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**TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA
AND
THE UNITED STATES
CALENDAR YEAR
AND
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1. - HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS, 1956

A record volume of highway traffic crossed the border between Canada and the United States during 1956. Aggregate crossings into Canada during the year amounted to 17,341,800 vehicles as compared with 15,868,200 in the previous year. This represents a gain of 1,473,600 crossings or 9 per cent over the former record established in 1955. The greater part of the rise in volume during the past year was in the number

of Canadian vehicles returning from the United States where the increase amounted to 1,001,100 crossings or nearly 14 per cent. The gain recorded in the number of foreign vehicles entering Canada totalled 472,500 crossings, an increase of between 5 and 6 per cent. Aggregate border crossings were made up of 9,046,400 foreign vehicles and 8,295,400 Canadian vehicles returning.

Foreign Vehicles

Incoming foreign traffic was comprised of 2,484,400 vehicles entering on travellers' vehicle permits, 6,111,100 were non-permit or local entries and 450,900 were commercial vehicles.

The number of foreign vehicles entering Canada on travellers' vehicle permits was 1.6 per cent lower than the record for this category which was established in 1955. Closer examination reveals gains of 13 per cent in March and 11 per cent in June and November. More moderate gains of 5 per cent, 2 per cent and 6 per cent appeared in February, August and December respectively. Substantial declines amounting to 11 per cent and 19 per cent were recorded for April and May accompanied by a drop of 7 per cent for the month of July. A decrease of 4 per cent occurred in September and the volume for Jan-

uary and October was 2 per cent lower than the same months of 1955.

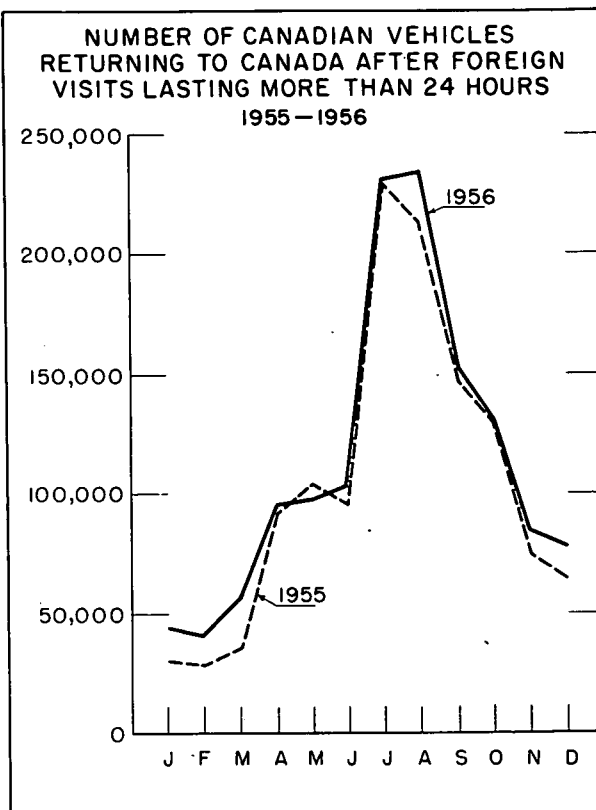
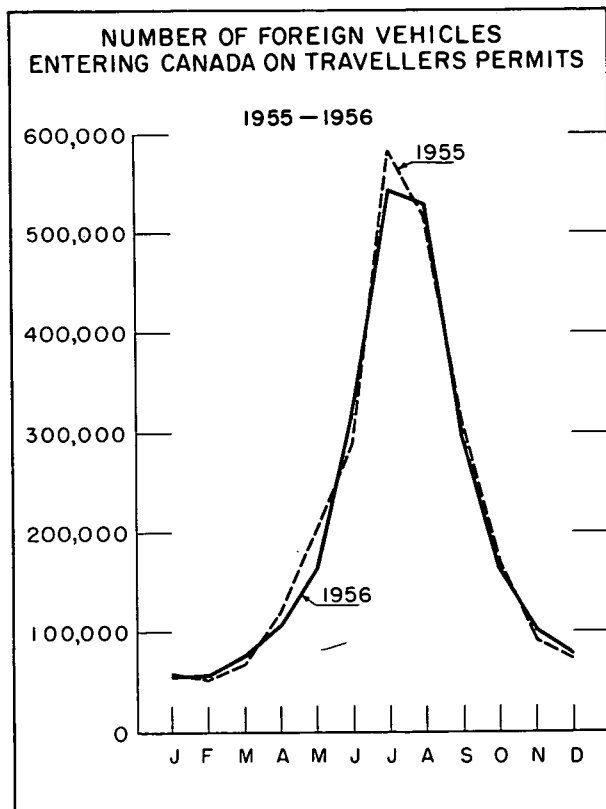
On a quarterly basis there was an advance of nearly 6 per cent in the first quarter of the year and between 3 and 4 per cent in the last quarter. A decline of 3 per cent was recorded in the second and third quarter. Unfortunately the declines appeared in the quarters when the traffic is heaviest leaving the cumulative for the year close to 2 per cent under 1955. The peak months of July and August continued to account for nearly half of the traffic for the year. Some 43 per cent of the total crossings were in the months of July and August as compared with 43.4 per cent in the same period of 1955.

