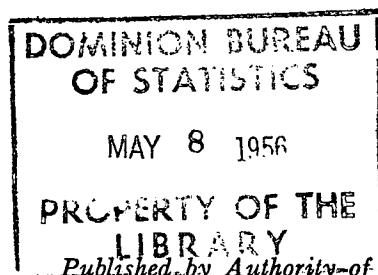




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Travel Between Canada and the United States

March, 1956

1. Highway Traffic - March, 1956

Close to one million vehicles crossed the international border into Canada from the United States during the month of March. This represents an increase in the volume of traffic of between 32 and 33 per cent when compared with the same month of last year. Aggregate crossings amounted to 979,300 as against 739,300 in March 1955 and were made up of 442,600 foreign vehicles and 536,700 units registered in Canada. Foreign vehicles entering Canada showed an increase of 21 per cent and Canadian vehicles re-entering an increase of nearly 44 per cent.

Foreign Vehicles

Entries of foreign vehicles recorded an increase of 76,700 units when compared with the same month of the previous year. Non-resident traffic was comprised of 75,800 units entering on travellers' vehicle permits, 329,000 non-permit or local entries and 37,800 commercial vehicles.

The volume of traffic entering Canada on travellers' vehicle permits reached an all time record for the month of March. The new record represents an increase of 13 per cent over the corresponding month of 1955 and 6 per cent over the previous high established in 1953. Cumulative entries for the first quarter advanced nearly 6 percent, due to gains reported for Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces. Severe storms in the first two months of the year curtailed travel in the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia and, no doubt, contributed to the decline in the volume of traffic recorded for the first quarter in the western provinces.

Entries of non-permit or local traffic advanced some 59,900 vehicles in March and 167,800 or between 21 and 22 per cent for the first quarter. The number of commercial vehicles entering Canada during the first quarter was also substantially higher than the same period of 1955.

Canadian Vehicles

Re-entries of vehicles registered in Canada show an increase of 163,300 in March or nearly 44 per cent in comparison with the same month of 1955. Aggregate re-entries were made up of 56,800 vehicles abroad more than 24 hours, 427,900 units abroad for 24 hours or less and 52,000 commercial vehicles.

The volume of long term Canadian traffic abroad over 24 hours increased approximately 61 per cent in March as compared with the same month of 1955. Substantial increases were reported for all provinces. Cumulative data for the first quarter show a gain of over 52 per cent in comparison with last year.

Short-term traffic abroad 24 hours or less advanced over 42 per cent in March and 33 per cent for the first quarter when compared with 1955.

11. Traffic by Long Distance Common Carrier - February, 1956.

Traffic by rail, through bus, boat and plane advanced 7 per cent in February when compared with the same month of last year. The number of foreign travellers entering Canada by these means of transportation increased over 8 per cent and the number of Canadian travellers returning from the United States was 6 per cent heavier.

Foreign Travellers

Although the number of foreign travellers entering Canada by rail was practically unchanged from the previous year, substantial gains were recorded in the number arriving by other types of transportation recorded above. The increase in the number arriving by boat amounted to 27 per cent and gains of 18 per cent and 12 per cent were recorded for arrivals by plane and bus respectively. Aggregate entries by common carrier amounted to 55,200 compared with 51,000 in 1955. Cumulative entries for the first two months show a decline of 9 per cent in bus traffic and gains for all other types of transportation.

Canadian Travellers

The number of Canadian residents returning to Canada by the above means of transportation amounted to 76,300 in February, compared with 71,900 in the same month of 1955. There was an increase of over 30 per cent in the number returning by plane and re-entries by boat and rail were 19 per cent and 9 per cent heavier. The number returning by bus was 17 per cent lower than in February 1955.

Cumulative data for the first two months show that the volume of re-entries by common carrier has remained fairly stable in the aggregate. Declines of 18 per cent in the number returning by bus and 9 per cent in re-entries by boat were countered by gains of 5 per cent in travel by rail and 24 per cent in the number returning by plane. The increase in the aggregate re-entries for the first two months was less than 2 per cent.

