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# TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES 

JANUARY, 1954

## 1. HIGHWAY TRAFFIC - JANUARY, 1954

The volume of highway traffic between Canada and the United States was practically unchanged from the corresponding month of 1953. Total border crossings amounted to 669,500 vehicles compared with 673,200 in the same month of last year, a decrease of less than 1 per cent. An increase in the number of foreign entries was practically offset by a decrease in the volume of Canadian vehicles returning.

## Foreign Vehicles

Aggregate entries of vehicles with foreign registry amounted to 388,400 an increase of 3 per cent over the corresponding month of 1953. Entries of non-resident traffic consisted of 48,700 vehicles entering on traveller's vehicles permits, 311,000 non-permit or local entries and 28,700 commercial vehicles.

The volume of traffic entering on traveller's vehicle permits increased by nearly 3 per cent over January of last year with gains and losses being unevenly distributed throughout the different provinces. Traffic was heavier in Ontario, Manitoba and the Yukon Territory and lighter in all other provinces.

Total entries of non-permit or local traffic increased by 4 per cent in January although Ontario and Yukon were the only provinces to share in the gain. The advance in local entries through Ontario amounted to 10 per cent over last year.

## Canadian Vehicles

Re-entries of vehicles registered in Canada totalled 281,100 during January a decrease of 5 per cent compared with the first month of 1953. Aggregate entries comprised 20,400 units remaining abroad more than 24 hours, 225,900 vehicles absent for 24 hours or less and 34,800 commercial vehicles. The volume of long-term Canadian traffic remaining abroad over 24 hours was virtually unchanged from last year the increase being less than 1 per cent. Gains appearing in New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta were practically offset by losses in the other provinces.

Short-term traffic remaining 24 hours or less abroad declined by 7 per cent compared with January 1953 when an increase of 22 per cent over the previous year was recorded. The rate of increase in the previous month amounted to 6 per cent when compared with December 1952. Compared with the previous year all provinces except Yukon show a decrease in the volume of short-term traffic.

| January | Foreign Vehicles <br> Entering on Traveller's <br> Vehicle Permits | Returning <br> Canadian Vehicles <br> Abroad Over 24 Hours |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1937 | 25,883 | $(1)$ |
| 1938 | 25,895 | $(1)$ |
| 1939 | 23,273 | $(1)$ |
| 1940 | 20,998 | 8,647 |
| 1941 | 20,361 | 1,549 |
| 1942 | 19,561 | 2,366 |
| 1943 | 6,278 | 1,085 |
| 1944 | 13,037 | 1,646 |
| 1945 | 10,556 | 1,560 |
| 1946 |  | 4,098 |
| 1947 | 26,780 | 5,154 |
| 1948 | 24,306 | 4,576 |
| 1949 | 28,243 | 7,457 |
| 1950 | 32,590 | 8,938 |
| 1951 | 36,185 | 12,559 |
| 1952 |  | 13,971 |
| 1953 | 40,932 | 20,340 |
| 1954 | 38,113 | 20,454 |
|  | 47,417 |  |
| (1) Comparable category unavailable. |  |  |

