

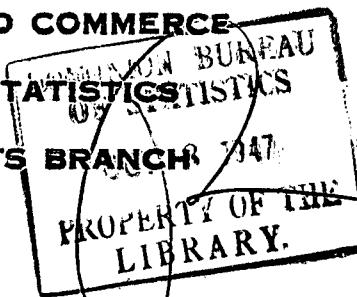
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HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

August, 1946

International automobile traffic across the Canadian border in August surpassed the high level established in July and created a new record with a total of over 1,060,000 vehicles having been checked through border points, compared with a total of 748,159 vehicles in August, 1945. An analysis of this immense cavalcade shows that it was composed of some 841,858 foreign entries and 218,157 Canadian vehicles returning from the United States. The total of the foreign entries included 492,504 non-permit or local traffic while the more important tourist class numbered 332,407 cars in addition to 16,947 commercial vehicles of United States registry.

Canadian cars returning from a visit to the United States during August numbered 175,613 staying for short periods under twenty-four hours, while 28,652 cars had remained abroad longer than one day. There were also 13,892 Canadian commercial vehicles returning to Canada during the month under review.

In comparison with August of last year, total United States entries under the non-permit regulation advanced some 27.4% while the significant tourist class rose from 187,215 to 332,407 cars, a gain of nearly 78%. Unseasonable weather in many sections during the last two weeks of the month likely had some restrictive influence on the total of tourist visitors in August, but the volume of entries for the Labor Day weekend was particularly heavy. The net result indicates that tourist permits in August of this year were well above any similar month in the past decade and nearly 6% above the previous high in 1937, as shown in the table below.

Short-stay Canadian motorists returning in August advanced to 175,613 compared with 131,529 in the same month of 1945, an increase of 34%, while Canadian cars remaining abroad over twenty-four hours rose from 13,435 to 28,652, a gain of 113%. However, the potential volume of motor travel by Canadians to the United States is still limited by the disappointing output of new cars in this first year of peace. Pre-war levels of Canadian cross border automobile touring have not yet been regained.

During the first eight months of the current year a total of nearly 3,700,000 foreign vehicles have entered through Canadian ports, an increase of 1,151,000 or 45% over the same months of 1945 and comparing favourably with pre-war records. Travellers Vehicle Permits crossed the million mark at 1,030,572, more than double the 542,242 entries in the period January-August last year. This increased reception of over 548,000 tourist cars represents an additional inflow of some million and a half tourists to Canada.

Returning Canadian cars totalled 1,214,527 in the first eight months compared with 769,604 in the same interval of 1945; of these some 111,031 remained over one day in the United States compared with 41,156, an increase of nearly 170%.

On a provincial basis of entry, all provinces recorded extensive gains in August

over the same month of last year in both local and tourist classes. Alberta, with 5,012 entries, was host to nearly nine times more tourist cars this August, while Manitoba Travellers Vehicles entries advanced 234%, Saskatchewan 192%, Quebec 108%, New Brunswick (Maritimes) 110%, British Columbia 73%. Ontario, with 211,280 tourist entries, increased 64% over August 1945, an advance of some 82,418 cars, accounting for nearly three-fifths of the increased Dominion total for the month.

Comparing the eight month record by provinces, it is observed that tourist entries into Alberta rose 690% over the first eight months of 1945 with the reopening of the port of Chief Mountain, Manitoba welcomed 223% more, Saskatchewan 168%, Quebec 135%, British Columbia 109%, New Brunswick 115%, Ontario 86% or 312,619 more cars. Yukon entries, reflecting the brave beginning of civilian use of the Alaskan Highway, advanced from 21 to 320 vehicles in the eight months comparison.

While the monthly output of passenger automobiles in the United States has increased considerably since May, authorities estimate that likely from 35 to 37% only of the anticipated volume will be completed in the current year. United States domestic sales in the forthcoming ten months will have a definite effect on the volume of Canada's tourist trade in 1947.

Preliminary returns to date for September suggest that the current seasonal level of tourist entries is being fairly well maintained.