Several factors may have contributed to the decline in the number of visits to Canada by residents of the United States using travellers' vehicle permits. During the summer months there were no heat waves in the United States which under normal conditions stimulates travel north to Canada. The steel strike coming at the time when many persons were planning their vacations may have created an atmosphere of uncertainty for many, with reluctance to travel far from home. The presidential conventions may also have had their effect in keeping many persons closer to home for their vacation. Of all factors influencing the number of United States residents visiting Canada perhaps the unfavourable weather in the spring and summer months was foremost in deterring persons from spending their vacation in Canada.

On a regional basis the trend from the previous year was not uniform across the country. The inauguration of the ferry service from Bar Harbour, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia was responsible for the substantial increase in the number of vehicles being transported direct by vessel from the United States to Nova Scotia. The diversion of traffic to this service automatically had the effect of lowering the volume of traffic entering Canada through the ports on the border between New Brunswick and the United States.

If the Maritime Provinces are taken as a unit we find an increase of nearly 5 per cent in the number of vehicles entering that region as compared with the year 1955. On a percentage basis substantial gains were recorded for the Yukon Territory and the province of Saskatchewan, but this has little effect on the aggregate for Canada. More moderate gains of 5 per cent and 3 per cent appeared for Alberta and Quebec and there was little change from the previous year in the number of entries into British Columbia. There was a decline of between 2 and 3 per cent in the number of vehicles entering Manitoba and 4 per cent in the number entering Ontario. Although there was a decrease of some 64,600 entries into Ontario, gains in some of the other provinces were sufficient to counter part of this decline to the extent that the aggregate for Canada was 40,500 lower than 1955. The unfavourable weather seems to have had a more deterring effect on the traffic entering Canada on travellers' vehicle permits than the non-permit or local classification.

Foreign non-permit or local entries advanced to a new record of 6,111,100 crossings during 1956, a gain of between 7 and 8 per cent. All provinces with the exception of Manitoba and Alberta recorded an increase in the volume of non-permit short-term traffic when compared with 1955.



Canadian Vehicles

Re-entries of vehicles registered in Canada were comprised of 1,346,600 units abroad more than 24 hours, 6,309,500 vehicles absent for 24 hours or less and 639,300 commercial vehicles. The number of Canadian vehicles returning from the United States after visits lasting more than 24 hours advanced between 8 and 9 per cent over 1955. The only decline appearing for this category during the year was in the month of May when the volume was 6 per cent lower than last year. Although traffic in all other months was heavier than in 1955, the trend was somewhat similar to that recorded in foreign entries. Heavier gains occurred in the months when an increase appeared in foreign entries.

On a quarterly basis the advance was heaviest in the first quarter similar to the trend in foreign entries on travellers' vehicle permits and lowest in the second quarter when the decline in foreign entries was heaviest. For the third and fourth quarters the increase over the previous year was 5 per cent and 9 per cent respectively.

Short-term Canadian traffic returning from the United States advanced nearly 15 per cent when compared with 1955. All provinces contributed to the gain in volume for this type of traffic with the exception of Manitoba where a decline of 5 per cent was recorded.

II. - HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS DECEMBER, 1956

The volume of traffic crossing the border between Canada and the United States was 13 per cent heavier in December than in the corresponding month of 1955. Aggregate crossings exceeded 1 million to a total of 1,121,300 vehicles as com-

pared with 990,700 in December 1955. The number of foreign vehicles entering Canada advanced 9 per cent and the number of Canadian vehicles returning was between 16 and 17 per cent heavier.

Foreign Vehicles

Entries of foreign vehicles numbered 505,800 as compared with 462,500 in December 1955 an increase of 43,300 crossings. Non-resident vehicles were comprised of 78,400 entries on travellers' vehicle permits, 390,100 non-permit or local entries and 37,300 commercial vehicles.

A new record for the month of December was established in the number of foreign vehicles entering Canada on travellers' vehicle permits. Entries totalled 78,400 an increase of 4,600 vehicles or 6 per cent over the previous year and 1.4

per cent over the previous record for the month established in 1953. All provinces recorded an increase over last year with the exception of British Columbia where a decrease of 10 per cent appeared.

Entries of non-permit or local traffic were 11 per cent heavier in December. All provinces shared in the increase for this type of traffic during the month with the exception of Alberta where fewer vehicles entered Canada without travellers' vehicle permits.

Canadian Vehicles

Re-entries of vehicles registered in Canada totalled 615,500 in December an increase of 87,300 crossings over the same month of 1955. Canadian vehicles returning were made up of 77,700 abroad more than 24 hours, 481,700 vehicles absent for 24 hours or less and 56,100 commercial vehicles.

The volume of long-term traffic abroad for more than 24 hours ad-

vanced nearly 21 per cent or 13,300 units when compared with the previous year.

Short-term traffic absent for 24 hours or less advanced 18 per cent in December or 73,500 crossings when compared with last year. All provinces contributed to the increase in volume of this type of traffic with the exception of Alberta where a small decline was recorded.

