       | 42,863  | 2,804                           | 8,060  | 19,799  | 5,034    |              | 3,942   | 3,226            |
| 1938.....       | 45,267  | 2,878                           | 8,610  | 19,209  | 6,542    |              | 5,232   | 2,796            |
| 1940.....       | 42,982  | 2,864                           | 7,544  | 16,486  | 8,596    |              | 4,825   | 2,667            |
| 1943.....       | 1,077   | 96                              | 224    | 304     | 138      |              | 229     | 86               |
| 1944.....       | 2,371   | 298                             | 532    | 528     | 290      |              | 530     | 193              |
| 1945.....       | 3,630   | 409                             | 815    | 949     | 571      |              | 605     | 281              |
| 1946.....       | 22,866  | 2,117                           | 4,712  | 9,416   | 1,281    | 1,373        | 2,289   | 1,678            |
| 1947.....       | 46,700  | 4,345                           | 10,944 | 17,830  | 2,700    | 2,649        | 4,262   | 3,970            |
| 1948.....       | 51,867  | 4,993                           | 12,955 | 20,322  | 2,506    | 2,528        | 4,290   | 4,273            |
| 1949.....       | 81,502  | 8,134                           | 18,632 | 31,558  | 3,859    | 4,288        | 7,704   | 7,327            |
| 1947            |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| Passenger.....  | 27,409  | 2,223                           | 6,463  | 11,593  | 1,619    | 1,169        | 2,050   | 2,292            |
| Commercial..... | 19,291  | 2,122                           | 4,481  | 6,237   | 1,081    | 1,480        | 2,212   | 1,678            |
| 1948            |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| Passenger.....  | 29,923  | 2,510                           | 7,164  | 12,927  | 1,524    | 1,322        | 2,139   | 2,337            |
| Commercial..... | 21,944  | 2,483                           | 5,791  | 7,395   | 982      | 1,206        | 2,151   | 1,936            |
| 1949            |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| Passenger.....  | 53,185  | 5,086                           | 12,387 | 22,313  | 2,190    | 2,326        | 3,977   | 4,906            |
| Commercial..... | 28,317  | 3,048                           | 6,245  | 9,245   | 1,669    | 1,962        | 3,727   | 2,421            |
| USED VEHICLES   |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| 1936.....       | 94,651  | 6,350                           | 14,835 | 48,180  | 9,401    |              | 7,132   | 8,953            |
| 1938.....       | 117,436 | 8,114                           | 18,136 | 57,838  | 13,157   |              | 9,929   | 10,262           |
| 1940.....       | 133,596 | 10,228                          | 18,333 | 63,387  | 17,647   |              | 11,935  | 12,066           |
| 1943.....       | 38,496  | 1,227                           | 3,881  | 19,555  | 4,930    |              | 4,258   | 4,645            |
| 1944.....       | 30,599  | 634                             | 3,507  | 17,159  | 2,602    |              | 2,731   | 3,966            |
| 1945.....       | 24,356  | 540                             | 3,608  | 13,679  | 1,717    |              | 2,032   | 2,780            |
| 1946.....       | 30,527  | 1,234                           | 4,932  | 17,664  | 1,192    | 841          | 2,376   | 2,288            |
| 1947.....       | 72,167  | 4,037                           | 11,184 | 39,473  | 3,263    | 2,031        | 5,291   | 6,888            |
| 1948.....       | 103,767 | 6,344                           | 13,778 | 58,174  | 3,832    | 2,402        | 8,193   | 11,044           |
| 1949.....       | 151,486 | 12,412                          | 20,156 | 80,114  | 5,535    | 4,869        | 13,352  | 15,048           |
| 1947            |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| Passenger.....  | 56,024  | 2,422                           | 7,796  | 33,431  | 2,318    | 1,221        | 3,304   | 5,532            |
| Commercial..... | 16,143  | 1,615                           | 3,386  | 6,042   | 945      | 810          | 1,987   | 1,350            |
| 1948            |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| Passenger.....  | 83,323  | 3,992                           | 9,621  | 50,591  | 2,841    | 1,494        | 5,831   | 8,953            |
| Commercial..... | 20,444  | 2,352                           | 4,157  | 7,583   | 991      | 908          | 2,362   | 2,091            |
| 1949            |         |                                 |        |         |          |              |         |                  |
| Passenger.....  | 124,595 | 8,772                           | 15,086 | 70,498  | 4,218    | 3,450        | 9,909   | 12,672           |
| Commercial..... | 26,891  | 3,640                           | 5,070  | 9,616   | 1,317    | 1,419        | 3,443   | 2,386            |