# STATEMENT BY PORTS OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS <br> JANUARY 

1954

| Port of Entry | Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada |  |  | Canadian Vehicles Retuming to Canada |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Non-Permit Class <br> (Local Traffic) | Traveller's Vehicle Permits | CommercialVehicles | Length of Stay Abroad |  | Commercial Vehicles |
|  |  |  |  | 24 hours or less | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \\ 24 \text { hours } \end{gathered}$ |  |
| Vehicles transported by boat direct from the United States* |  |  | Newfound <br> Prince Ed <br> Nova Sco | ard Island |  |  |
|  | - | 35 | - | - | - | - |
|  |  |  | New Brun | wick |  |  |
| Andover ................................... | 1,796 | 224 | 146 | 2,900 | 8 | 394 |
| Beaconsfield ............................. | 66 | 5 | 18 | 67 | 1 | 36 |
| Belleville................................. | 56 | 8 | 64 | 153 | - | 68 |
| Bloomfi eld ................................ | 54 | 10 | - | 96 | - | 81 |
| Campobello ............................... | 27 | 2 | 9 | 212 | 2 | 128 |
| Centreville................................ | 695 | 129 | 113 | 959 | 16 | 207 |
| Clair ........... | 5,624 | 460 | 389 | 5,596 | 37 | 442 |
| Edmundston ............................... | 13,212 | 681 | 811 | 14,218 | 21 | 754 |
| Forest City ............................... | 50 | - | 30 | 74 | - | 20 |
| Fosterville ................................. | 93 | 4 | - | 143 | 1 | 73 |
| Four Falls ................................. | 98 | 13 | 4 | 218 | - | 16 |
| Gillespie ................................... | 779 | 146 | 85 | 618 | 3 | 122 |
| Grand Falls ................................ | 1,029 | 223 | 94 | 1,435 | 2 | 186 |
| Lord's Cove ................................ |  | - | - |  | - | - |
| Mars Hill Road............................ | 116 | 8 | 25 | 109 | - | 45 |
| Milltown .................................... | 5,206 | 36 | 369 | 9,129 | 11 | 812 |
| River de Chute ........................... | 103 | 23 | 13 | 137 | - | 19 |
| St. Croix ................................. | 1,680 | 126 | 124 | 1,688 | 14 | 174 |
| St. Leonard ............................... | 9,656 | 628 | 518 | 10,407 | 63 | 357 |
| St. Stephen.................................. | 22,980 | 276 | 1,946 | 20,254 | 607 | 2,090 |
| Union Corner ............ | 18 | 6 | 3 | 110 | - | 41 |
| Upper Mills ................................ | 290 | 5 | 43 | 381 | - | 36 |
| Woodstock Road ......................... | 1,360 | 318 | 76 | 3,406 | 77 | 553 |
| Provincial Total .................... | 64,988 | 3,331 | 4,880 | 72,310 | 863 | 6,654 |