III. - TRAFFIC BY LONG DISTANCE COMMON CARRIER NOVEMBER, 1956

Travel between Canada and the United States by rail, through bus, boat and plane in November was 6 per cent lower than in the corresponding month of 1955. The number of foreign travellers entering Canada by these means of transportation declined between 10 and 11 per cent while the number of Canadians re-

turning from visits to the United States recorded a decrease of nearly 2 per cent. Cumulative crossings for the first eleven months show an increase of close to one per cent with foreign entries showing little change from the previous year while re-entries by residents of Canada advanced 1 per cent.

Foreign Travellers

Total entries of foreign travellers by the above mentioned means of transportation numbered 63,200 compared with 70,700 in November 1955 a decline of approximately 7,500 visits. A substantial decrease of 32 per cent in the number arriving by rail was sufficient to counter gains made by other types of transportation leaving the aggregate for all types more than 10 per cent under last year.

Cumulative data for the first eleven months show little change in aggregate entries by common carrier. Declines of 11 per cent in the number of arrivals by rail and 1 per cent in the number entering by bus almost eliminated an advance of 8 per cent in the number arriving by boat and 9 per cent in the number of arrivals by plane.

Canadian Travellers

Residents of Canada returning after visits to the United States numbered 81,300 in November compared with 82,600 in the same month of last year, a decline of 1,300 visits. Re-entries by plane advanced 17 per cent but all other types of transportation recorded a decrease. Declines of 5 per cent and 4 per cent appeared in the number of persons returning by rail and bus but re-entries by boat were 36 per cent lower.

Cumulative data for the first eleven months show a gain of 1 per cent in the number of re-entries by common carrier. Although returns by plane were between 19 and 20 per cent heavier than last year and re-entries by rail advanced 1 per cent, fewer Canadians returned from the United States by bus and boat. Data for bus and boat transportation show declines of 7 per cent and 8 per cent respectively.

STATEMENT BY PORTS OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

CALENDAR YEAR (1)

1956

Port of Entry	Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada			Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	Non-Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travellers' Vehicle Permits	Commercial Vehicles	Length of Stay Abroad		Commercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
Vehicles transported by boat direct from the United States* .....(2).....	65	12,052	415	411	2,460	292
			Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia			
			New Brunswick			
Andover	52,717	13,048	2,273	83,462	1,122	7,679
Beaconsfield	1,653	426	759	1,817	5	952
Belleville	1,107	460	312	3,180	72	895
Bloomfield	1,718	568	824	3,271	109	1,632
Campobello	2,421	281	555	6,868	190	3,111
Centreville	17,058	5,935	3,128	24,959	1,788	4,351
Clair	78,048	12,812	4,400	96,203	11,889	9,259
Edmundston	331,533	21,511	31,508	355,166	9,932	20,501
Fairhaven	218	342	-	487	36	15
Forest City	3,103	362	174	2,641	4	662
Fosterville	3,483	752	24	9,659	46	544
Four Falls	844	515	108	2,758	31	636
Gillespie	28,790	7,111	5,434	19,291	290	2,429
Grand Falls	23,538	3,994	1,745	36,660	381	3,614
Mars Hill Road	1,226	646	292	1,454	45	472
Milltown	68,632	2,287	3,916	108,513	2,439	7,769
River de Chute	2,284	1,293	200	3,489	77	538
St. Andrews	61	951	-	77	189	2
St. Croix	54,862	7,871	3,759	57,765	13,107	5,128
St. Leonard	161,388	20,481	11,483	151,824	7,443	13,048
St. Stephen	399,435	43,719	31,272	375,690	63,586	34,836
Union Corner	689	412	105	2,571	43	656
Union Mills	57,831	1,650	3,553	94,609	1,668	7,189
Upper Mills	3,845	40	576	4,497	183	817
Woodstock Road	89,444	15,179	3,480	168,426	10,231	10,826
Provincial Total	1,385,928	162,646	109,880	1,615,337	124,906	137,561

(1) Due to minor revisions data for the year do not in all cases equal the sum of monthly data previously published.

(2) 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.

