

the United States. Cleveland alone will build more than thirty million dollars' worth of automobiles."

When we turn to the industry in Canada we are forced to admit that we are about ten years behind the people of the United States. Their estimated output of cars in 1898 was valued at about \$2,000,000, and if we estimate the value of cars sold in Canada during the year just passed we find that \$4,000,000 is a very fair figure. This means that about 2,500 cars were sold in the Dominion during the year, but upon examination it is found that a number of these were imported outright from the United States, and that by far the greater section of the remainder were made up of parts imported from that country and assembled by Canadian manufacturers. It is estimated that 4,000 cars will be sold in Canada in 1910, a fact which implies a still greater importation of parts from the United States, for at the present time the only firm which makes the necessary parts and assembles its cars in Canada is the Canada Cycle and Motor Company of Toronto.

A survey of the Canadian industry goes to show that many of the present so-called Canadian firms are but offshoots of parent American firms, and that the essentially Canadian concern is almost non-existent. It was in the year 1898 that the automobile made its first appearance on this continent.

The year 1905 was an important one in the history of the industry, for in that year the Ford Motor Company of Detroit established a branch in Walkerville, and commenced to assemble their cars in Canada, although no manufacturing was attempted. The industry might fairly be dated from that year, for in 1905 the number of cars sold in Canada was probably not more than 500.

In 1906 the Packard Electric Company, of St. Catharines, made an arrangement under which they began to assemble the Oldsmobile there; and in the same year the Chatham Motor Company began to turn out Chatham cars. Both these concerns ceased operations shortly.

The Comet Motor Company also began to assemble cars in Montreal the next year, using European parts, and continued in business until 1909.

Substantial advance was made in the industry in 1908, when the McLaughlin Motor Company made an arrangement with the Buick Motor Company, of Flint, Michigan, under which it undertook to put American cars on the market under the name of McLaughlin-Buick. In 1908 the Tudhope Carriage Company, of Orillia, began the manufacture of a high-wheeled or buggy type