[^0]| Port of Entry | Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada |  |  | Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Non-Permit Class (Local Traffic | Traveller's <br> Vehicle <br> Permits | CommercialVehicles | Length of Stay Abroad |  | Commercial Vehicles |
|  |  |  |  | 24 hours or less | Over 24 hours |  |
|  |  |  |  | bec |  |  |
| Abercorn. | 1,725 | 419 | 262 | 2,186 | 114 | 280 |
| Armstrong....... | 285 | 157 | 207 | 1,141 | 635 | 5,615 |
| Arnold Bog................................. | 16 | - | 22 | 28 | 5 | 491 |
| Beebe ...................................... | 1,630 | 41 | 94 | 1,556 | 7 | 49 |
| Blackpool.................................. | 266 | 1,869 | 1,090 | 2,471 | 1,095 | 666 |
| Chartierville ............................. | 25 | - 15 | 114 | 84 | 100 | 878 |
| Clarenceville .............................. | 72 | 43 | 24 | 306 | 2 | 26 |
| Comins Mills ............................. | 371 | 52 | 33 | 651 | 95 | 148 |
| Covey Hill .............................. | 82 | 21 | 27 | 202 | 1 | 41 |
| Dundee ............ | 546 | 90 | 29 | 1,214 | 8 | 303 |
| East Pinnacle ......... | 49 | 54 | 29 | 242 | - | 75 |
| Estcourt .................................... | 220 | 23 | 31 | 266 | 18 | 503 |
| Franklin Centre .......................... | 82 | 25 | 26 | 100 | 1 | 17 |
| Frelighsburg ........................... | 244 | 155 | 177 | 184 | 10 | 48 |
| $\because$ n Sutton ............... | 147 | 410 | 321 | 425 | 4 | 139 |
| Liemmingford .............................. | 509 | 82 | 214 | 1,263 | 24 | 131 |
| Herdman .......... | 354 | 87 | 78 | 789 | 15 | 114 |
| Hereford Road .............................. | 468 | 56 | 149 | 417 | 17 | 119 |
| Highwater................................... | 987 | 675 | 443 | 1,050 | 122 | 235 |
| Jamieson's Line ........................ | 85 | 9 | 27 | 54 | - | 1 |
| Lac.Frontiere ............................ | 8 | 2 | - | 28 | 16 | 1 |
| Lacolle ..................................... | 566 | 645 | 404 | 2,760 | 56 | 636 |
| Landry Siding ............................ | 17 | 2 | 5 | 24 | 17 | 410 |
| Leadville ....... | 8 | 2 | 2 | 45 | - | 11 |
| Mansonville ................................. | 32 | 3 | 1 | 33 | 4 | 9. |
| Morses Line ............................... | 27 | 120 | 35 | 62 | 10 | 12 |
| Noyan ...................................... | 344 | 103 | 41 | 410 | 14 | 28 |
| Philipsburg ................................ | 320 | 2,010 | 694 | 1,097 | 466 | 780 |
| Rivière Bleue ........................... | 8 | - | 1 | 28 | 33 | 959 |
| Rock Island ................................ | 7,892 | 698 | 507 | 8,260 | 459 | 346 |
| St. Armand ................................... | 1 | 23 | - | 18 | - | - |
| St. Pamphile .............................. | 107 | 12 | 12 | 96 | 12 | 21 |
| St. Zacharie ................................ | 13 | 1 | 5 | 94 | 61 | 709 |
| Stanhope ..................................... | 521 | 723 | 230 | 2,857 | 301 | 542 |
| Trout River ............................... | 713 | 392 | 60 | 2,565 | 102 | 60 |
| Woburn ....................................... | 286 | 68 | 31 | 367 | 100 | 181 |
| Provincial Total ..... | 19,026 | 9,087 | 5,425 | 33,373 | 3,924 | 14,584 |


| Port of Entry | Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada |  |  | Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \text { Non-Permit } \\ \text { Class } \\ \text { (Local Traffic) } \end{array}$ | Traveller's Vehicle Permits | Commercial Vehicles | Length of Stay Abroad |  | CommercialVehicles |
|  |  |  |  | 24 hours or less | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \\ 24 \text { hours } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  |  |  | Ont | rio |  |  |
| Brockville .................................. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Cornwall...................................... | 2,483 | 421 | 181 | 3,714 | 113 | 563 |
| Courtright................................. | 29 | 18 | - | 11 | 5 | - |
| Fort Erie.................................... | 33,998 | 7,223 | 3,608 | 19,565 | 1,805 | 999 |
| Fort Frances .............................. | 3,939 | 145 | 172 | 3,992 | 81 | 1,189 |
| Kingston......................................... | - | 7 | - | - | - | - |
| Kingsville ................................ | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Lansdowne ................................... | 680 | 413 | 226 | 1,016 | 495 | 384 |
| Leamington .............................. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Midland ..................................... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Morrisburg ............................... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Niagara Falls .......................... | 30,278 | 4,377 | 488 | 42,714 | 2,122 | 1,442 |
| Pelee Island ............................... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Pigeon River ............................... | 145 | 109 | 89 | 333 | 234 | 105 |
| Port Lambton............................. | 164 | 57 | - | 122 | 22 | 5 |
| Prescott .................................... | 565 | 128 | 24 | 1,491 | 148 | 69 |
| Rainy River ................................ | 592 | 14 | 14 | 1,542 | 21 | 47 |
| Sarnia ....................................... | 8,681 | 3,229 | 273 | 7,878 | 1,406 | 667 |
| Sault Ste. Marie ........................... | 1,450 | 223 | 60 | 2,077 | 254 | 116 |
| Sombra ........................................ | 141 | 59 | 2 | 102 | 14 | 5 |
| Walpole Island............................ | 11 | 13 | - | 25 | - | 3 |
| Windsor....................................... | 132,157 | 10,514 | 9,072 | 7,935 | 1,910 | 2,140 |
| Provincial Total ..................... | 215,313 | 26,950 | 14,209 | 92,517 | 8,630 | 7,734 |