Comparison August Entries - Tourist Classes

1937 - 1946

August	Foreign Automobiles Inward Travellers Vehicle Permits	Returning Canadian Cars Abroad over 24 hours
1937	314,286	(1)
1938	280,627	(1)
1939	290,687	68,787
1940	211,242	4,528
1941	287,619	8,187
1942	79,510	5,098
1943	59,616	4,119
1944	84,771	9,011
1945	187,215	13,425
1946	332,407	28,652

(1) Comparable category not available.

Port and Province	Number of Foreign Vehicles Inward			Number of Canadian Vehicles Inward		
	Non- Travel- Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Traveller's Vehicles		Length of stay abroad 24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	Com- mercial Vehicles
		Permits	Commercial Vehicles		Over 24 hours	
Quebec - cont'd						
Morses Line .....	237	334	35	278	21	25
Noyan .....	618	1,088	92	578	79	28
Philipsburg .....	737	10,591	61	1,058	1,249	64
Quebec .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rock Island .....	1,258	8,807	73	1,058	122	47
St. Armand .....	39	116	-	33	6	-
St. Pamphile .....	-	5	-	-	-	-
St. Zacharie .....	20	45	3	134	145	446
Stanhope .....	218	2,262	66	1,136	450	123
Trout River .....	1,365	2,570	4	2,902	211	66
Woburn .....	378	460	-	349	56	139
Total, Quebec .....	17,708	59,026	1,847	23,206	6,445	2,387
Ontario						
Brockville .....	529	917	5	400	139	12
Cobourg .....	-	140	-	1	9	-
Cornwall .....	3,702	2,179	211	4,256	457	142
Courtright .....	785	242	-	55	23	-
Fort Erie .....	146,642	44,808	1,733	12,480	1,652	536
Fort Frances.....	7,067	4,381	182	3,076	93	283
Fort William .....	-	1	-	-	-	-
Gananoque .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kingston .....	-	81	-	-	-	-
Kingsville .....	-	156	-	-	1	-
Lansdowne .....	1,242	20,474	94	2,666	1,175	104
Leamington .....	-	95	-	-	-	-
Madland .....	-	2	-	-	-	-
Morrisburg .....	200	462	6	375	85	8
Niagara Falls .....	54,689	48,949	669	21,933	2,032	130
Pigeon River .....	3,156	3,724	4	442	661	4
Port Arthur .....	-	78	-	-	-	-
Port Lambton .....	878	348	2	277	72	-
Prescott .....	894	2,170	65	1,201	349	99
Rainy River .....	20	294	-	28	6	16
Sarnia .....	11,362	21,052	91	2,991	1,142	128
Sault Ste. Marie ..	5,634	7,750	82	2,327	486	98
Sombra .....	552	184	5	247	28	6
Toronto .....	-	81	-	-	-	-
Walpole Island .....	585	146	3	425	9	1
West Dock .....	9	75	-	-	-	-
Windsor .....	142,704	52,493	4,614	7,392	2,525	1,250
Total, Ontario .....	380,650	211,280	7,766	60,572	10,742	2,817