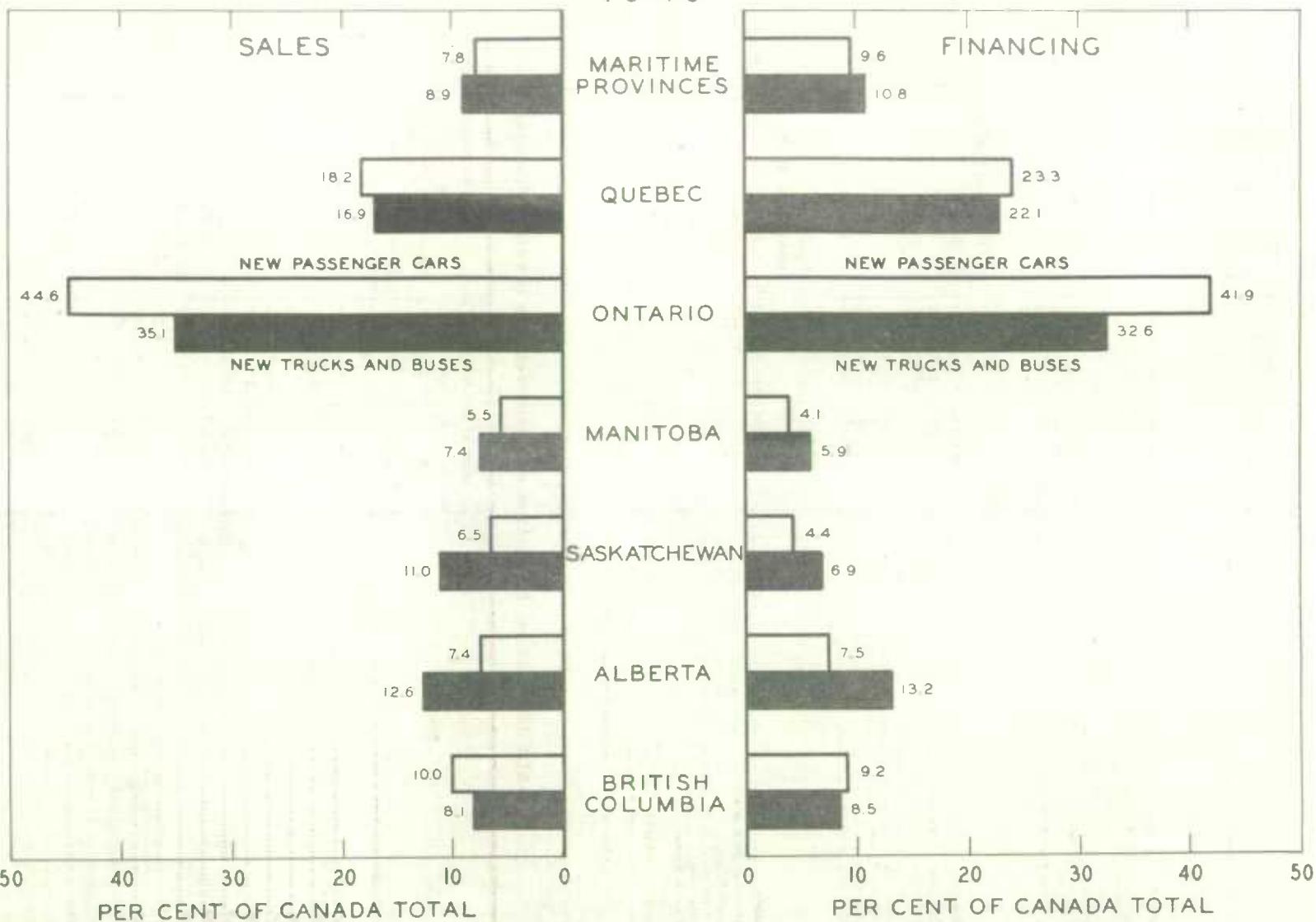
1. Includes Newfoundland from April 1949.

