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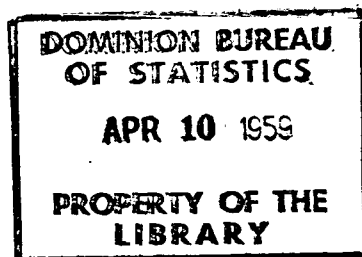


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Travel Between Canada and the United States

February, 1959

1. Highway Traffic - February, 1959

The volume of traffic crossing the border between Canada and the United States advanced some 4 per cent when compared with the corresponding month of last year. Total border crossings of vehicles into Canada numbered 881,200 as compared with 844,600 in February 1958, a gain of 36,600 vehicles. Aggregate crossings were made up of 388,100 foreign vehicles and 493,100 vehicles registered in Canada.

Foreign Vehicles

Uniform comparisons on the volume of foreign traffic cannot be made with the previous year due to changes in administrative procedures at certain ports in New Brunswick. This affects data for New Brunswick and Canada only, as comparisons with the previous year are possible for all other provinces. Non-resident traffic comprised 60,000 units entering on travellers' vehicle permits, 289,500 local or non-permit entries and 38,600 commercial vehicles.

The number of travellers' vehicle permits issued during the month of February advanced nearly 14 per cent or about 7,400 entries. If data for New Brunswick are adjusted to a basis comparable with last year it is estimated the total for the month would be about 2 per cent or approximately 1,100 entries higher than in February 1958. If data for the first two months of 1959 are adjusted to a basis comparable with the previous year it would indicate a decline of around 7 per cent instead of a gain of 4.4 per cent in the unadjusted data.

Entries of non-permit or local traffic declined some 2,100 crossings in February or nearly 1 per cent. If the first two months are treated as a unit there was a decline of 26,800 entries or more than 4 per cent. Entries of foreign commercial vehicles advanced 10 per cent in February and 6 per cent when the first two months are considered together.

Canadian Vehicles

Re-entries of vehicles registered in Canada show a gain of 5 per cent or about 23,500 crossings as compared with the same month of last year. Canadian vehicles returning to Canada comprised 48,700 units abroad more than 24 hours, 394,800 abroad for 24 hours or less and 49,600 commercial vehicles.

The volume of long-term traffic abroad for more than 24 hours advanced 11 per cent in February while re-entries in this classification during the first two months were between 4 and 5 per cent heavier.

Short-term traffic abroad 24 hours or less advanced over 5 per cent in February but there was little change when the first two months were compared with the previous year. Crossings of commercial vehicles registered in Canada were 3 per cent lower in February while data for the first two months show a decline of some 400 crossings.

11. Traffic by Long Distance Common Carrier - January, 1959

Aggregate border crossings by rail, through bus, boat and plane in January were about 3 per cent heavier than the corresponding month of last year. Total crossings into Canada numbered 150,700 as compared with 146,000 in January 1958, a gain of 4,700 visits. Aggregate crossings were made up of 57,500 entries by foreign travellers and 93,200 re-entries by residents of Canada returning from the United States.

Foreign Travellers

There was little change in the number of non-residents entering Canada from the United States as the increase amounted to about 100 visits. Foreign entries comprised 21,600 entries via plane, 21,300 via train, 12,200 via bus and 2,400 via boat. In comparison with the previous year there was a gain of 33 per cent in the number of arrivals by boat and 5 per cent in the number using planes for transportation. Entries by rail declined between 4 and 5 per cent and arrivals via bus were about 4 per cent lower than in January 1958.

Canadian Travellers

Contrary to the trend of non-resident entries into Canada there was a gain of 5 per cent in the number of re-entries by residents of Canada returning from the United States. Returning Canadians comprised 34,300 re-entries by train, 32,900 via plane, 23,700 via bus and 2,300 via boat. In comparison with the previous year there was an increase of nearly 11 per cent in the number of re-entries by bus, while a gain of 4 per cent was recorded in the number of persons returning by train and plane. Boat traffic was the only type to show a decline which amounted to nearly 15 per cent or 400 fewer re-entries as compared with January 1958.