STATEMENT BY PORTS OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

MARCH

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*	-	177	13	14	28	19
			Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia			
Andover	2,791	436	130	5,945	29	620
Beaconsfield	116	13	63	116	-	93
Belleville	94	47	31	243	3	77
Bloomfield	98	21	95	221	8	90
Campobello	58	2	32	418	14	185
Centreville	1,016	218	225	1,703	90	565
Clair	5,015	585	278	7,371	439	639
Edmundston	19,844	1,109	2,413	19,765	481	1,398
Fairhaven	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forest City	86	7	24	171	-	78
Fosterville	145	6	1	450	-	84
Four Falls	76	30	51	223	-	51
Gillespie	1,122	283	108	997	8	308
Grand Falls	1,741	202	123	2,677	23	356
Mars Hill Road	92	22	30	132	4	48
Milltown	3,929	35	284	5,691	46	510
River de Chute	110	25	13	190	1	35
St. Andrews	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Croix	2,317	151	201	2,407	373	282
St. Leonard	9,379	843	708	9,126	235	852
St. Stephen	30,193	406	2,482	28,865	2,247	2,586
Union Corner	57	22	15	159	-	68
Union Mills	2,586	10	179	4,823	5	428
Upper Mills	358	4	102	460	12	155
Woodstock Road	4,097	534	243	9,718	336	966
Provincial Total	85,320	5,011	7,831	101,871	4,354	10,474

* 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.

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	2,631	551	473	2,623	162	375
Armstrong	195	408	112	443	926	1,171
Arnold Bog	7	1	6	12	-	29
Beebe	4,958	76	299	3,898	144	341
Blackpool	1,303	3,465	2,103	9,260	5,016	2,150
Chartierville	124	45	41	184	226	57
Clarenceville	55	48	24	306	4	33
Comins Mills	736	109	126	992	77	418
Covey Hill	145	16	57	329	4	74
Daaquam	133	6	52	336	65	838
Dundee	1,721	121	107	1,994	309	175
East Pinnacle	66	37	11	309	6	40
Estcourt	839	26	61	1,152	90	376
Franklin Centre	144	39	24	210	3	18
Frelighsburg	256	170	183	270	21	37
Glen Sutton	246	395	416	732	10	239
Hemmingford	1,467	99	242	2,006	53	276
Herdman	794	57	101	1,312	16	95
Hereford Road	824	51	338	739	28	335
Highwater	1,565	710	978	1,775	460	596
Jamieson's Line	197	18	69	182	-	39
Lac Frontière	38	5	1	94	29	536
Lacolle	1,730	1,151	594	5,384	898	745
Landry Siding	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leadville	12	1	1	64	-	10
Mansonville	38	-	5	56	3	3
Morses Line	105	134	51	155	14	51
Noyan	497	223	38	524	48	61
Philipsburg	597	2,702	618	2,814	1,080	774
Rivière Bleue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rock Island	7,286	1,290	642	7,789	844	985
Ste Aurélie	188	31	78	415	293	889
St Cyprien	8	-	3	138	113	325
St Pamphile	329	9	606	648	106	847
St Zacharie	24	1	-	24	53	21
Stanhope	707	1,075	650	3,296	1,804	970
Trout River	1,537	532	136	4,664	594	246
Woburn	416	126	51	553	251	317
Provincial Total:	31,918	13,728	9,297	55,682	13,750	14,492

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	3,550	851	549	7,071	350	726
Courtright	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fort Erie	32,327	12,087	5,153	34,990	6,213	2,600
Fort Frances	5,117	178	181	5,849	166	988
Kingston	-	4	-	-	-	-
Kingsville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lansdowne	1,472	849	560	2,801	1,905	614
Leamington	-	1	-	-	-	-
Midland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niagara Falls	44,638	7,030	1,545	79,248	6,729	2,057
Pele Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pigeon River	437	256	275	1,154	652	105
Port Lambton	40	28	-	52	21	1
Prescott	1,019	305	21	2,796	255	91
Rainy River	591	23	5	1,882	1	2
Sarnia	11,452	5,213	1,491	14,124	1,730	608
Sault Ste. Marie	1,751	370	103	2,797	954	365
Sombra	289	123	5	328	84	34
Walpole Island	16	3	-	77	2	-
Windsor	92,297	12,948	5,940	61,430	6,348	11,373
Provincial Total	194,996	40,269	15,828	214,599	25,410	19,564