MOTOR VEHICLE SALES AND FINANCING

CHART 3

PROVINCIAL DISTRIBUTION OF NEW MOTOR VEHICLE SALES AND FINANCING  
NUMBER OF UNITS

1949



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TABLE 11. Sales and financing of sales of new motor vehicles compared, by provinces, 1949

| Province                              | Sales of new vehicles |                    | Financing of sales of new vehicles |                               |                     |  |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|
|                                       | Number of vehicles    | Retail value       | Number of vehicles                 | Per cent of total number sold | Amount of financing | Per cent of value of total number sold |
|                                       | \$                    |                    | %                                  |                               | \$                  | %                                      |
| <b>TOTAL VEHICLES</b>                 |                       |                    |                                    |                               |                     |  |
| Canada.....                           | <b>286,341</b>        | <b>588,724,685</b> | <b>81,502</b>                      | <b>28.5</b>                   | <b>115,511,459</b>  | <b>19.6</b>                            |
| Maritime Provinces <sup>1</sup> ..... | 23,310                | 46,068,167         | 8,134                              | 34.9                          | 10,856,352          | 23.6                                   |
| Quebec.....                           | 50,974                | 107,947,062        | 18,632                             | 36.6                          | 28,985,698          | 26.9                                   |
| Ontario.....                          | 119,752               | 245,531,242        | 31,558                             | 26.4                          | 42,413,412          | 17.3                                   |
| Manitoba.....                         | 17,289                | 34,544,101         | 3,859                              | 22.3                          | 5,246,607           | 15.2                                   |
| Saskatchewan.....                     | 22,361                | 45,418,481         | 4,288                              | 19.2                          | 5,675,606           | 12.5                                   |
| Alberta.....                          | 25,605                | 53,338,201         | 7,704                              | 30.1                          | 11,278,057          | 21.1                                   |
| British Columbia.....                 | 27,050                | 55,877,431         | 7,327                              | 27.1                          | 11,065,727          | 19.8                                   |
| <b>PASSENGER CARS</b>                 |                       |                    |                                    |                               |                     |  |
| Canada.....                           | <b>202,318</b>        | <b>412,297,863</b> | <b>53,185</b>                      | <b>26.3</b>                   | <b>71,044,324</b>   | <b>17.2</b>                            |
| Maritime Provinces <sup>1</sup> ..... | 15,850                | 31,674,470         | 5,086                              | 32.1                          | 6,567,830           | 20.7                                   |
| Quebec.....                           | 36,782                | 76,603,862         | 12,387                             | 33.7                          | 18,461,750          | 24.1                                   |
| Ontario.....                          | 90,272                | 184,298,230        | 22,313                             | 24.7                          | 28,377,391          | 15.4                                   |
| Manitoba.....                         | 11,081                | 22,442,608         | 2,190                              | 19.8                          | 2,869,907           | 12.8                                   |
| Saskatchewan.....                     | 13,081                | 26,868,603         | 2,326                              | 17.8                          | 2,950,024           | 11.0                                   |
| Alberta.....                          | 14,994                | 30,642,810         | 3,977                              | 26.5                          | 5,051,268           | 16.5                                   |
| British Columbia.....                 | 20,258                | 39,767,280         | 4,906                              | 24.2                          | 6,766,154           | 17.0                                   |
| <b>TRUCKS AND BUSES</b>               |                       |                    |                                    |                               |                     |  |
| Canada.....                           | <b>84,023</b>         | <b>176,426,822</b> | <b>28,317</b>                      | <b>33.7</b>                   | <b>44,467,135</b>   | <b>25.2</b>                            |
| Maritime Provinces <sup>1</sup> ..... | 7,460                 | 14,393,697         | 3,048                              | 40.9                          | 4,288,522           | 29.8                                   |
| Quebec.....                           | 14,192                | 31,343,200         | 6,245                              | 44.0                          | 10,525,948          | 33.6                                   |
| Ontario.....                          | 29,480                | 61,233,012         | 9,245                              | 31.4                          | 14,036,021          | 22.9                                   |
| Manitoba.....                         | 6,208                 | 12,101,493         | 1,689                              | 26.9                          | 2,376,700           | 19.6                                   |
| Saskatchewan.....                     | 9,280                 | 18,549,878         | 1,962                              | 21.1                          | 2,725,582           | 14.7                                   |
| Alberta.....                          | 10,611                | 22,695,391         | 3,727                              | 35.1                          | 6,226,789           | 27.4                                   |
| British Columbia.....                 | 6,792                 | 16,110,151         | 2,421                              | 35.6                          | 4,289,573           | 26.6                                   |