CALENDAR YEAR 1956

Port of Entry	Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada			Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	Non-Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travellers' Vehicle Permits	Commercial Vehicles	Length of Stay Abroad		Commercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
			Quebec			
Abercom	33,574	11,949	4,751	39,870	2,754	6,010
Armstrong	1,706	30,260	1,853	9,474	23,597	9,894
Arnold Bog	277	1	111	376	289	2,392
Beebe	91,709	2,756	4,479	70,493	6,560	4,844
Blackpool	28,530	106,035	26,487	259,979	102,570	24,989
Chartierville	4,147	3,427	6,066	4,593	5,044	4,374
Clarenceville	1,252	1,751	284	8,165	407	320
Comins Mills	15,781	6,313	2,616	16,700	3,272	7,389
Covey Hill	3,070	832	483	6,082	242	636
Daaquam	3,011	395	1,328	4,886	3,005	9,038
Dundee	32,698	4,200	2,343	35,809	6,240	2,650
East Pinnacle	1,158	1,178	74	6,250	129	655
Estcourt	12,407	680	595	18,117	3,722	4,770
Franklin Centre	2,940	1,079	154	2,371	158	701
Frelighsburg	6,344	3,638	2,409	5,764	728	502
Glen Sutton	5,044	7,622	3,778	10,410	409	2,754
Hemmingford	20,678	3,786	2,753	30,392	1,895	2,776
Herdman	18,463	2,408	3,100	27,266	2,220	1,228
Hereford Road	13,982	2,574	2,232	11,855	996	3,489
Highwater	26,093	16,417	11,137	32,598	31,081	6,825
Jamieson's Line	3,571	347	666	3,041	409	602
Lac Frontière	1,364	90	474	3,741	1,876	9,151
Lacolle	25,703	34,636	7,798	115,764	33,501	10,571
Landry Siding	515	83	22	1,347	644	2,441
Leadville	418	123	15	1,291	23	161
Mansonville	684	27	71	885	49	79
Morses Line	1,384	2,615	1,393	2,299	238	558
Noyan	10,367	4,867	416	13,084	5,102	766
Philipsburg	9,015	67,627	6,361	53,085	44,864	7,063
Rivière Bleue	53	-	16	221	245	1,900
Rock Island	108,933	47,329	9,971	122,416	23,065	12,816
Ste Aurélie	2,064	351	1,436	4,321	5,396	8,769
St Cyprien	466	31	14	2,425	1,073	4,256
St Pamphile	5,677	205	4,890	11,362	2,231	6,757
St Zacharie	51	21	2	260	317	1,061
Stanhope	9,719	31,311	6,998	58,522	33,822	12,840
Trout River	32,278	15,759	1,623	78,538	18,073	3,151
Woburn	7,328	5,103	985	12,541	7,511	4,212
Provincial Total	542,454	417,826	120,184	1,086,593	373,757	183,390

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Port of Entry	Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada			Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	Non-Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travellers' Vehicle Permits	Commercial Vehicles	Length of Stay Abroad		Commercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
			Ontario			
Brockville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cornwall	62,254	26,085	6,618	120,136	13,158	9,716
Courtright	1,308	1,013	2	894	338	-
Fort Erie	1,158,512	349,226	47,746	405,854	83,245	34,760
Fort Frances	69,562	40,401	1,878	69,099	6,805	13,080
Kingston	392	2,366	26	607	575	68
Kingsville	-	162	-	-	4	-
Lansdowne	49,172	93,943	8,638	64,766	53,600	9,605
Leamington	-	178	-	-	5	-
Midland	-	14	-	-	-	-
Niagara Falls	779,619	322,707	17,692	1,015,945	114,250	24,121
Peelee Island	12	627	-	1	7	-
Pigeon River	23,530	25,364	1,774	16,096	15,424	957
Port Lambton	6,058	3,405	9	5,984	1,194	62
Prescott	18,890	16,339	578	40,891	9,151	1,060
Rainy River	3,973	2,319	12	11,306	104	29
Sarnia	171,690	167,357	23,103	182,860	47,093	7,337
Sault Ste. Marie	40,212	49,937	1,946	47,149	26,833	4,653
Sombra	6,619	2,834	49	4,871	1,270	446
Walpole Island	4,672	1,288	7	2,322	87	109
Windsor	1,519,488	379,795	46,864	770,750	105,729	126,941
Provincial Total	3,915,963	1,485,360	156,942	2,759,531	478,872	232,944

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Port of Entry	Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada			Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	Non-Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travellers' Vehicle Permits	Commercial Vehicles	Length of Stay Abroad		Commercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
			Manitoba			
Boissevain	4,706	6,950	1,228	6,614	12,330	859
Cartwright	1,923	1,159	147	1,797	365	54
Coulter	1,382	1,071	694	8,136	896	270
Crystal City	2,759	431	221	635	82	66
Emerson	24,326	26,653	4,719	45,099	47,319	15,766
Goodlands	882	262	79	4,783	445	210
Gretna	16,888	1,489	1,328	21,241	730	1,400
Haskett	3,293	645	108	9,286	559	645
Lena	2,220	761	234	6,754	445	110
Lyleton	1,037	270	274	3,336	182	74
Middlebro	986	1,905	2,385	7,258	225	2,886
North West Angle	503	1,140	1,847	34	8	-
Piney	2,533	849	600	5,203	848	3,295
Snowflake	1,490	242	3	3,426	148	1
South Junction	2,131	602	675	7,614	400	1,798
Tolstoi	2,053	528	298	2,546	766	496
Windygates	1,778	586	168	2,990	231	195
Provincial Total	70,890	45,543	15,008	136,752	65,979	28,125
			Saskatchewan			
Big Beaver	716	459	59	4,043	987	189
East Poplar River	675	492	123	2,430	725	272
Elmore	2,221	778	294	8,357	775	246
Estevan	4,251	1,222	405	6,469	1,131	427
Marienthal	1,457	780	508	4,017	441	221
Monchy	340	821	77	634	2,721	56
Northgate	4,917	2,399	922	7,702	1,403	569
North Portal	14,344	6,637	5,120	29,209	10,412	7,553
Oungre	405	2,158	219	2,321	2,041	219
Regway	1,710	3,680	533	6,631	5,781	1,952
Treelon	842	473	160	1,117	1,696	360
West Poplar River	340	776	13	1,198	1,341	50
Willow Creek	202	309	69	915	2,032	42
Provincial Total	32,420	20,984	8,502	75,043	31,486	12,156
			Alberta			
Aden	202	187	107	565	123	182
Carway	7,794	15,264	340	13,522	24,855	98
Chief Mountain	74	13,633	-	3,016	3,046	-
Coutts	21,835	17,186	7,741	45,486	34,927	12,412
Del Bonita	1,667	712	450	829	283	264
Wild Horse	497	934	135	1,149	1,816	182
Provincial Total	32,069	47,916	8,773	64,567	65,050	13,138