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	44	66	157	242	213	42
Cartwright	76	5	10	61	5	2
Coulter	35	41	180	487	24	36
Crystal City	88	10	21	23	-	9
Emerson	1,532	633	433	2,319	1,627	1,469
Goodlands	49	5	16	233	13	35
Gretna	998	32	208	1,143	22	211
Haskett	40	6	15	262	5	28
Lena	79	5	28	339	13	5
Lyleton	34	9	24	138	1	17
Middlebro	82	370	205	454	11	495
North West Angle	24	368	209	5	-	-
Piney	76	22	19	387	69	348
Snowflake	15	-	-	100	-	-
South Junction	50	23	21	507	12	257
Tolstoi	109	10	20	111	18	14
Windygates	22	1	10	32	-	27
Provincial Total	3,353	1,606	1,576	6,843	2,033	2,995
Saskatchewan						
Big Beaver	36	9	15	252	16	23
East Poplar River	34	12	5	141	19	72
Elmore	83	3	44	213	10	30
Estevan	181	50	5	455	24	30
Marienthal	101	5	35	231	9	6
Monchy	28	12	17	16	56	6
Northgate	250	21	96	412	29	39
North Portal	761	93	375	1,906	442	648
Oungre	11	48	6	163	64	27
Regway	116	107	54	443	199	278
Treelon	30	14	5	45	47	9
West Poplar River	21	10	1	40	23	15
Willow Creek	1	1	-	23	17	-
Provincial Total	1,653	385	658	4,340	955	1,183
Alberta						
Aden	9	10	3	25	2	4
Carway	301	78	24	439	107	2
Chief Mountain	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coutts	1,917	848	662	3,732	1,863	1,021
Del Bonita	91	34	24	71	23	10
Wild Horse	27	10	6	40	20	7
Provincial Total	2,345	980	719	4,307	2,015	1,044

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	682	914	223	2,613	503	247
Boundary Bay	1,021	77	119	4,033	31	101
Carson	552	75	46	449	5	9
Cascade City	395	83	21	1,168	56	134
Chopaka	9	19	4	62	7	-
Flathead	-	-	-	-	-	-
Huntingdon	1,803	1,001	198	5,986	424	214
Kingsgate	135	221	107	888	940	290
Midway	246	18	-	138	16	1
Nelway	168	101	37	418	130	75
Osoyoos	1,551	307	95	3,183	323	140
Pacific Highway	1,714	9,753	937	16,694	5,178	558
Paterson	292	536	36	2,463	230	225
Pleasant Camp	18	-	35	65	6	2
Port Alberni	-	-	-	-	-	-
Powell River	-	2	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert	-	9	-	-	-	-
Roosville	56	24	-	199	38	19
Rykers	374	73	47	837	138	28
Skagit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stewart	306	-	-	830	-	107
Vancouver	-	3	-	-	-	-
Victoria	-	222	-	12	231	-
Waneta	28	13	-	87	22	88
Provincial Total	9,350	13,451	1,905	40,125	8,278	2,238
Yukon Territory						
Carcross	-	-	-	-	-	-
Little Gold Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snag Creek	54	216	12	88	8	7
Provincial Total	54	216	12	88	8	7
Dominion Total	328,989	75,823	37,839	427,869	56,831	52,016

TABLE 1. SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

MARCH
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	(177	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	((-	13
New Brunswick	65,605	85,320	4,137	5,011	6,049	7,831
Quebec	18,206	31,918	10,408	13,728	6,278	9,297
Ontario	170,738	194,996	37,833	40,269	13,212	15,828
Manitoba	3,103	3,353	1,709	1,606	1,207	1,576
Saskatchewan	1,429	1,653	381	385	467	658
Alberta	1,517	2,345	921	980	532	719
British Columbia	8,427	9,350	11,395	13,451	1,913	1,905
Yukon Territory	63	54	214	216	72	12
Total	269,088	328,989	67,071	75,823	29,730	37,839
<i>Percentage Change</i>		+ 22.3		+ 13.0		+ 27.3

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	-	14	-	28	-	19
New Brunswick	78,827	101,871	1,206	4,354	6,946	10,474
Quebec	30,723	55,682	4,479	13,750	8,304	14,492
Ontario	151,557	214,599	19,988	25,410	16,654	19,564
Manitoba	6,077	6,843	1,573	2,033	1,710	2,995
Saskatchewan	2,875	4,340	924	955	706	1,183
Alberta	1,308	4,307	1,086	2,015	448	1,044
British Columbia	29,394	40,125	5,933	8,278	2,606	2,238
Yukon Territory	34	88	8	8	5	7
Total	300,795	427,869	35,197	56,831	37,379	52,016
<i>Percentage Change</i>		+ 42.2		+ 61.5		+ 39.2

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

JANUARY - MARCH
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	-	-	(158	(421	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	(158	(421	-	66
New Brunswick	197,541	254,017	12,184	12,954	20,335	24,206
Quebec	55,065	95,787	32,587	36,735	17,454	26,570
Ontario	488,663	552,597	91,410	97,759	37,102	45,227
Manitoba	9,940	10,782	5,138	4,458	4,924	7,553
Saskatchewan	3,832	4,829	1,049	983	1,281	2,057
Alberta	3,637	6,295	2,196	2,145	1,300	1,944
British Columbia	23,102	25,275	31,478	31,032	5,420	5,658
Yukon Territory	116	156	654	587	140	238
Total	781,896	949,738	176,854	187,074	87,956	113,519
<i>Percentage Change</i>		+ 21.5		+ 5.8		+ 29.1