1. Includes Newfoundland from April 1949.

TABLE 12. Sales and financing of new motor vehicles in Canada compared, 1932-1949

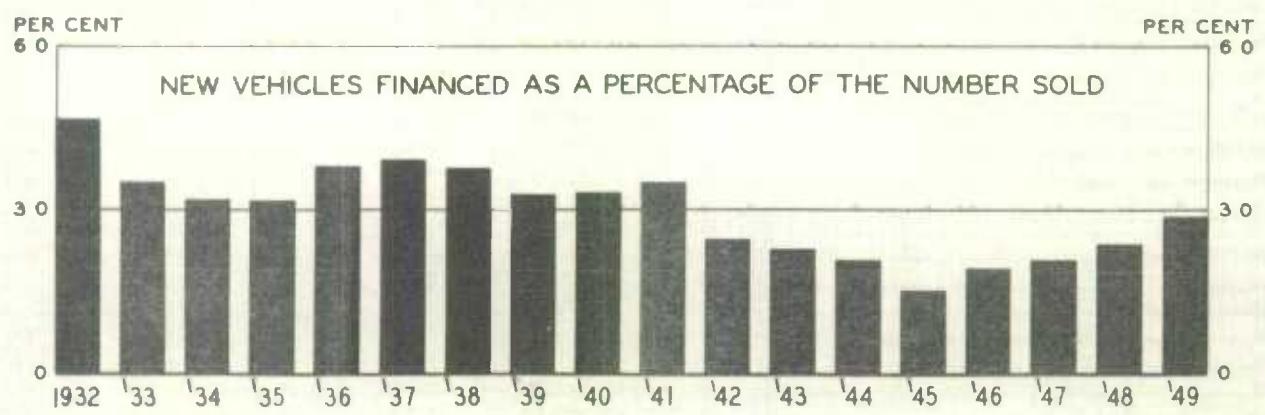
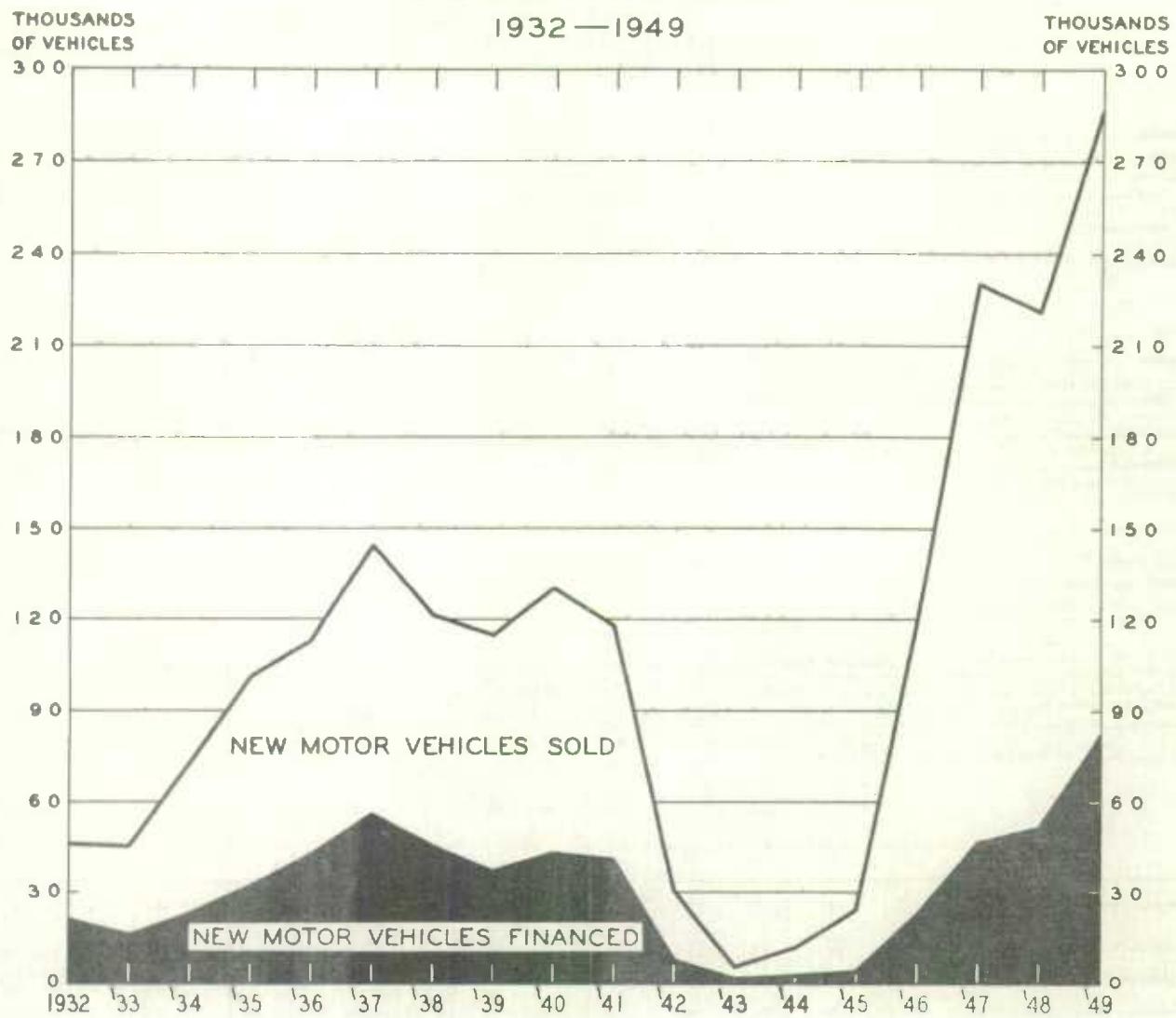
| Year      | Sales of new vehicles |              | Financing of new vehicle sales |                               |                     |  |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--|
|           | Number of vehicles    | Retail value | Number of vehicles             | Per cent of total number sold | Amount of financing | Per cent of value of total number sold |
|           | \$                    |              | %                              |                               | \$                  | %                                      |
| 1932..... | 45,870                | 45,260,742   | 21,293                         | 46.4                          | 12,741,179          | 28.2                                   |
| 1933..... | 45,332                | 45,540,230   | 15,880                         | 35.0                          | 10,030,368          | 22.1                                   |
| 1934..... | 73,358                | 75,785,461   | 23,264                         | 31.7                          | 16,364,735          | 21.6                                   |
| 1935..... | 101,461               | 101,742,449  | 31,950                         | 31.5                          | 22,410,656          | 22.0                                   |
| 1936..... | 113,314               | 117,582,796  | 42,863                         | 37.8                          | 29,887,861          | 25.4                                   |
| 1937..... | 144,441               | 149,170,527  | 56,247                         | 38.9                          | 40,664,675          | 27.3                                   |
| 1938..... | 121,165               | 135,011,908  | 45,267                         | 37.4                          | 33,701,624          | 25.0                                   |