| Port of Entry | Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada |  |  | Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Non-Permit <br> Class <br> (Local Traffic) | Traveller'sVehiclePermits | CommercialVehicles | Length of Stay Abroad |  | CommercialVehicles |
|  |  |  |  | 24 hours or less | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \\ 24 \text { hours } \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  |  |  | Mani | oba |  |  |
| Boissevain............................ | 28 | 42 | 21 | 107 | 91 | 24 |
| Cartwright ................................ | 58 | 2 | - | 43 | 4 | 1 |
| Coulter ................................... | 165 | 97 | 86 | 482 | 131 | 73 |
| Crystal City........................... | 109 | 2 | 13 | 32 | 1 | 12 |
| Emerson ............................... | 1,177 | 396 | 178 | 1,339 | 940 | 1,046 |
| Goodlands ................................. | 22 | 3 | 5 | 210 | 5 | 7 |
| Gretna ................................. | 863 | 28 | 132 | 852 | 16 | 292 |
| Haskett | 101 | 8 | 8 | 199 | 9 | 60 |
| Lena ........................................... | 109 | 13 | 78 | 218 | 4 | - |
| Lyleton......................................... | 16 | 3 | 12 | 87 | 2 | 12 |
| Middlebro .................................. | 251 | 737 | 1,375 | 405 | 6 | 482 |
| Piney ....................................... | 108 | 3 | 24 | 147 | 6 | 307 |
| Snowflake .................................. | 22 | 2 | 1 | 126 | 1 | 30 |
| South Junction............................ | 77 | 9 | 21 | 334 | 4 | 224 |
| Tolstoi ................ | 65 | 1 | 10 | 82 | 2 | 11 |
| Windygates................................. | 27 | 2 | 9 | 77 | 2 | 3 |
| Provincial Total ...................... | 3,198 | 1,348 | 1,973 | 4,740 | 1,224 | 2,584 |
|  |  |  | Saskat | newan |  |  |
| Big Beaver................................. | 20 | 6 | 2 | 96 | 23 | 24 |
| East Poplar River...................... | 24 | 2 | 1 | 51 | 4 | 9 |
| Elmore................................ | 42 | 3 | 30 | 92 | 3 | 27 |
| Estevan............... | 112 | 36 | - | 122 | 12 | 1 |
| Marienthal ....... | 37 | 9 | 3 | 78 | 1 | 1 |
| Monchy ............... | 12 | 6 | - | 26 | 60 | 4 |
| Northgate ......................... | 149 | 8 | 24 | 295 | 14 | 232 |
| North Portal............................... | 418 | 85 | 534 | 1,047 | 363 | 472 |
| Oungre............... | 4 | 21 | - | 50 | 30 | 2 |
| Regway............................ | 48 | 64 | 32 | 154 | 115 | 77 |
| Treelon ............... | 33 | 3 | 103 | 65 | 34 | 215 |
| West Poplar kiver ...................... | 7 | 6 | 4 | 30 | 19 | 8 |
| Willow Creek ............................. | - | 3 | - | 10 | 18 | 29 |
| Provincial Total ..................... | 906 | 252 | 733 | 2,116 | 696 | 1,101 |
|  |  |  | Albe |  |  |  |
| Aden .................. | 11 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 2 | 6 |
| Carway ..................................... | 27 | 7 | 4 | 13 | 33 | - |
| Chief Mountain.......................... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Coutts ...................................... | 953 | 489 | 394 | 1,426 | 769 | 417 |
| Del Bonita ................................ | 35 | 8 | 1 | 40 | 7 | 3 |
| Wild Horse ................ | 10 | 5 | 4 | 20 | 18 | 3 |
| Provincial Total ..................... | 1,036 | 510 | 404 | 1,525 | 829 | 429 |