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Port of Entry	Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada			Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	Non-Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travellers' Vehicle Permits	Commercial Vehicles	Length of Stay Abroad		Commercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
British Columbia						
Aldergrove	8,270	16,166	3,846	31,075	9,562	1,811
Boundary Bay	13,739	1,174	1,055	83,398	4,747	1,266
Carson	7,095	1,791	438	4,316	182	69
Cascade City	4,648	3,693	457	27,279	1,809	2,169
Chopaka	192	393	24	742	158	24
Flathead	-	-	-	-	-	-
Huntingdon	23,607	24,348	2,813	70,996	8,668	3,466
Kingsgate	2,041	16,789	1,844	17,051	25,867	5,209
Midway	2,743	625	28	1,632	154	4
Nelway	2,069	4,148	461	6,639	3,706	986
Osoyoos	25,541	14,912	2,339	54,648	14,730	2,500
Pacific Highway	21,627	150,952	14,374	191,834	112,840	7,913
Paterson	4,491	6,006	685	47,835	4,938	3,083
Pleasant Camp	567	869	499	1,474	211	399
Port Alberni	-	-	-	-	-	-
Powell River	-	12	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert	-	175	-	-	-	-
Roosville	1,337	1,949	4	2,708	1,924	228
Rykerts	6,744	2,527	317	14,419	3,284	760
Skagit	146	14	558	109	51	277
Stewart	4,932	3	51	11,931	-	672
Vancouver	-	138	-	-	-	-
Victoria	-	35,899	-	630	10,596	-
Waneta	493	343	41	1,070	296	461
Provincial Total	130,282	282,926	29,834	569,786	203,723	31,297
Yukon Territory						
Carcross	-	19	-	-	-	-
Little Gold Creek	20	475	-	81	68	98
Snag Creek	975	8,697	1,385	1,414	319	257
Provincial Total	995	9,191	1,385	1,495	387	355
Dominion Total	6,111,066	2,484,444	450,923	6,309,515	1,346,620	639,258

TABLE 1. SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
CALENDAR YEARS
1955 and 1956

A - Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada

Province of Entry	Non-Permit Class Local Traffic		Travellers* Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Newfoundland .....	-	-	) 856	12,052	(-	-
Nova Scotia	-	65	)		( -	415
New Brunswick	1,169,151	1,385,928	165,808	162,646	94,989	109,880
Quebec	482,534	542,454	405,784	417,826	86,979	120,184
Ontario	3,758,160	3,915,963	1,549,942	1,485,360	133,779	156,942
Manitoba	72,591	70,890	46,723	45,543	12,717	15,008
Saskatchewan	31,956	32,420	18,910	20,984	6,541	8,502
Alberta	39,788	32,069	45,745	47,916	7,989	8,773
British Columbia	128,583	130,282	283,469	282,926	22,234	29,834
Yukon Territory	626	995	7,756	9,191	315	1,385
Total	5,683,389	6,111,066	2,524,993	2,484,444	365,543	450,923
Percentage Change		+ 7.5		- 1.6		+ 23.4

B - Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada

Province of Entry	Length of Stay Abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 hours or less		Over 24 hours			
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Nova Scotia	-	411	8	2,460	-	292
New Brunswick	1,367,434	1,615,337	97,935	124,906	124,443	137,561
Quebec	952,817	1,086,593	310,199	373,757	135,755	183,390
Ontario	2,367,938	2,759,531	480,086	478,872	223,384	232,944
Manitoba	144,013	136,752	67,869	65,979	25,081	28,125
Saskatchewan	65,055	75,043	32,040	31,486	10,217	12,156
Alberta	58,247	64,567	65,534	65,050	12,272	13,138
British Columbia	534,473	569,786	186,150	203,723	31,653	31,297
Yukon Territory	1,069	1,495	381	387	289	355
Total	5,491,046	6,309,515	1,240,202	1,346,620	563,094	639,258
Percentage Change		+ 14.9		+ 8.6		+ 13.5