| 1939..... | 114,747               | 125,967,521  | 37,320                         | 32.5                          | 27,852,627          | 22.1                                   |
| 1940..... | 130,552               | 148,845,278  | 42,982                         | 32.9                          | 33,473,397          | 22.5                                   |
| 1941..... | 118,073               | 151,868,905  | 41,032                         | 34.8                          | 34,887,591          | 23.0                                   |
| 1942..... | 30,356                | 42,879,522   | 7,398                          | 24.4                          | 6,207,111           | 14.5                                   |
| 1943..... | 4,798                 | 7,557,360    | 1,077                          | 22.4                          | 1,254,878           | 16.6                                   |
| 1944..... | 11,670 <sup>1</sup>   | -            | 2,371                          | 20.3                          | 2,927,396           | -                                      |
| 1945..... | 24,356 <sup>1</sup>   | -            | 3,630                          | 14.9                          | 4,934,456           | -                                      |
| 1946..... | 120,044               | 193,329,005  | 22,866                         | 19.0                          | 27,978,992          | 14.5                                   |
| 1947..... | 230,255               | 416,237,495  | 46,700                         | 20.3                          | 65,422,230          | 15.7                                   |
| 1948..... | 221,300               | 439,216,988  | 51,867                         | 23.4                          | 73,806,672          | 16.8                                   |
| 1949..... | 286,341               | 588,724,685  | 81,502                         | 28.5                          | 115,511,459         | 19.6                                   |