Port and Province	Number of Foreign Vehicles Inward				Number of Canadian Vehicles Inward		
	Non- Travel- Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Permit Vehicle Permits	Com- mercial Vehicles	Length of stay abroad			Com- mercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours		
<u>Manitoba</u>							
Boissevain .....	145	342	13	131	133		37
Cartwright .....	107	69	2	100	18		14
Coulter .....	65	69	26	243	38		55
Crystal City .....	154	17	4	99	12		38
Emerson .....	2,777	4,055	32	1,568	1,922		28
Goodlands .....	42	69	3	295	18		13
Gretta .....	1,668	100	24	1,404	64		202
Haskett .....	389	4	12	723	5		140
Lena .....	240	69	-	294	13		41
Lyleton .....	43	38	8	203	2		11
Middlebro .....	69	5	-	87	-		4
Piney .....	182	12	9	105	10		13
Snowflake .....	75	18	2	163	4		37
South Junction .....	222	10	40	105	2		16
Windygates .....	116	54	3	154	8		18
Total, Manitoba .....	6,294	4,931	178	5,672	2,249		667
<u>Saskatchewan</u>							
Big Beaver .....	65	58	15	84	51		72
East Poplar River ...	90	25	3	213	63		28
Elmore .....	235	60	54	382	28		94
Estevan .....	654	68	59	374	55		86
Marienthal .....	143	54	9	343	16		59
Monchy .....	20	125	1	32	217		13
Northgate .....	452	302	85	832	99		150
North Portal .....	657	516	166	1,111	354		129
Oungre .....	28	264	13	168	77		111
Regway .....	27	423	3	197	238		73
Treelon .....	12	50	1	15	11		14
West Poplar River ...	52	30	3	76	54		5
Willow Creek .....	-	49	-	36	63		55
Total, Saskatchewan .....	2,455	2,024	412	3,863	1,326		889
<u>Alberta</u>							
Aden .....	26	7	2	25	-		10
Carway .....	197	1,027	12	294	335		29
Chief Mountain .....	298	3,264	7	413	325		15
Coutts .....	903	624	148	1,347	124		467
Del Bonita .....	225	57	74	185	3		36
Wild Horse .....	4	33	4	10	12		13
Total, Alberta .....	1,653	5,012	247	2,224	799		570

Port and Province	Number of Foreign Vehicles Inward			Number of Canadian Vehicles Inward		
	Non- Travel- Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Trav- eler's Vehicle Permits	Com- mercial Vehicles	Length of stay abroad		Com- mercial Vehicles
		24 hours or less	Over 24 hours			
<u>British Columbia</u>						
Aldergrove .....	510	1,135	100	1,459	272	123
Boundary Bay .....	631	240	70	4,066	403	87
Carson .....	284	161	27	441	42	28
Cascade City .....	539	326	16	650	66	29
Flathead .....	55	-	-	4	4	1
Huntingdon .....	1,390	1,352	43	2,770	302	84
Keremeos .....	4	24	-	17	5	-
Kingsgate .....	155	2,418	5	477	1,359	6
Midway .....	-	16	-	2	-	-
Nelway .....	181	274	-	83	104	23
New Westminster .....	-	1	-	-	-	-
Osoyoos .....	670	1,705	52	2,009	651	121
Pacific Highway .....	1,638	18,977	185	13,002	1,857	73
Paterson .....	371	396	26	956	229	133
Pleasant Camp .....	-	8	-	-	-	-
Powell River .....	-	1	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert .....	-	11	-	-	-	-
Rodsville .....	33	168	-	119	50	13
Rykerts .....	413	171	8	860	150	87
Sidney .....	-	1,193	-	11	216	-
Silver Heights .....	8	-	5	171	-	139
Stewart .....	167	-	163	452	-	364
Vancouver .....	-	5	-	-	-	-
Victoria .....	2	4,200	-	8	329	-
Waneta .....	13	2	-	-	9	-
Total, British Columbia ....	7,064	32,784	699	27,557	6,048	1,311
<u>Yukon Territory</u>						
Dawson .....	-	-	25	-	-	-
Whitehorse .....	-	119	-	-	-	-
Total, Yukon Territory .....	-	119	25	-	-	-
TOTAL,..	-	-	-	-	-	-
CANADA.....	492,504	332,407	16,947	175,613	28,652	13,892

SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

AUGUST, 1945 and AUGUST, 1946

NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES INWARD

Province	Non-Permit Class Local Traffic		Traveller's Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946
Prince Edward Island . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia . . . . .	-	-	9	30	-	-
New Brunswick . . . . .	66,196	76,700	8,191	17,201	5,017	5,773
Quebec . . . . .	16,951	17,708	28,497	59,026	1,460	1,847
Ontario . . . . .	290,477	380,650	128,862	211,280	8,229	7,766
Manitoba . . . . .	5,037	6,294	1,478	4,931	215	178
Saskatchewan . . . . .	1,991	2,435	693	2,024	236	412
Alberta . . . . .	823	1,653	565	5,012	199	247
British Columbia . . . . .	5,133	7,064	18,917	32,784	507	699
Yukon Territory . . . . .	-	-	3	119	1	25
TOTAL . . . . .	386,608	492,504	187,215	332,407	15,864	16,947

SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

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NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES INWARD

Province	Length of stay abroad					
	24 Hours or less		Over 24 hours		Commercial Vehicles	
	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946
Prince Edward Island . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick . . . . .	42,618	52,519	579	1,043	5,666	5,251
Quebec . . . . .	19,962	23,206	4,444	6,445	2,176	2,387
Ontario . . . . .	44,560	60,572	4,470	10,742	3,277	2,817
Manitoba . . . . .	4,567	5,672	482	2,249	323	667
Saskatchewan . . . . .	3,787	3,863	419	1,326	369	889
Alberta . . . . .	1,123	2,224	194	799	607	570
British Columbia . . . . .	14,912	27,557	2,847	6,048	1,090	1,311
Yukon Territory . . . . .	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL . . . . .	131,529	175,613	13,435	28,652	13,508	13,892

MONTHLY STATEMENT BY PORTS OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

AUGUST, 1946

Port and Province	Non- Permit (Local Traffic)	Number of Foreign Vehicles Inward		Number of Canadian Vehicles Inward		
		Travel- ler's Class	Com- mercial Vehicles	Length of stay abroad	Com- mercial Vehicles	
Prince Edward Island (x)						
Charlottetown						
Summerside						
Total,						
Prince Edward Island						
Nova Scotia (x)						
Annapolis Royal						
Halifax		19				
Liverpool		1				
North Sydney		10				
Pictou						
Truro						
Yarmouth						
Total,						
Nova Scotia		30				
New Brunswick						
Andover	3,958	1,303	210	3,266	18	925
Aroostock Jct.	14	10	23	20	-	2
Belleville	219	10	70	310	2	52
Bloomfield	327	33	36	209	5	56
Brown Road	126	10	8	266	1	45
Campobello	-	17	-	-	-	-
Centreville	836	290	149	764	81	223
Clair	5,921	1,158	821	4,508	1	796
Connors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edmundston	18,841	1,530	2,193	7,045	12	644
Forest City	469	9	4	190	-	161

(x) As Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have no ports of entry adjacent to the United States boundary, vehicles proceeding to these provinces (with the exception of those travelling direct from the United States by steamer) enter through ports in other provinces and are recorded in the latter.

Port and Province	Number of Foreign Vehicles Inward			Number of Canadian Vehicles Inward		
	Non- Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travel- ler's Vehicle Permits	Com- mercial Vehicles	Length of stay abroad	Over 24 hours or less	Com- mercial Vehicles
<u>New Brunswick - Cont'd.</u>						
Fosterville .....	474	34	10	297	1	151
Four Falls .....	225	133	17	342	2	27
Gillespie .....	1,445	464	302	755	16	256
Grand Falls .....	785	150	74	356	4	69
Lord's Cove .....	-	1	-	-	-	-
McAdam Jct. ....	-	8	-	-	-	-
Milltown .....	6,152	290	109	4,344	39	275
River de Chute ....	542	182	67	208	1	110
St. Andrews .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Croix .....	1,829	456	325	885	28	184
St. Hilaire .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. John .....	-	3	-	-	-	-
St. Leonard .....	7,689	1,330	411	6,949	5	315
St. Stephen .....	22,219	8,401	663	18,114	686	540
Union Corner .....	422	28	33	237	-	125
Upper Mills .....	690	25	65	698	8	53
Wilson's Beach .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woodstock Road ....	3,517	1,526	183	2,756	133	244
Total, New Brunswick .....	76,700	17,201	5,773	52,519	1,043	5,251
<u>Quebec</u>						
Abercorn .....	1,650	891	102	2,434	49	287
Armstrong .....	268	5,003	73	254	579	95
Beebe .....	2,104	318	59	1,105	61	46
Chartierville .....	61	586	2	26	30	1
Clarenceville .....	249	216	16	537	16	25
Comins Mills .....	509	1,696	57	684	256	268
Covey Hill .....	63	61	16	90	7	28
Dundee .....	2,260	285	103	1,417	19	58
East Pinnacle .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Estcourt .....	-	6	110	-	-	164
Franklin Centre ....	21	176	2	42	3	3
Freightsburg .....	757	458	59	418	29	17
Glen Sutton .....	384	837	229	335	11	69
Hemmingford .....	240	604	48	841	62	59
Herdman .....	491	514	64	1,069	106	63
Hereford Road ....	1,299	405	110	522	21	126
Highwater .....	1,523	1,685	374	1,321	359	36
Jamieson's Line ....	57	27	6	10	-	10
Lac Frontiere .....	19	29	2	2	5	1
Lacolle .....	883	18,949	81	4,573	2,493	93
Montreal .....	-	2	-	-	-	-