| Port of Entry | Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada |  |  | Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Non-Permit } \\ \text { Class } \\ \text { (Local Traffic) } \end{gathered}$ | Traveller's Vehicle Permits | Commercial Vehicles | Length of Stay Abroad |  | Commercial Vehicles |
|  |  |  |  | 24 hours or less | Over <br> 24 hours |  |
|  |  |  | British Columbia |  |  |  |
| Aldergrove ................................. | 437 | 326 | 90 | 974 | 211 | 123 |
| Boundary Bay ............................. | 420 | 54 | 20 | 1,245 | 29 | 57 |
| Carson ..................................... | 447 | 128 | 27 | 113 | 2 | 176 |
| Cascade City ............................. | 323 | 114 | 119 | 667 | 28 | 58 |
| Chopaka .................................... | 15 | 17 | - | 79 | 2 | 10 |
| Huntingdon................................... | 1,287 | 912 | 116 | 3,868 | 299 | 84 |
| Kingsgate................................... | 65 | 112 | 115 | 385 | 409 | 259 |
| Midway ...................................... | 151 | 17 | 5 | 96 | 4 | 2 |
| Nelway .................................... | 65 | 45 | 4 | 75 | 66 | 15 |
| Osoyoos ..................................... | 1,004 | 163 | 48 | 1,698 | 162 | 129 |
| Pacific Highway ....................... | 1,694 | 4,717 | 452 | 7,895 | 2,652 | 505 |
| Paterson ...................................... | 153 | 156 | 8 | 1,063 | 172 | 93 |
| Port Alberni.............................. | - | - | - | 2,063 | - |  |
| Pleasant Camp .......................... | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Powell River ............................ | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Prince Rupert ............................. | - | 13 | - | - | - |  |
| Roosville .................................. | 40 | 4 | 2 | 85 | 8 | 9. |
| Rykerts...................................... | 165 | 27 | 5 | 344 | 52 | 118 |
| Silver Heights ............................ | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| Skagit ..................................... | 1 | - | 3 | 5 | - |  |
| Stewart .................................... | 214 | - | - | 603 | 1 | 45 |
| Vancouver .................................. | - | 18 | - | - | - | - |
| Victoria .................................. | - | 166 | - | 12 | 184 | 2 |
| Waneta ..................................... | 19 | 5 | 9 | 50 | 4 | 4 |
| Provincial Total .................... | 6,500 | 6,994 | 1,023 | 19,257 | 4,285 | 1,689 |
|  |  |  | Yukon T | erritory |  |  |
| Carcross................................... | - | 3 | - | - | - | - |
| Little Gold Creek ....................... | T |  | - | - | - |  |
| Snag Creek ................................. | 27 | 226 | 30 | 44 | 3 | 5 |
| Provincial Total ..................... | 27 | 229 | 30 | 44 | 3 | 5 |
| Dominion Total ....................... | 310,994 | 48,736 | 28,677 | 225,882 | 20,454 | 34,780 |

table 1. SUMMARY by provinces of highway traffic at Canadian border points JANUARY

