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Travel Between Canada and the United States

September, 1956

1. Highway Traffic-September, 1956

The volume of highway traffic crossing the border between Canada and the United States was 7 per cent heavier in September than in the same month of 1955. Total crossings into Canada numbered 1,713,700 as compared with 1,603,300 in September of last year, a gain of approximately 110,400 vehicles. Aggregate crossings were made up of 933,800 foreign vehicles and 779,900 vehicles registered in Canada. There was an increase of between 5 and 6 percent in the number of foreign vehicles entering Canada and close to 9 percent in the number of Canadian vehicles returning.

Foreign Vehicles

Entries of foreign vehicles advanced some 48,900 units when compared with the same month of 1955. Non-resident traffic was made up of 295,900 entries on travellers' vehicle permits, 601,800 non-permit or local entries and 36,100 commercial vehicles.

The decrease in the number of foregin vehicles entering the provinces of Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia was sufficient to counter the gains made in other provinces, leaving the aggregate for Canada some 4 percent lower than September 1955. The months of August and September taken as a unit show little change from last year, the decline amounting to 1,900 or 0.2 percent. Cumulative entries for the first nine months of 1956 were 2 percent lower than the same period of 1955, the decrease amounting to 52,700 vehicles. The substantial increase appearing in the number of entries direct by vessel to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland is accounted for chiefly by the number of vehicles entering at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, on the ferry service from Bar Harbour, Maine.

Non-permit or local traffic advanced 10 percent in September and the cumulative figure was 7 percent higher than last year. Entries of commercial vehicles advanced 20 percent in September and 25 percent in the first nine months.

Canadian Vehicles

Re-entries of vehicles registered in Canada were 9 percent heavier when compared with the same month of 1955. Canadian vehicles returning were comprised of 152,300 units abroad more than 24 hours, 576,300 vehicles abroad for 24 hours or less and 51,300 commercial vehicles.

The volume of long-term Canadian traffic abroad more than 24 hours advanced 4 percent in September. Gains and declines were unevenly distributed throughout the different regions. Cumulative data for the first nine months recorded a gain of between 8 and 9 percent when compared with the same period of last year.

Short-term traffic abroad 24 hours or less advanced 11 percent in September and 15 percent for the first nine months. Re-entries of commercial vehicles were practically unchanged from September 1955 but the cumulative period was 16 percent higher than last year.

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

Traffic by rail, through bus, boat and plane advanced 6 percent when compared with the same month of 1955. The number of foreign visitors entering Canada by these means of transportation increased 3 percent and the number of Canadians returning from visits to the United States was 11 percent heavier.

Foreign Travellers

The number of non-residents entering Canada by common carrier advanced from 280,500 entries in August 1955 to 289,400 in August 1956 or approximately 3 percent. Although there was a decline of 13 percent in the number of entries by rail and nearly 2 percent in the number entering by plane, gains for the other types of transportation were sufficient to show an increase in the aggregate for all types. Cumulative data for the first eight months show an increase of less than 1 percent. The advance in the number entering by boat and plane was sufficient to counter declines in the number of arrivals by train and bus for the period, leaving a net gain for all types of transportation.

Canadian Travellers

Residents of Canada returning from visits to the United States numbered 176,100 compared with 158,200 in the same month of last year, a gain of 17,900 visits. Heavier traffic was reported for all types of transportation during the month.

Cumulative data for the first eight months show the number of Canadians returning from visits to the United States advanced nearly 3 percent. Re-entries by plane advanced 22 percent and there was a gain of between 2 and 3 percent in the number returning by rail. A decrease of over 4 percent appeared in the number returning by bus and boat during the eight month period.

STATEMENT BY PORTS OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

SEPTEMBER

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: 24 hours or less	Length of Stay Abroad: Over 24 hours	Commercial Vehicles
			Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia			
Vehicles transported by boat direct from the United States*	5	1,344	49	42	377	23
			New Brunswick			
Andover	5,668	1,613	274	8,197	106	819
Beaconsfield	173	83	82	172	-	80
Belleville	91	62	20	295	8	63
Bloomfield	216	78	66	368	13	177
Campobello	235	31	63	706	15	265
Centreville	1,732	825	333	2,472	122	405
Clair	6,798	1,752	329	8,222	1,491	898
Edmundston	32,925	2,727	1,346	34,249	1,156	1,838
Fairhaven	53	22	-	107	8	5
Forest City	432	48	23	276	-	68
Fosterville	340	104	1	929	4	32
Four Falls	76	65	-	203	3	47
Gillespie	3,194	848	887	1,988	60	277
Grand Falls	2,344	393	205	3,637	20	358
Mars Hill Road	122	83	25	134	7	43
Milltown	6,704	244	329	11,309	283	630
River de Chute	305	211	26	398	12	70
St. Andrews	-	1	-	2	-	-
St. Croix	5,655	1,135	407	5,963	1,966	568
St. Leonard	17,977	2,641	1,094	15,857	1,067	1,311
St. Stephen	34,116	4,797	2,533	32,255	9,042	3,178
Union Corner	62	70	3	242	9	60
Union Mills	6,333	93	402	9,869	199	704
Upper Mills	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woodstock Road	9,264	1,862	298	16,535	1,425	850
Provincial Total	134,815	19,788	8,746	154,385	17,016	12,746