STATEMENT BY PORTS OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

FEBRUARY

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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	
Vehicles transported by boat direct from the United States*	-	42	12	6	5	7
			Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia			
			New Brunswick			
Andover	1,016	1,436	124	3,379	27	292
Beaconsfield	47	13	-	121	-	55
Belleville	53	17	-	226	5	52
Bloomfield	150	26	300	257	2	127
Campobello	42	2	13	588	10	201
Centreville	899	187	395	1,226	26	399
Clair	5,109	1,182	771	6,569	495	1,145
Edmundston	19,614	1,550	2,328	23,804	525	1,600
Fairhaven	-	-	-	-	-	-
Forest City	43	6	38	189	-	279
Fosterville	69	5	4	438	-	75
Four Falls	30	8	12	135	-	40
Gillespie	1,230	768	12	1,492	5	70
Grand Falls	1,668	413	73	2,218	4	183
Mars Hill Road	10	33	10	85	-	7
Milltown	3,747	51	237	5,277	46	426
River de Chute	11	179	20	201	1	18
St. Andrews	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Croix	3,093	160	356	3,847	451	488
St. Leonard	10,871	1,686	721	11,079	506	847
St. Stephen	31,060	367	2,183	29,192	1,993	2,247
Union Corner	94	16	7	285	2	135
Union Mills	2,998	6	143	4,078	29	257
Woodstock Road	3,703	2,050	104	7,844	91	770
Provincial Total	85,557	10,161	7,851	102,530	4,218	9,713

* 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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	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	1,599	507	373	1,826	204	234
Armstrong	52	277	230	261	577	795
Arnold Bog	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beebe	4,331	67	224	3,294	100	193
Blackpool	6,235	3,429	1,862	9,056	3,747	2,145
Chartierville	46	25	41	103	51	80
Clarenceville	49	55	57	191	5	35
Comins Mills	1,004	93	101	1,029	92	382
Covey Hill	73	21	14	195	-	28
Daaquam	176	40	171	118	134	654
Dundee	1,720	105	93	1,751	273	124
East Pinnacle	51	31	21	307	-	44
Estcourt	489	29	6	991	104	176
Franklin Centre	163	33	18	130	1	3
Frelighsburg	268	122	95	241	54	38
Glen Sutton	201	131	153	575	6	162
Hemmingford	1,128	136	148	1,647	23	210
Herdman	772	97	102	911	59	60
Hereford Road	586	58	192	720	11	323
Highwater	980	338	504	1,169	501	553
Jamieson's Line	112	13	33	112	11	29
Lac Frontière	109	2	99	141	36	1,052
Lacolle	1,769	513	54	3,410	767	86
Landry Siding	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leadville	10	-	1	38	-	4
Mansonville	9	-	12	41	-	6
Magalloway Road	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morses Line	159	100	42	179	8	21
Noyan	444	77	44	489	27	42
Philipsburg	678	2,138	430	1,717	950	404
Rivière Bleue	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rock Island	6,540	830	653	6,677	797	957
Ste Aurélie	80	4	11	133	94	742
St Cyprien	-	-	-	-	-	-
St Pamphile	217	11	798	521	124	3,009
Stanhope	405	864	541	3,968	1,077	1,106
Trout River	1,853	525	140	3,744	725	184
Woburn	337	76	205	469	307	696
Provincial Total	32,645	10,747	7,468	46,154	10,865	14,577

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			Ontario			
Cornwall	3,122	712	263	5,904	261	288
Courtright	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fort Erie	23,178	7,400	4,316	39,783	4,110	3,471
Fort Frances	4,974	200	149	5,497	109	845
Kingston	43	8	-	136	3	20
Kingsville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lansdowne	2,187	591	749	3,611	2,183	848
Leamington	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midland	-	1	-	-	-	-
Niagara Falls	38,401	5,120	2,403	62,278	3,463	2,114
Pelee Island	3	-	-	2	-	-
Pigeon River	334	292	464	663	566	124
Port Lambton	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prescott	275	93	5	736	73	17
Rainy River	1,153	41	-	2,924	1	-
Sarnia	8,823	2,332	3,304	13,313	1,088	1,013
Sault Ste. Marie	2,009	245	129	2,953	570	454
Sombra	21	12	1	34	1	-
Walpole Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
Windsor	71,844	7,645	4,445	57,568	8,705	9,122
Provincial Total	156,367	24,692	16,228	195,402	21,133	18,316

