

Registrations of motor vehicles in 1931 showed for the first time, a decrease from the previous year, the total number being 1,206,836 which was 33,052 less than in 1930. The most significant feature was the decrease in the new registrations which was much greater than in the case of total registrations, indicating that old cars were retained in service and expenditures for new cars were greatly reduced. All the provinces did not segregate new registrations. In Quebec the total passenger registrations increased by 3 p.c. but new registrations decreased by 35 p.c. In Ontario there were 15,158 fewer new passenger car registrations but practically no change in total passenger car registrations. Similar conditions existed in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia. It is quite probable that the decrease in new cars was even greater in the Prairie Provinces.

The decrease in registrations and the increase in population raised the average population per registration from 8.2 in 1930 to 8.6 in 1931. Canada still ranked fourth in this respect, the United States being first with 4.6 and New Zealand and Hawaii being next with 7 each. On the basis of the total registration of 1,206,836, only three countries had larger numbers in 1930, *viz.*, United States, 26,523,779; United Kingdom and Northern Ireland, 1,524,339; and France, 1,459,650.

34.—Number of Motor Vehicles Registered in Canada, by Provinces, calendar years 1907-31.

Note.—The number of motor vehicles in Yukon is included in the totals for Canada, 1914-30.

Year.	P.E. Island.	Nova Scotia.	New Brunswick.	Quebec	Ontario.	Manitoba.	Saskatchewan.	Alb.erta.	British Columbia.	Canada.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1907.....	-	62	-	254	1,530	-	54	55	175	2,130
1908.....	-	65	104	296	1,754	412	74	65	263	3,033
1909.....	-	66	167	485	2,452	662	149	275	504	4,763
1910.....	-	148	299	788	4,230	1,524	531	423	1,026	8,967
1911.....	-	228	483	1,878	11,339	2,436	1,304	1,631	2,220	21,519
1912.....	-	456	700	3,535	16,266	4,099	2,286	2,505	4,289	34,136
1913.....	26	511	824	5,452	23,706	5,475	4,656	3,773	6,128	50,558
1914.....	31	1,324	1,328	7,413	31,724	7,359	5,030	4,728	7,628	69,598
1915.....	34	1,841	1,900	10,112	42,346	9,225	10,225	5,832	8,360	89,944
1916.....	50	3,012	2,965	15,335	54,375	12,765	15,990	9,516	9,457	123,464
1917.....	303	5,350	5,251	21,213	83,308	17,507	32,505	20,624	11,645	197,799
1918.....	639	8,100	6,434	26,897	114,376	24,012	50,531	29,300	15,376	275,746
1919.....	967	10,210	8,306	33,547	144,304	30,118	56,855	34,000	22,420	341,316
1920.....	1,419	12,456	11,196	41,562	177,561	36,455	60,325	38,015	28,000	407,064
1921.....	1,751	14,205	13,615	54,670	206,521	40,215	61,184	40,235	32,900	465,378
1922.....	2,167	18,159	18,746	61,995	240,933	42,800	61,367	40,642	34,828	513,821
1923.....	2,483	18,354	16,829	72,448	280,996	42,428	67,337	44,841	41,053	586,850
1924.....	2,583	20,784	19,975	85,145	308,693	44,322	70,754	51,148	48,626	652,121
1925.....	2,955	22,853	19,022	97,657	344,112	51,241	79,079	54,357	56,618	728,005
1926.....	3,460	25,879	21,541	108,332	388,728	57,857	97,267	65,590	68,009	836,794
1927.....	4,388	30,059	24,544	128,459	436,120	63,905	106,899	73,830	77,612	945,672
1928.....	5,430	35,256	28,072	148,473	491,140	71,163	121,619	89,249	86,244	1,076,819
1929.....	6,141	40,014	31,852	169,547	544,476	77,840	130,229	99,650	95,647	1,195,594
1930.....	7,402	43,036	34,833	178,976	564,669	79,308	136,861	102,652	98,943	1,239,288
1931.....	7,744	43,735	33,730	179,572	563,824	75,564	108,563	95,636	98,220	1,206,836