1. Releases from reserve pool.

CHART 4

### NEW MOTOR VEHICLES SALES AND FINANCING

1932—1949



SALES FOR 1944 AND 1945  
OBTAINED FROM RECORDS OF VEHICLES RELEASED FROM THE RESERVE POOL

## MERCHANDISING AND SERVICES

TABLE 13. Sales and financing of sales of new motor vehicles compared, by provinces and months, 1949

| Month             | Canada   |          |                  | Maritime Provinces <sup>1</sup> |          |                  | Quebec  |          |                  | Ontario          |          |                  |
|-------------------|----------|----------|------------------|---------------------------------|----------|------------------|---------|----------|------------------|------------------|----------|------------------|
|                   | Sold     | Financed |                  | Sold                            | Financed |                  | Sold    | Financed |                  | Sold             | Financed |                  |
|                   | Number   | Number   | % of number sold | Number                          | Number   | % of number sold | Number  | Number   | % of number sold | Number           | Number   | % of number sold |
| Annual Total..... | 286,341  | 81,502   | 28.5             | 23,310                          | 8,134    | 34.9             | 50,974  | 18,632   | 36.6             | 119,752          | 31,558   | 26.4             |
| January.....      | 11,838   | 3,677    | 31.1             | 891                             | 370      | 41.5             | 2,006   | 792      | 39.5             | 5,706            | 1,583    | 27.7             |
| February.....     | 15,301   | 3,658    | 23.9             | 1,191                           | 382      | 32.1             | 3,020   | 861      | 28.5             | 6,166            | 1,595    | 25.9             |
| March.....        | 25,054   | 5,857    | 23.4             | 2,270                           | 637      | 28.1             | 5,216   | 1,512    | 29.0             | 9,274            | 2,299    | 24.8             |
| April.....        | 29,314   | 8,504    | 29.0             | 2,275                           | 898      | 39.5             | 5,531   | 2,297    | 41.5             | 11,642           | 3,064    | 26.3             |
| May.....          | 28,385   | 8,222    | 29.0             | 2,444                           | 871      | 35.6             | 5,008   | 1,978    | 39.5             | 11,672           | 2,961    | 25.4             |
| June.....         | 27,829   | 7,272    | 26.1             | 2,278                           | 750      | 32.9             | 5,676   | 1,597    | 28.1             | 11,218           | 2,792    | 24.9             |
| July.....         | 29,177   | 7,693    | 26.4             | 2,420                           | 842      | 34.8             | 4,726   | 1,843    | 39.0             | 13,470           | 2,862    | 21.2             |
| August.....       | 18,561   | 6,652    | 35.8             | 1,952                           | 653      | 33.5             | 3,119   | 1,392    | 44.6             | 6,935            | 2,475    | 35.7             |
| September.....    | 28,239   | 7,183    | 25.4             | 2,452                           | 667      | 27.2             | 4,897   | 1,522    | 31.1             | 12,256           | 2,814    | 23.0             |
| October.....      | 30,722   | 8,543    | 27.8             | 2,202                           | 799      | 36.3             | 5,084   | 1,835    | 36.1             | 13,862           | 3,428    | 24.7             |
| November.....     | 19,700   | 7,374    | 37.4             | 1,431                           | 677      | 47.3             | 3,142   | 1,517    | 48.3             | 8,667            | 2,817    | 32.5             |
