

Retail Value Dodge Products Exceeds Total Capital In Automobile Industry

At 10 a. m. Saturday, November 5, the 2,000,000th car which Dodge Brothers have made came off the final assembly line, just 12 years, 11 months and 21 days after the first car was built by John and Horace Dodge on November 14, 1914. No. 2,000,000 is a standard four cylinder leather upholstered sedan and was shipped immediately to W. L. Eaton, Seattle dealer, who purchased it nearly eight years ago upon failing by six months to get in his order in time to get No. 500,000.

The passing of the 2,000,000 mark by Dodge Brothers sets a new record for the automobile industry as no other company manufacturing cars that sell in or above the Dodge price class has yet approached the point of making 2,000,000 cars in the short period of less than 13 years.

A measure of the vastness of the automobile industry and what it means to the prosperity of the nation and to Detroit in particular was furnished by President E. G. Wilmer in commenting upon Dodge Brothers' record. He pointed out that Dodge alone, in less than 13 years of existence, has produced products whose retail value is estimated at \$2,200,000,000, a sum greater than the entire amount of capital invested in automobile manufacturing plants in the United States.

He also stated that Dodge Brothers has paid its employees in wages during this 13 year period approximately \$345,000,000, a sum over one-half of the total wage bill of all motor car and truck factories in the United States in 1926.

As the assembly of No. 2,000,000 was completed Al. Livermore, the oldest employee in

point of service, with a record of 37 years of continuous employment, took the wheel and with the next three oldest employees, Bill Wohlfeil, Al. Andrich and Otto Graul as passengers, drove the car to the loading docks where they were greeted by President E. G. Wilmer, Vice Presidents A. Z. Mitchell, H. H. Springford and A. T. Waterfall and other company officials and congratulated on their remarkable records.

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