* 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	3,194	1,795	444	3,610	330	577
Armstrong	135	4,401	145	898	2,902	580
Arnold Bog	56	-	9	68	75	12
Beebe	10,349	307	383	7,553	968	401
Blackpool	2,460	13,301	1,957	24,194	11,195	1,727
Chartierville	466	480	1,245	504	678	173
Clarenceville	139	178	9	779	48	30
Comins Mills	1,447	899	386	1,418	382	1,326
Covey Hill	400	97	42	703	45	57
Daaquam	377	44	101	486	312	304
Dundee	3,970	556	109	3,617	936	204
East Pinnacle	122	149	8	591	15	40
Estcourt	1,189	42	56	1,713	494	79
Franklin Centre	310	130	9	225	22	96
Frelighsburg	799	442	205	644	94	28
Glen Sutton	431	861	284	952	51	204
Hemmingford	1,910	433	200	3,036	180	171
Herdman	1,833	279	1,155	2,739	279	109
Hereford Road	1,358	367	163	1,172	129	295
Highwater	2,546	1,999	1,031	3,315	3,608	522
Jamieson's Line	396	43	39	321	55	55
Lac Frontière	113	5	29	321	253	370
Lacolle	2,225	4,423	491	9,200	3,848	788
Landry Siding	94	-	3	172	123	161
Leadville	48	17	-	132	4	21
Mansonville	83	3	6	90	-	5
Morses Line	142	324	54	227	20	27
Noyan	1,159	561	25	1,319	668	59
Philipsburg	811	8,199	438	5,120	5,199	450
Rivière Bleue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rock Island	9,771	5,743	824	11,004	2,719	1,068
Ste Aurélie	170	24	118	333	731	439
St Cyprien	72	5	-	128	39	397
St Pamphile	396	19	315	681	39	404
St Zacharie	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stanhope	1,028	3,980	617	5,277	4,200	1,277
Trout River	3,211	1,889	164	7,523	2,449	377
Woburn	635	719	60	1,599	821	269
Provincial Total	53,845	52,714	11,124	101,664	43,911	13,102

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	6,657	3,435	466	11,526	1,787	890
Courtright	180	130	-	131	46	-
Fort Erie	113,362	40,458	3,169	29,841	5,426	2,871
Fort Frances	5,428	5,055	138	5,261	954	1,047
Kingston	68	329	4	108	104	17
Kingsville	-	22	-	-	2	-
Lansdowne	5,353	12,893	710	7,212	6,256	960
Leamington	-	10	-	-	-	-
Midland	-	1	-	-	-	-
Niagara Falls	78,335	39,544	1,549	91,066	11,836	1,964
Pelee Island	-	29	-	1	-	-
Pigeon River	6,455	4,378	85	1,587	1,904	66
Port Lambton	774	413	3	760	114	5
Prescott	1,821	2,179	50	4,227	1,201	82
Rainy River	29	246	-	195	10	9
Sarnia	16,330	18,985	2,058	17,475	5,131	723
Sault Ste. Marie	4,343	6,066	199	5,157	3,237	408
Sombra	739	274	11	471	128	38
Walpole Island	608	141	-	261	13	15
Windsor	148,147	41,239	2,647	63,931	8,311	9,570
Provincial Total	388,629	175,827	11,089	239,210	46,460	18,665