| December.....     | 22,221   | 6,867    | 30.9             | 1,504                           | 588      | 39.1             | 3,549   | 1,486    | 41.9             | 8,884            | 2,868    | 32.3             |
|                   |          |          |                  |                                 |          |                  |         |          |                  |                  |          |                  |
|                   | Manitoba |          |                  | Saskatchewan                    |          |                  | Alberta |          |                  | British Columbia |          |                  |
|                   | Sold     | Financed |                  | Sold                            | Financed |                  | Sold    | Financed |                  | Sold             | Financed |                  |
|                   | Number   | Number   | % of number sold | Number                          | Number   | % of number sold | Number  | Number   | % of number sold | Number           | Number   | % of number sold |
| Annual Total..... | 17,289   | 3,859    | 22.3             | 22,361                          | 4,288    | 19.2             | 23,605  | 7,784    | 30.1             | 27,050           | 7,327    | 27.1             |
| January.....      | 655      | 129      | 19.7             | 737                             | 139      | 18.9             | 935     | 353      | 37.8             | 908              | 311      | 34.3             |
| February.....     | 907      | 137      | 15.1             | 1,195                           | 119      | 10.0             | 1,433   | 289      | 20.2             | 1,389            | 275      | 19.8             |
| March.....        | 1,406    | 260      | 18.5             | 2,089                           | 237      | 11.3             | 2,379   | 444      | 18.7             | 2,420            | 468      | 19.3             |
| April.....        | 1,880    | 397      | 21.1             | 2,275                           | 431      | 18.9             | 2,727   | 687      | 25.2             | 2,984            | 730      | 24.5             |
| May.....          | 1,868    | 396      | 21.2             | 2,301                           | 419      | 18.2             | 2,521   | 818      | 32.4             | 2,571            | 779      | 30.3             |
| June.....         | 1,570    | 353      | 22.5             | 1,901                           | 408      | 21.5             | 2,459   | 635      | 25.8             | 2,727            | 737      | 27.0             |
| July.....         | 1,423    | 381      | 26.8             | 1,892                           | 390      | 20.6             | 2,220   | 639      | 28.8             | 3,026            | 736      | 24.3             |
| August.....       | 1,411    | 313      | 22.2             | 1,765                           | 430      | 24.4             | 1,547   | 674      | 43.6             | 1,832            | 715      | 39.0             |
| September.....    | 1,559    | 403      | 25.8             | 2,360                           | 485      | 20.6             | 2,389   | 713      | 29.8             | 2,326            | 579      | 24.9             |
| October.....      | 1,780    | 396      | 22.2             | 2,257                           | 472      | 20.9             | 2,657   | 871      | 32.8             | 2,880            | 742      | 25.8             |
| November.....     | 1,268    | 359      | 28.3             | 1,409                           | 440      | 31.2             | 1,983   | 882      | 44.5             | 1,800            | 682      | 37.9             |
| December.....     | 1,562    | 335      | 21.4             | 2,180                           | 318      | 14.6             | 2,355   | 699      | 29.7             | 2,187            | 573      | 26.2             |

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