1953 and 1954
A-Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada

| Province of Entry | Non-Permit Class Local Traffic |  | Traveller's Vehicle Permits |  | Commercial Vehicles |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | :954 | 1953 | 1954 |
| Newfoundland |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nova Scotia .......... | - | - | 70 | ( 35 | - | - |
| New Brunswick .......................... | 68,495 | 64,988 | 3,496 | 3,331 | 7,257 | 4,880 |
| Quebec ..................................... | 19,679 | 19,026 | 9,266 | 9,087 | 5,047 | 5,425 |
| Ontario | 195,471 | 215,313 | 23,484 | 26,950 | 15,310 | 14,209 |
| Manitoba.. | 4,524 | 3,198 | 753 | 1,348 | 713 | 1,973 |
| Saskatchewan ........................... | 1,502 | 906 | 422 | 252 | 950 | 733 |
| Alberta | 1,371 | 1,036 | 665 | 510 | 633 | 404 |
| British Columbia........................ | 7,249 | 6,500 | 9,087 | 6,994 | 802 | 1,023 |
| Yukon Territory .......................... | 22 | 27 | 179 | 229 | 61 | 30 |
| Total ..................................... | 298,313 | 310,994 | 47,422 | 48,736 | 30,773 | 28,677 |
| Percentage Change................. |  | $+4.3$ |  | + 2.8 |  | - 6.8 |

B-Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada

| Province of Entry | Length of Stay Abroad |  |  |  | Commercial Vehicles |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 24 hours or less |  | Over 24 hours |  |  |  |
|  | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 | 1953 | 1954 |
| Nova Scotia .............................. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| New Brunswick | 76,019 | 72,310 | 834 | 863 | 7,929 | 6,654 |
| Quebec ................................... | 33,658 | 33,373 | 4,158 | 3,924 | 11,763 | 14,584 |
| Ontario ..................................... | 95,623 | 92,517 | 7,880 | 8,630 | 9,443 | 7,734 |
| Manitoba | 6,167 | 4,740 | 1,061 | 1,224 | 1,313 | 2,584 |
| Saskatchewan. ....................... | 2,996 | 2,116 | 884 | 696 | 1,016 | 1,101 |
| Alberta | 2,053 | 1,525 | 815 | 829 | 537 | 429 |
| British Columbia.. | 25,697 | 19,257 | 4,702 | 4,285 | 2,103 | 1,689 |
| Yukon Territory.......................... | 12 | 44 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 5 |
| Total.................................... | 242,225 | 225.882 | 20,340 | 20,454 | 34,113 | 34,780 |
| Percentage Change .................. |  | -6.8 |  | $+0.6$ |  | $+1.9$ |

NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES ENTERING CANADA ON TRAVELLER'S PERMITS


NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES RETURNING TO CANADA AFTER FOREIGN VISITS LASTING MORE THAN 24 HOURS (50,000

Data in this report consist of visits between Canada and the United States by vacationists, summer residents, commuters, businessmen and all other types of travellers except migrants. They include repeat visits by cormuters and others who cross the border more than once during the period covered by the report. They also include people whose only purpose in crossing the border is to take the most direct route between two points in their own country.

The report is divided into two sections, the first showing the number of vehicles classified as highway traffic, and the second the number of passengers proceeding by long-distance common carrier. Due to lack of information it has not been possible to include a residual group consisting principally of pedestrians and passengers on local bus services connecting border communities. In the highway traffic data, commercial vehicles or trucks are separated from other vehicles. Highway traffic not classified as commercial vehicles consists almost exclusively of automobiles but includes a comparatively small number of taxis, motorcycles and bicycles.

Foreign highway traffic other than commercial vehicles is divided into two groups: one requiring and the other not requiring traveller's vehicle permits. Drivers must apply for traveller's vehicle permits if they intend to travel beyond the jurisdiction of the port of entry or if they intend to remain in Canada longer than 48 hours irrespective of their destination. More than half the permits issued each year are used for visits of less than 48 hours. Commuters and others who cross the border frequently may also apply for permits. The initial visit of such persons, on which the permit is issued, appears under the heading "Traveller's Vehicle Permits"; subsequent visits are included with the non-permit group.

Publication of this information is made possible by co-operation of Canadian customs and immigration officials at all points of entry on the inter national boundary.



[^0]:    - As Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia have no ports of entry adjacent to the United States boundary vehicles proceeding to these provinces (with the exception of those transported direct from the United States by boat) enter through ports in other provinces and are recorded in the latter.