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: 24 hours or less	Length of Stay Abroad: Over 24 hours	Commercial Vehicles
Manitoba						
Boissevain	549	858	18	763	1,675	103
Cartwright	155	94	6	249	48	4
Coulter	121	119	11	817	98	6
Crystal City	275	42	6	73	4	8
Emerson	2,131	3,041	362	4,571	5,846	1,127
Goodlands	97	24	5	512	46	4
Gretna	1,501	158	45	2,164	52	58
Haskett	344	78	8	930	61	34
Lena	157	73	10	704	37	3
Lyleton	124	39	13	358	11	2
Middlebro	80	92	15	846	27	201
North West Angle	-	-	-	-	-	-
Piney	208	85	60	506	98	234
Snowflake	154	23	-	351	24	-
South Junction	320	79	49	831	40	126
Tolstoi	183	73	41	224	91	70
Windygates	192	66	-	367	23	5
Provincial Total	6,591	4,944	649	14,266	8,181	1,985
Saskatchewan						
Big Beaver	72	70	1	356	120	12
East Poplar River	70	65	8	229	57	24
Elmore	231	142	9	1,023	80	9
Estevan	486	131	10	633	128	68
Marienthal	158	108	22	379	44	5
Monchy	33	119	10	68	277	4
Northgate	592	276	23	871	156	46
North Portal	1,399	834	372	2,804	1,127	678
Oungre	44	280	60	205	229	12
Regway	180	411	46	707	730	209
Treelon	72	78	9	143	149	11
West Poplar River	26	122	1	120	155	2
Willow Creek	17	50	12	76	216	-
Provincial Total	3,380	2,686	583	7,614	3,468	1,080
Alberta						
Aden	36	15	35	63	16	10
Carway	595	1,326	21	1,107	3,184	-
Chief Mountain	20	1,198	-	613	527	-
Coutts	1,686	1,649	776	4,585	4,784	1,010
Del Bonita	226	99	26	77	7	28
Wild Horse	82	134	14	151	243	19
Provincial Total	2,645	4,421	872	6,596	8,761	1,067

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: 24 hours or less	Length of Stay Abroad: Over 24 hours	Commercial Vehicles
British Columbia						
Aldergrove	625	1,639	372	2,264	929	88
Boundary Bay	1,317	121	49	6,142	626	94
Carson	675	194	51	347	22	3
Cascade City	425	542	26	3,883	259	249
Chopaka	15	50	3	75	18	2
Flathead	-	-	-	-	-	-
Huntingdon	1,888	2,897	278	6,326	1,002	256
Kingsgate	153	1,834	170	1,900	3,146	464
Midway	282	106	1	147	19	-
Nelway	172	590	44	512	396	77
Osoyoos	2,342	1,893	209	5,589	2,024	146
Pacific Highway	1,950	16,593	1,277	16,146	12,570	664
Paterson	485	627	157	5,565	592	287
Pleasant Camp	54	176	109	214	22	76
Port Alberni	-	-	-	-	-	-
Powell River	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert	-	27	-	-	-	-
Roosville	113	296	-	228	259	29
Rykerts	815	379	11	1,758	477	124
Skagit	15	1	38	1	6	14
Stewart	432	-	1	1,139	-	65
Vancouver	-	35	-	-	-	-
Victoria	-	4,823	-	79	1,659	-
Waneta	29	36	5	102	8	3
Provincial Total	11,787	32,859	2,801	52,417	24,034	2,641
Yukon Territory						
Carcross	-	2	-	-	-	-
Little Gold Creek	2	73	-	14	16	13
Snag Creek	60	1,195	166	119	37	12
Provincial Total	62	1,270	166	133	53	25
Dominion Total	601,759	295,853	36,079	576,327	152,261	51,334

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

SEPTEMBER

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	-	-	(80	(1,344	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	5	(	(	-	49
New Brunswick	114,148	134,815	18,796	19,788	8,389	8,746
Quebec	49,722	53,845	52,129	52,714	8,008	11,124
Ontario	353,108	388,629	192,163	175,827	9,405	11,089
Manitoba	7,140	6,591	5,062	4,944	673	649
Saskatchewan	3,432	3,380	2,454	2,686	489	583
Alberta	5,367	2,645	4,468	4,421	940	872
British Columbia	12,505	11,787	33,380	32,859	2,080	2,801
Yukon Territory	56	62	914	1,270	20	166
Total	545,478	601,759	309,446	295,853	30,004	36,079
Percentage Change		+ 10.3		- 4.4		+ 20.2

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	-	42	1	377	-	23
New Brunswick	133,180	154,385	14,291	17,016	12,013	12,746
Quebec	92,570	101,664	38,507	43,911	11,856	13,102
Ontario	216,036	239,210	48,660	46,460	19,949	18,665
Manitoba	15,355	14,266	8,565	8,181	2,127	1,985
Saskatchewan	6,724	7,614	3,693	3,468	865	1,080
Alberta	7,028	6,596	10,166	8,761	1,304	1,067
British Columbia	49,640	52,417	22,624	24,034	2,934	2,641
Yukon Territory	146	133	59	53	65	25
Total	520,679	576,327	146,566	152,261	51,113	51,334
Percentage Change		+ 10.7		+ 3.9		+ 0.4

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

JANUARY - SEPTEMBER

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	-	-	(673	(10,911	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	65	(	(	-	297
New Brunswick	860,799	1,017,642	136,718	133,196	70,004	81,707
Quebec	361,640	412,196	338,176	345,091	61,645	85,432
Ontario	3,081,326	3,204,469	1,367,101	1,299,608	96,625	118,607
Manitoba	58,204	55,011	41,236	38,974	10,084	12,027
Saskatchewan	25,745	25,850	16,244	17,435	4,471	6,025
Alberta	32,354	26,181	42,875	44,600	6,217	6,854
British Columbia	99,583	101,386	243,851	243,103	16,650	21,927
Yukon Territory	554	807	5,574	6,872	281	1,046
Total	4,520,205	4,843,607	2,192,448	2,139,790	265,977	333,922
Percentage Change		+ 7.2		- 2.4		+ 25.5