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	-	30	-	114	-	47
New Brunswick	234,443	296,170	3,161	13,861	21,563	31,998
Quebec	94,478	156,937	13,127	36,731	31,029	62,642
Ontario	433,498	579,827	52,210	59,650	46,552	55,066
Manitoba	17,959	18,739	4,043	4,804	5,305	9,694
Saskatchewan	8,816	10,610	2,279	2,109	1,864	2,817
Alberta	4,063	11,851	2,806	4,710	1,354	3,014
British Columbia	82,359	91,613	15,592	19,980	6,751	6,695
Yukon Territory	91	220	19	14	7	27
Total	875,707	1,165,997	93,237	141,973	114,425	172,000
<i>Percentage Change</i>		+ 33.1		+ 52.3		+ 50.3

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

Province of Entry	Rail ¹		Bus ²		Boat		Plane ³	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	(34	(18	156	171
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	131	92
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-
New Brunswick	579	604	130	258	239	279	296	241
Quebec	9,373	10,352	1,610	1,566	-	-	4,333	4,936
Ontario	11,285	10,205	6,943	8,105	-	-	5,036	7,084
Manitoba	987	1,087	225	233	-	-	619	748
Saskatchewan	138	42	2	4	-	-	19	62
Alberta	121	125	78	92	-	-	754	533
British Columbia	2,507	2,618	1,825	1,803	860	1,149	1,991	2,055
Yukon Territory	134	117	-	-	-	-	601	571
Total	25,124	25,150	10,813	12,061	1,133	1,446	13,951	16,493

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

Province of Entry	Rail		Bus ⁴		Boat		Plane	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	(23	(9	59	39
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	68	105
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	646	804	557	298	1,718	1,305	277	290
Quebec	9,693	11,014	2,412	2,738	-	-	5,380	7,026
Ontario	13,585	14,789	14,966	10,476	-	-	7,942	10,744
Manitoba	1,381	1,580	869	1,006	-	-	483	730
Saskatchewan	263	170	47	93	-	-	35	20
Alberta	-	-	247	302	-	-	329	242
British Columbia	3,773	3,484	3,799	4,110	919	1,862	2,405	3,017
Yukon Territory	11	7	-	-	-	-	23	32
Total	29,352	31,848	22,897	19,023	2,660	3,176	17,001	22,245

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 - FEBRUARY 1955 AND JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1956

Province of Entry	Rail ¹		Bus ²		Boat		Plane ³	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	((245	294
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	56	(318	168
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	1
New Brunswick	1,208	1,325	388	634	478	558	509	480
Quebec	18,371	19,349	2,708	2,783	-	-	8,935	9,924
Ontario	24,378	23,918	16,031	13,915	-	-	10,605	14,317
Manitoba	1,854	1,905	459	423	-	-	1,386	1,607
Saskatchewan	320	103	13	11	-	-	52	104
Alberta	251	255	239	215	-	-	1,647	1,153
British Columbia	4,865	4,719	3,873	3,572	1,750	2,245	3,693	4,211
Yukon Territory	-	294	-	-	-	-	1,369	1,180
Total	51,541	51,883	23,711	21,553	2,284	2,841	28,774	33,439

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

Province of Entry	Rail		Bus ⁴		Boat		Plane	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	((88	77
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	32	(206	198
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	1
New Brunswick	1,696	2,078	1,185	899	4,047	2,713	673	545
Quebec	22,752	25,605	5,047	5,811	-	-	11,538	14,381
Ontario	30,722	31,944	31,039	20,601	8	-	18,023	22,437
Manitoba	2,911	3,233	2,104	2,132	-	-	936	1,383
Saskatchewan	566	356	76	122	-	-	65	39
Alberta	2	-	485	683	-	-	737	603
British Columbia	8,516	7,396	8,328	9,049	2,347	3,080	4,823	6,388
Yukon Territory	19	29	-	5	-	-	55	77
Total	67,184	70,641	48,264	39,302	6,434	5,828	37,160	46,129

¹. After deducting intratranst passengers travelling across Southern Ontario.
². Exclusive of local bus traffic between border communities, but including intransit traffic.

³. Yukon passengers are practically all intratranst to and from Alaska.



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