STATEMENT BY PORTS OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

DECEMBER

1956

Port of Entry	Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada			Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	Non-Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travellers' Vehicle Permits	Commercial Vehicles	Length of Stay Abroad		Commercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
Vehicles transported by boat direct from the United States*	-	187	60	18	68	48
			Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia			
			New Brunswick			
Andover	2,905	497	174	6,321	147	587
Beaconsfield	158	26	63	173	2	51
Belleville	85	21	24	291	9	104
Bloomfield	103	25	60	269	13	101
Campobello	115	4	40	594	24	320
Centreville	1,350	340	157	2,080	214	284
Clair	8,389	633	419	7,843	792	855
Edmundston	29,686	1,202	3,286	31,162	1,105	2,109
Fairhaven	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forest City	145	7	22	192	4	59
Fosterville	124	13	4	562	9	42
Four Falls	36	16	13	180	6	46
Gillespie	2,576	332	62	1,866	25	95
Grand Falls	1,539	274	125	2,433	62	261
Mars Hill Road	90	33	22	119	2	24
Milltown	7,051	93	389	10,780	268	736
River de Chute	185	42	27	327	2	62
St. Andrews	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Croix	4,659	180	262	5,193	688	439
St. Leonard	14,708	963	1,091	13,805	589	1,419
St. Stephen	34,205	742	2,515	31,710	4,692	2,699
Union Corner	44	20	15	204	7	58
Union Mills	5,190	18	252	8,343	174	554
Upper Mills	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woodstock Road	7,229	694	284	14,015	673	960
Provincial Total	120,572	6,175	9,306	138,462	9,507	11,865

* 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.

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Port of Entry	Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada.			Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	Non-Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travellers' Vehicle Permits	Commercial Vehicles	Length of Stay Abroad		Commercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
			Quebec			
Abercorn	2,352	789	360	2,469	163	369
Armstrong	75	550	129	552	1,947	1,209
Arnold Bog	29	-	13	75	70	494
Beebe	6,938	270	291	5,308	436	322
Blackpool	3,513	4,376	2,106	9,204	2,987	1,962
Chartierville	143	58	340	263	189	56
Clarenceville	68	77	27	421	13	22
Comins Mills	1,422	190	252	1,413	283	411
Covey Hill	190	43	26	303	4	31
Daaquam	213	24	206	282	212	1,035
Dundee	1,615	192	71	2,240	288	191
East Pinnacle	77	48	4	401	11	37
Estcourt	819	36	46	1,187	384	489
Franklin Centre	215	63	7	155	11	25
Frelighsburg	487	177	164	366	23	50
Glen Sutton	397	359	233	743	22	226
Hemmingford	1,934	175	211	2,420	80	207
Herdman	1,218	134	98	2,019	111	71
Hereford Road	939	87	84	896	86	204
Highwater	1,552	687	722	2,017	627	603
Jamieson's Line	197	20	49	195	30	38
Lac Frontière	133	2	171	434	250	2,782
Lacolle	2,217	1,500	566	5,872	1,163	1,021
Landry Siding	23	7	3	149	91	655
Leadville	17	-	3	84	-	5
Mansonville	15	1	14	58	6	8
Morses Line	67	152	72	155	8	16
Noyan	663	170	45	666	98	43
Philipsburg	605	2,845	677	2,484	1,348	676
Rivière Bleue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rock Island	8,567	1,810	1,066	8,686	1,151	1,550
Ste Aurélie	134	40	77	374	439	625
St Cyprien	3	-	-	57	38	11
St Pamphile	693	11	619	1,932	413	1,501
St Zacharie	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stanhope	385	1,368	631	4,909	2,069	1,326
Trout River	2,234	697	108	5,092	829	259
Woburn	454	184	157	608	767	731
Provincial Total	40,603	17,142	9,648	64,489	16,647	19,261

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Port of Entry	Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada			Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	Non-Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travellers' Vehicle Permits	Commercial Vehicles	Length of Stay Abroad		Commercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
			Ontario			
Brockville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cornwall	4,123	889	439	7,595	356	830
Courtright	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fort Erie	30,861	10,470	3,507	41,821	5,439	3,665
Fort Frances	5,013	166	155	5,573	316	856
Kingston	-	5	-	2	-	-
Kingsville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lansdowne	1,766	1,004	663	2,889	2,111	693
Leamington	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niagara Falls	46,871	6,596	1,435	87,492	6,923	1,803
Pelee Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pigeon River	450	200	172	505	615	82
Port Lambton	433	153	-	339	84	4
Prescott	1,240	413	47	2,875	333	73
Rainy River	1,197	35	-	2,921	1	-
Sarnia	11,128	5,921	2,063	13,595	2,522	399
Sault Ste. Marie	2,397	353	119	2,886	1,020	388
Sombra	385	185	1	389	123	18
Walpole Island	209	60	2	198	6	12
Windsor	105,058	13,886	4,731	63,189	16,712	9,903
Provincial Total	211,121	40,336	13,334	232,269	36,561	18,726