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	-	358	4	2,123	-	224
New Brunswick	1,008,453	1,187,122	66,735	85,439	91,193	101,737
Quebec	747,954	866,199	247,962	304,732	92,913	134,287
Ontario	1,765,100	2,061,095	366,050	361,677	164,775	171,896
Manitoba	114,745	106,631	56,621	54,347	18,400	21,683
Saskatchewan	49,668	56,844	26,104	24,555	7,547	9,112
Alberta	45,558	54,058	55,197	55,040	9,449	10,002
British Columbia	441,738	469,951	153,164	166,811	23,547	23,621
Yukon Territory	875	1,175	337	318	259	228
Total	4,174,091	4,803,433	972,174	1,055,042	408,083	472,790
Percentage Change		+ 15.1		+ 8.5		+ 15.9

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

Province of Entry	Rail[1]		Bus[2]		Boat		Plane[3]	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	(185	(165	285	223
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	(	(	747	1,234
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	11
New Brunswick	2,273	1,996	2,633	1,900	1,044	621	994	747
Quebec	15,862	13,593	9,042	10,573	1,156	1,281	10,501	8,701
Ontario	25,490	23,946	46,164	46,383	76,657	83,642	15,338	16,309
Manitoba	6,577	3,069	1,000	1,031	-	-	1,433	1,217
Saskatchewan	2,779	2,645	23	103	-	-	163	189
Alberta	135	135	603	467	-	-	1,835	1,083
British Columbia	6,458	5,739	4,956	5,661	36,860	45,914	6,112	6,749
Yukon Territory	1,856	2,305	82	219	-	-	1,281	1,615
Total	61,430	53,428	64,503	66,337	115,902	131,623	38,695	38,078

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

Province of Entry	Rail		Bus[4]		Boat		Plane	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	(45	(30	96	159
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	(	(	256	512
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	24	-
New Brunswick	1,623	1,550	2,546	2,742	3,702	2,352	346	371
Quebec	16,496	17,261	14,122	14,988	919	859	6,061	7,327
Ontario	20,346	25,118	30,000	31,395	15,184	17,112	9,251	11,696
Manitoba	2,548	2,138	4,188	5,122	-	-	559	451
Saskatchewan	810	874	147	162	-	-	33	52
Alberta	-	-	697	742	-	-	471	246
British Columbia	8,909	8,707	11,085	13,329	3,871	6,638	3,484	3,780
Yukon Territory	240	299	5	16	-	3	76	59
Total	50,972	55,947	62,790	68,496	23,721	26,994	20,657	24,653

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- AUGUST 1955 AND JANUARY- AUGUST 1956

Province of Entry	Rail[1]		Bus[2]		Boat		Plane[3]	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	(672	(670	1,730	1,657
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	(	(	2,865	3,465
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	36
New Brunswick	10,254	9,059	8,340	6,642	3,978	2,504	4,671	4,193
Quebec	90,928	85,794	35,712	38,584	4,323	3,445	51,858	54,437
Ontario	137,220	127,178	185,535	174,279	207,015	204,921	78,884	90,696
Manitoba	17,889	15,502	4,978	4,913	-	-	8,225	8,197
Saskatchewan	9,915	8,077	781	574	-	-	927	1,114
Alberta	1,046	1,055	2,548	2,471	-	-	9,202	8,502
British Columbia	32,227	29,393	22,815	24,221	96,830	123,368	29,261	33,491
Yukon Territory	6,435	7,725	210	402	-	2	7,340	8,214
Total	305,914	283,783	260,919	252,086	312,818	334,910	195,019	214,002

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

Province of Entry	Rail		Bus[4]		Boat		Plane	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	(220	(189	487	627
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	(	(	1,332	2,027
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	48	54
New Brunswick	8,620	9,284	9,039	8,217	21,579	13,162	3,264	3,028
Quebec	105,255	109,025	57,530	58,450	2,663	1,737	50,394	61,353
Ontario	143,512	150,496	189,928	167,023	38,250	38,640	79,626	99,636
Manitoba	14,833	14,834	16,968	19,313	-	-	4,319	4,672
Saskatchewan	3,702	3,156	558	721	-	-	269	344
Alberta	2	-	3,669	4,023	-	-	3,731	3,208
British Columbia	47,539	44,076	57,319	62,861	16,734	22,276	22,819	27,932
Yukon Territory	761	1,050	36	115	1	14	448	500
Total	324,224	331,921	335,047	320,723	79,447	76,018	166,737	203,381

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.

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