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## MONTHLY FINANCING OF MOTOR VEHICLE SALES IN CANADA, AUGUST, 1944

Financing of new and used vehicles in Canada during August, 1944 totalled 2,805 units with a financed value of \$1 309,555. Declines below August, 1943, when 4,040 vehicles were financed for \$1.540,255, amounted to 31 per cent in number and 15 per cent in dollar volume. Included in the August, 1944 totals were 274 new vehicles which were financed to the extent of \$345,777

Used vehicle financing declined 36 per cent in number and 32 per cent in dollar volume, 2,531 units being financed for \$963,778 in the month under review compared with 3,932 transactions involving \$1,426,456 in the same month last year Declines were substantial in all sections of the country Ontario's decrease of 28 per cent was followed by declines ranging from 35 to 39 per cent in the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and British Columbia. Decreases in the Prairie Provinces were more severe and amounted to 47 per cent in the case of Alberta and 55 per cent in Manitoba and Saskatchewan combined.

There were 1,510 new vehicles financed in the first eight months of 1944 compared with 545 new vehicles financed in the same period of last year. Used vehicles financed in the January-to-August period numbered 22,638 this year and 27,448 in 1943.

## FINANCING OF SALES OF USED MOTOR VEHICLES IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES August 1943 and 1944

Region	Number of Vehicles				Amount of Financing			
	1943	1944	% of Change, 1944/43		1943	1944	% of Change, 1944/43	
		2,531	har	35.6	1,426,456	963,778	400	32.4
Maritimes	83	54	-	34.9	24.099	19,076	-	20.8
Quebec	391	250	-	36.1	176,001	126,514	-	28.1
Ontario	2.054	1,478	-	28.0	623,650	478,519	etp-	23.3
Man. & Sask	474	214	440	54.9	182,523	81,701		55.2
Alberta	391	206	-	47.3	190,746	113,497	-	40.5
British Columbia	539	329	-	39 0	229,437	144,470	_	37 0