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Port of Entry	Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada			Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	Non-Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travellers' Vehicle Permits	Commercial Vehicles	Length of Stay Abroad		Commercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
			Manitoba			
Boissevain	54	102	66	167	263	36
Cartwright	92	13	14	146	20	-
Coulter	58	38	27	570	47	6
Crystal City	180	13	14	36	2	1
Emerson	1,881	957	478	2,571	1,752	1,218
Goodlands	66	7	4	303	20	3
Gretna	1,308	272	132	1,560	53	111
Haskett	208	31	17	808	46	163
Lena	103	27	12	412	11	7
Lyleton	75	16	14	277	25	1
Middlebro	92	200	214	597	18	213
North West Angle	124	109	169	5	3	-
Piney	93	36	53	290	41	285
Snowflake	115	7	-	356	11	-
South Junction	113	16	102	586	31	289
Tolstoi	162	21	37	176	55	42
Windygates	121	29	32	181	6	38
Provincial Total	4,845	1,894	1,385	9,041	2,404	2,413
			Saskatchewan			
Big Beaver	42	14	3	248	51	-
East Poplar River	35	16	-	176	35	14
Elmore	56	81	1	369	51	7
Estevan	337	80	101	570	65	32
Marienthal	126	26	18	358	42	19
Monchy	23	24	16	24	98	2
Northgate	281	64	83	555	71	58
North Portal	777	144	482	2,318	468	623
Oungre	21	60	7	156	78	6
Regway	76	123	21	462	178	121
Treelon	77	10	10	68	121	26
West Poplar River	16	40	1	86	31	2
Willow Creek	8	10	-	63	90	1
Provincial Total	1,875	692	743	5,453	1,379	911
			Alberta			
Aden	11	22	7	35	14	11
Carway	420	66	5	944	361	6
Chief Mountain	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coutts	1,243	747	531	2,346	1,826	853
Del Bonita	196	75	13	64	36	14
Wild Horse	25	24	14	79	46	8
Provincial Total	1,895	934	570	3,468	2,283	892

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Port of Entry	Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada			Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	Non-Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travellers' Vehicle Permits	Commercial Vehicles	Length of Stay Abroad		Commercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
			British Columbia			
Aldergrove	568	656	210	1,647	541	84
Boundary Bay	969	86	49	2,254	41	57
Carson	520	128	39	294	5	-
Cascade City	219	117	44	1,207	64	146
Chopaka	33	31	7	60	12	2
Flathead	-	-	-	-	-	-
Huntingdon	1,953	891	174	5,222	429	164
Kingsgate	138	258	114	790	773	340
Midway	227	19	3	116	4	-
Nelway	191	117	26	366	181	59
Osoyoos	1,612	226	299	2,908	332	181
Pacific Highway	1,629	7,328	1,152	9,922	5,838	639
Paterson	222	260	32	1,741	239	155
Pleasant Camp	-	19	-	-	-	-
Port Alberni	-	-	-	-	-	-
Powell River	-	1	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert	-	10	-	-	-	-
Roosville	48	45	-	190	33	5
Rykerts	453	68	28	977	133	49
Skagit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stewart	318	-	1	674	-	65
Vancouver	-	1	-	-	-	-
Victoria	-	296	-	4	224	-
Waneta	52	15	5	39	8	-
Provincial Total	9,152	10,572	2,183	28,411	8,857	1,946
			Yukon Territory			
Carcross	-	1	-	-	-	-
Little Gold Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snag Creek	43	468	42	100	1	9
Provincial Total	43	469	42	100	1	9
Dominion Total	390,116	78,401	37,271	481,711	77,707	56,071

TABLE 2. SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

DECEMBER

1955 and 1956

A - Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada

Province of Entry	Non-Permit Class Local Traffic		Travellers' Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Newfoundland .....	-	-	) 73	187	(-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	)		( -	60
New Brunswick	99,160	120,572	5,507	6,175	8,566	9,306
Quebec	35,128	40,603	14,737	17,142	8,729	9,648
Ontario	200,061	211,131	38,996	40,336	15,826	13,334
Manitoba	4,205	4,845	1,272	1,894	1,301	1,385
Saskatchewan	1,585	1,875	348	692	674	743
Alberta	2,007	1,895	687	934	557	570
British Columbia	9,065	9,152	11,729	10,572	1,819	2,183
Yukon Territory	30	43	443	469	11	42
Total	351,241	390,116	73,792	78,401	37,483	37,271
<i>Percentage Change</i>		+ 11.1		+ 6.2		- 0.6

B - Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada

Province of Entry	Length of Stay Abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 hours or less		Over 24 hours			
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Nova Scotia	-	18	3	68	-	48
New Brunswick	116,580	138,462	8,367	9,507	11,510	11,865
Quebec	56,838	64,489	14,866	16,647	19,269	19,261
Ontario	194,396	232,269	28,751	36,561	18,683	18,726
Manitoba	7,111	9,041	1,539	2,404	2,400	2,413
Saskatchewan	3,940	5,453	858	1,379	759	911
Alberta	3,655	3,468	2,131	2,283	835	892
British Columbia	25,601	28,411	7,862	8,857	2,213	1,946
Yukon Territory	68	100	3	1	-	9
Total	408,189	481,711	64,380	77,707	55,669	56,071
<i>Percentage Change</i>		+ 18.0		+ 20.7		+ 0.7

TABLE 3. FOREIGN TRAVELLERS ENTERING CANADA FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE,
BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, NOVEMBER 1955 AND NOVEMBER 1956

Province of Entry	Rail ¹		Bus ²		Boat		Plane ³	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	-	44	(	204
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-	)	-	(	43
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-)	-	-	-
New Brunswick	504	582	131	272	331	167	420	456
Quebec	7,247	6,494	1,464	1,287	13	-	5,359	5,896
Ontario	22,500	12,289	11,256	11,000	922	1,384	7,795	9,972
Manitoba	901	832	307	219	-	-	745	757
Saskatchewan	112	71	6	-	-	-	46	73
Alberta	130	130	101	89	-	-	693	1,078
British Columbia	3,091	3,097	1,711	2,313	1,747	1,467	2,107	2,237
Yukon Territory	189	206	5	-	-	-	591	488
Total	34,674	23,701	14,981	15,180	3,038	3,062	18,016	21,204