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Manitoba						
Boissevain	181	68	318	208	361	120
Cartwright	126	16	26	213	14	17
Coulter	40	25	82	207	25	-
Crystal City	174	10	101	44	6	1
Emerson	1,815	727	1,060	2,271	1,883	1,822
Goodlands	34	9	22	200	13	1
Gretna	937	133	277	1,042	44	307
Haskett	161	22	23	460	27	80
Lena	78	241	92	334	18	3
Lyleton	58	4	10	144	1	-
Middlebro	129	404	507	555	22	35
North West Angle	46	341	446	39	4	28
Piney	50	52	32	268	16	118
Snowflake	30	-	-	93	3	-
South Junction	24	22	18	331	6	114
Tolstoi	92	10	2	99	19	3
Windygates	63	16	95	90	10	28
Provincial Total	4,038	2,100	3,111	6,598	2,472	2,677
Saskatchewan						
Big Beaver	38	3	7	183	33	2
East Poplar River	33	4	9	160	19	1
Elmore	81	18	49	250	10	2
Estevan	153	67	14	483	69	22
Marienthal	71	6	2	245	15	8
Monchy	21	7	9	12	35	5
Northgate	179	22	71	477	29	39
North Portal	703	132	243	1,800	360	465
Oungre	27	26	12	97	66	16
Regway	84	101	167	278	144	51
Treelon	32	7	-	26	42	7
West Poplar River	7	8	-	29	17	4
Willow Creek	-	-	-	10	3	-
Provincial Total	1,429	401	583	4,050	842	622
Alberta						
Aden	12	5	8	26	1	4
Carway	306	46	15	417	98	2
Chief Mountain	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coutts	746	566	544	1,392	984	629
Del Bonita	82	24	-	28	3	6
Wild Horse	9	9	3	41	8	2
Provincial Total	1,155	650	570	1,904	1,094	643

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				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
			British Columbia			
Aldergrove	581	697	198	2,112	404	95
Boundary Bay	933	70	43	3,875	107	15
Carson	377	109	25	329	4	3
Cascade City	87	84	14	1,086	39	226
Chopaka	19	15	1	23	15	3
Huntingdon	1,882	1,008	335	7,494	500	139
Kingsgate	50	165	68	565	682	584
Midway	62	-	13	129	3	-
Nelway	215	71	25	360	161	209
Osoyoos	1,404	168	131	2,527	267	318
Pacific Highway	1,494	8,207	1,709	15,653	5,416	833
Paterson	203	109	188	1,990	140	344
Pleasant Camp	45	-	27	92	-	56
Powell River	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert	-	1	-	-	-	-
Roosville	88	29	3	232	31	29
Rykerts	505	43	36	1,047	114	89
Sidney	-	20	-	2	15	-
Skagit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stewart	291	-	-	575	-	16
Vancouver	-	1	-	-	-	-
Victoria	-	135	-	3	140	-
Waneta	20	9	1	32	9	18
Provincial Total	8,256	10,941	2,817	38,126	8,047	2,977
			Yukon Territory			
Carcross	-	-	-	-	-	-
Little Gold Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snag Creek	29	243	9	69	3	22
Provincial Total	29	243	9	69	3	22
Dominion Total	289,476	59,977	38,649	394,839	48,679	49,554

TABLE 1. SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
FEBRUARY
1958 and 1959

A - Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada

Province of Entry	Non-Permit Class Local Traffic		Travellers' Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Newfoundland	-	-) 69	42 (-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-)	(12	12
New Brunswick	94,088	85,557	3,964	10,161	8,088	7,851
Quebec	29,203	32,645	10,058	10,747	7,654	7,468
Ontario	148,426	156,367	23,215	24,692	12,590	16,228
Manitoba	4,627	4,038	2,188	2,100	2,895	3,111
Saskatchewan	1,571	1,429	554	401	791	583
Alberta	1,271	1,155	770	650	634	570
British Columbia	8,162	8,256	11,513	10,941	2,384	2,817
Yukon Territory	22	29	261	243	1	9
Total	287,370	289,476	52,592	59,977	35,049	38,649
Percentage Change		+ 0.7		+ 14.0		+ 10.3

B - Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada

Province of Entry	Length of Stay Abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 hours or less		Over 24 hours			
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	3	6	5	5	11	7
New Brunswick	99,184	102,530	5,869	4,218	9,938	9,713
Quebec	42,342	46,154	9,643	10,865	19,933	14,577
Ontario	181,700	195,402	16,128	21,133	15,367	18,316
Manitoba	7,457	6,598	2,411	2,472	1,884	2,677
Saskatchewan	4,836	4,050	927	842	543	622
Alberta	2,591	1,904	1,429	1,094	978	643
British Columbia	36,533	38,126	7,488	8,047	2,296	2,977
Yukon Territory	75	69	4	3	31	22
Total	374,721	394,839	43,904	48,679	50,981	49,554
Percentage Change		+ 5.4		+ 10.9		- 2.8

TABLE 2. CUMULATIVE SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
JANUARY - FEBRUARY
1958 and 1959

A - Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada

Province of Entry	Non-Permit Class Local Traffic		Travellers' Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Newfoundland	-	-	177	109	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-			70	68
New Brunswick	197,693	181,668	8,180	20,203	15,941	16,400
Quebec	65,769	67,320	21,966	21,204	15,860	15,454
Ontario	329,800	320,143	52,281	48,485	27,885	33,286
Manitoba	10,008	8,307	4,160	3,857	6,243	5,800
Saskatchewan	3,671	2,985	1,290	854	1,597	1,102
Alberta	2,813	2,432	1,486	1,302	1,297	1,178
British Columbia	16,587	16,674	21,498	19,973	5,340	5,380
Yukon Territory	51	40	571	509	3	15
Total	626,392	599,569	111,609	116,496	74,236	78,683
<i>Percentage Change</i>		- 4.3		+ 4.4		+ 6.0

B - Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada

Province of Entry	Length of Stay Abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 hours or less		Over 24 hours			
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	14	17	58	40	71	64
New Brunswick	208,578	215,060	12,981	10,300	19,869	20,739
Quebec	96,083	93,417	21,806	22,701	39,996	32,884
Ontario	387,080	388,626	35,791	42,259	33,075	37,118
Manitoba	15,820	13,149	4,942	4,788	3,845	5,073
Saskatchewan	10,535	8,274	2,054	1,721	1,150	1,218
Alberta	5,627	4,060	2,952	2,149	1,962	1,368
British Columbia	71,551	75,598	15,634	16,568	4,928	6,129
Yukon Territory	166	139	10	9	58	50
Total	795,454	798,340	96,228	100,535	104,954	104,643
Percentage Change		+ 0.4		+ 4.5		- 0.3

TABLE 3. FOREIGN TRAVELLERS ENTERING CANADA FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE,
BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, JANUARY 1958 AND JANUARY 1959

Province of Entry	Rail ¹		Bus ²		Boat		Plane ³	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	-	-	110	95
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	306	362
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-
New Brunswick	555	485	204	322	182	168	196	217
Quebec	7,556	7,201	1,870	1,602	-	-	5,959	6,128
Ontario	10,914	10,186	8,168	8,141	-	-	8,900	8,867
Manitoba	701	675	230	271	-	-	988	1,009
Saskatchewan	48	66	-	-	-	-	54	50
Alberta	135	150	113	104	-	-	873	1,098
British Columbia	2,235	2,368	2,104	1,781	1,593	2,197	2,617	3,048
Yukon Territory	132	131	-	-	-	-	627	675
Total	22,276	21,262	12,689	12,221	1,815	2,395	20,640	21,549

TABLE 4. CANADIAN TRAVELLERS RETURNING FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE,
BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, JANUARY 1958 AND JANUARY 1959

Province of Entry	Rail		Bus ⁴		Boat		Plane	
	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959	1958	1959
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	33
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	558	447
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
New Brunswick	1,037	1,028	577	426	1,289	965	254	307
Quebec	11,446	11,748	2,722	3,295	-	-	9,270	9,173
Ontario	14,605	15,577	10,291	12,660	-	3	16,610	17,104
Manitoba	1,531	1,540	1,632	1,314	-	-	713	828
Saskatchewan	164	140	-	-	-	-	30	131
Alberta	-	-	316	361	-	-	458	683
British Columbia	4,127	4,202	5,827	5,623	1,445	1,323	3,686	4,099
Yukon Territory	16	23	-	-	-	-	40	63
Total	32,926	34,258	21,365	23,679	2,748	2,295	31,634	32,882

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.

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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