CUMULATIVE SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

JANUARY - AUGUST 1945: JANUARY - AUGUST 1946

NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES INWARD

Province	Non-Permit Class		Traveller's Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	Local Traffic	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945
Prince Edward Island .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	4	18	61	-	-
New Brunswick .....	352,332	483,249	26,892	57,373	35,169	44,292
Quebec .....	84,957	112,081	81,528	191,882	12,309	14,119
Ontario .....	1,386,027	1,792,069*	362,939	675,558	54,658	55,754
Manitoba .....	26,324	35,560	5,024	16,206	1,222	1,156
Saskatchewan .....	12,178	13,827	2,862	7,679	2,396	2,047
Alberta .....	4,486	8,071	1,753	13,847	912	1,636
British Columbia .....	26,832	38,754	61,205	127,646	3,953	3,458
Yukon Territory .....	-	-	21	320	5	44
TOTAL .....	1,893,136	2,483,615*	542,242	1,090,572	110,624	122,506
Percentage Change .....		+ 31.2%		+ 101.1%		+ 10.7%

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JANUARY - AUGUST 1945: JANUARY - AUGUST 1946

NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES INWARD

Province	Length of stay abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 hours or less		Over 24 hours		1945	1946
	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946
Prince Edward Island ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick .....	217,352	323,543	1,397	3,689	32,128	58,980
Quebec .....	86,132	127,746	12,095	24,777	13,898	18,513
Ontario .....	230,139	354,698*	14,560	42,700*	24,327	22,738
Manitoba .....	20,805	30,497	1,262	7,704	2,444	2,512
Saskatchewan .....	21,599	23,849	1,371	5,162	2,070	3,659
Alberta .....	6,513	11,649	493	2,605	3,435	4,562
British Columbia .....	58,941	131,786	9,978	24,394	8,665	8,764
Yukon Territory .....	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL .....	641,481	1,003,768*	41,156	111,031*	86,967	99,728
Percentage Change .....		+ 56.5%		+ 169.8%		+ 14.7%

\* May entries for Windsor (E-60A's & E-49's) Revised

The following notes define briefly the classifications used in the tables:

1. "Commercial Vehicles" are trucks used for commercial purposes.
2. Vehicles not classified as commercial vehicles consist of automobiles, taxis, motorcycles and bicycles.
3. Through buses, local buses, horse-drawn vehicles, and military trucks, or other military vehicles, are not included in any of the classifications.
4. Foreign Vehicles Inward  
(a) Non-Permit Class (E.49)

Local vehicles which are not required to make out formal 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).

(b) Traveller's Vehicle Permits (E50)

Traveller's vehicle permits are issued to all non-commercial vehicles which -

1. Travel beyond the jurisdiction of the port of entry, or
2. remain in Canada more than 48 hours, or
3. leave the country by another port than the one by which they entered.

These permits are usually issued for periods of 60 days or 6 months, but a considerable number is issued to vehicles which are in Canada less than 48 hours.

Also 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.

5. Canadian Vehicles Inward (E.60A)

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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Statistics on volume of highway traffic have been published annually from 1923 to 1937, and have been published annually and monthly from January 1938 to date. Certain changes in classification instituted in April, 1941 do not permit exact comparisons between data published before and after that date. Particulars of changes in classification can be found on page 4 of the annual statement for the year 1944.

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