TABLE 4. CANADIAN TRAVELLERS RETURNING FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE,
BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, NOVEMBER 1955 AND NOVEMBER 1956

Province of Entry	Rail		Bus ⁴		Boat		Plane	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	-	13	(	87
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-	)	-	(	39
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-)	-	-	-
New Brunswick	903	931	691	678	2,109	1,439	381	513
Quebec	9,934	8,834	2,828	3,052	2	1	6,508	7,382
Ontario	14,621	14,337	14,698	13,259	296	267	9,631	11,846
Manitoba	1,601	1,459	1,312	1,514	-	-	460	432
Saskatchewan	229	140	44	16	-	-	32	70
Alberta	-	-	239	232	-	-	352	465
British Columbia	5,260	5,161	4,831	4,840	3,200	1,832	2,275	2,359
Yukon Territory	9	34	3	-	-	-	32	20
Total	32,557	30,896	24,646	23,591	5,620	3,552	19,833	23,213

Travellers by rail and bus destined to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island enter Canada through ports in other provinces and are recorded in the latter.

TABLE 5. CUMULATIVE SUMMARY OF FOREIGN TRAVELLERS ENTERING CANADA FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE, BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, JANUARY - NOVEMBER 1955 AND JANUARY - NOVEMBER 1956

Province of Entry	Rail ¹		Bus ²		Boat		Plane ³	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	-	806	(2,349	2,354
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,571	4,197
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	116	60
New Brunswick	12,617	11,362	9,809	7,785	5,403	3,304	6,228	5,696
Quebec	119,312	111,050	45,523	49,185	4,773	3,750	71,980	75,362
Ontario	198,396	168,652	230,926	225,112	242,956	243,423	110,573	126,454
Manitoba	21,500	19,320	6,364	6,273	-	-	11,163	11,553
Saskatchewan	11,057	9,214	877	641	-	-	1,443	1,682
Alberta	1,436	1,450	3,119	2,995	-	-	12,551	12,667
British Columbia	43,881	39,800	30,128	32,656	113,286	145,214	39,502	44,095
Yukon Territory	6,703	9,689	263	432	-	2	9,992	10,450
Total	414,902	370,537	327,009	325,079	367,311	396,499	269,468	294,570

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TABLE 6. CUMULATIVE SUMMARY OF CANADIAN TRAVELLERS RETURNING FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT, AND PLANE, BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, JANUARY - NOVEMBER 1955 AND JANUARY - NOVEMBER 1956

Province of Entry	Rail		Bus ⁴		Boat		Plane	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	-	283	(647	827
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,044	2,698
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	49	94
New Brunswick	12,193	13,106	13,121	11,813	30,808	19,534	4,670	4,703
Quebec	141,252	143,644	73,147	74,732	2,892	1,865	71,876	85,009
Ontario	198,233	204,831	250,483	214,090	45,104	45,865	112,780	137,945
Manitoba	20,805	20,363	24,143	27,043	-	-	5,762	6,250
Saskatchewan	4,712	3,918	840	866	-	-	394	552
Alberta	2	-	4,836	4,976	-	-	5,108	4,845
British Columbia	65,433	60,367	75,603	79,769	26,735	30,050	30,996	37,038
Yukon Territory	773	1,351	56	126	4	23	570	622
Total	443,403	447,580	442,229	413,415	105,843	97,620	234,896	280,583

1. After deducting intransit passengers travelling across Southern Ontario. 2. Exclusive of local bus traffic between border communities, but including intransit traffic. 3. Yukon passengers are practically all intransit to and from Alaska. 4. Exclusive of local bus traffic between border communities.

CLASSIFICATIONS USED IN THIS REPORT

"Commercial Vehicles" are trucks used for commercial purposes.

Highway Traffic not classified as commercial vehicles consists of automobiles, taxis, motorcycles and bicycles.

Foreign Vehicles Inward

Non-Permit Class consists of local vehicles which do not require Customs permits. They are restricted to travel within the jurisdiction of the port and may not remain in Canada more than 48 hours. Also included are the repeat trips of commuters and others who cross the border frequently on commuting permits. (See below).

Travellers' vehicle permits are issued to foreign vehicles which remain in Canada longer than 48 hours or which travel beyond the jurisdiction of the port of entry. These permits are usually valid for periods of 60 days or 6 months, but more than 50 per cent of all permits issued each year are used for visits of less than 48 hours. A motorist who intends to leave the country at a point other than that of entry must apply for a traveller's vehicle permit.

Included in this class are commuting permits which entitle the holders to cross the border frequently during the tenure of their permits. Repeat trips after the first, however, are included in the non-permit class, as mentioned above.

Canadian Vehicles Inward

Canadian vehicles returning to Canada are classified by length of stay, depending upon whether they are abroad for more or less than 24 hours.

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