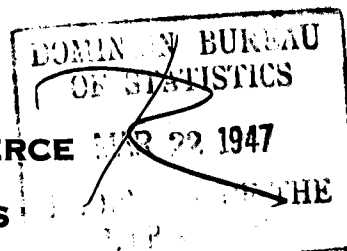


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HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

FEBRUARY, 1947.

The North American motorist is a determined and intrepid specimen. Although he displays the perseverance of the Pony Express, the hibernating instincts of his forebears seem to have been fairly well eradicated. In the face of widespread snowfalls, severe drifting, cold and blizzards, international automobile traffic across the Canadian border during February totalled over 320,000 vehicles, composed of 206,451 foreign vehicles inward and 114,005 returning Canadian cars. The American traffic represented 167,863 cars remaining for short periods, 25,083 taking out Tourist Permits and 13,505 U.S. commercial vehicles. Canadian vehicles returning comprised 93,195 short stay traffic, 5,485 remaining longer than 24 hours and some 15,325 commercial vehicles.

Compared with February traffic in 1946 when motoring conditions were generally more favourable, the total inflow registered a gain of some 11.6 p.c. with the American total up 3.3 p.c. and the volume of Canadian cars returning some 30 p.c. greater.

However, the important tourist class of American motorist at 25,083 for the month dropped from 29,847 in February last year off 16 p.c. but remained the second highest volume on record since 1937 and compares with 24,306 in January of this year. An examination of the tourist permits indicates that a considerable number were enroute to enjoy winter sports, judging from the number of skis and other sporting equipment transported.

Canadian motorists returning from stays of longer than 24 hours in the United States at 5,485 for the month registered an increase of 1,800 cars or nearly 49 p.c. over the same period of last year, confirming the growing popularity of the United States for Canadian tourists. Short term traffic inward was fairly heavy considering motoring conditions, American local or non-permit entries were about 168,000 compared with 158,000 in February, 1946 while short stay Canadian cars totalled 93,195 as against 72,338 in the same comparison.

Divided by provinces, entries of foreign tourist cars during the month displayed varied tendencies from February of last year. Traffic into the Maritimes at 1,351 cars was practically unchanged, Quebec was off 360 cars at 3,759, Ontario declined over 4,100 with 11,904, while the Prairies were up 127 cars and British Columbia down less than 300 tourist car entries at 7,645. The Yukon rose from 1 to 19. All areas with the important exception of Ontario and B.C. have recorded increases in the first two months over the similar period of last year and total U.S. tourist car entries exceed all like periods except 1946 for the past eight years.

The non-permit or local U.S. motor traffic recorded gains in February over the same month of last year into all regions except Saskatchewan while U.S. commercial vehicles displayed a similar movement.

Reciprocally, the volume of Canadian passenger cars returning during the month in both the 24 hour and over 24 hour classes was up sharply into all provinces except Saskatchewan where severe drifting closed many roads.

During February winter carnivals and sports events were once again a feature of the Canadian winter playground. The greatest crowd ever to watch such an event on this continent - 21,000 - was in attendance for the ski competition at the Sudbury Carnival held during the month. No efforts should be spared to make such spectacles regular winter attractions in all provinces. Nature has endowed Canada with dozens of sites equal to the best of currently popular resorts - they await only courage and capital to become meccas for the winter tourist. It is impossible for all of the vast number of employees in the United States and Canada to take their holidays during the summer months and it is the duty and opportunity of our tourist industry to make fall and winter vacations attractive.

Certain rental controls affecting the tourist trade were relaxed effective the first of March. Rooms and holiday resort hotels and boarding houses where the principle business is catering to people on vacation have been declared free of rent control, except where occupied by year round tenants. A recent survey of this class of tourist accomodation by "Tourism" revealed the following daily average rates for some 3,804 establishments: P.E.I. \$2; Nova Scotia \$3; N. B. \$3, Quebec \$4; Ontario \$4; Manitoba \$2.50; Alberta \$5; B.C. \$3 to \$4. Rates varied from a minimum of \$1 to \$7 in most provinces. The above figures compare very favourably with the rates for similar accomodation in the United States and some advances would appear justified this season to maintain the standard of service in the face of increased operating, maintenance and replacement costs.

Domestic sales of passenger automobiles in the United States during February were about 242,000 cars compared with a revised total of 225,989 in January. For the first two months of 1947 total U.S. domestic sales are estimated at some 468,000 compared with only 107,552 in Jan - Feb. 1946. Canadian production in February aggregated 13,550 passenger car with 9,012 for domestic distribution and 4,538 for export. The total for the first two months was 17,085 for Canadian dealers and 7,881 for export as against 4,302 and 11 respectively in the same months of last year.

Manufacturers complain that continuing shortages of materials are preventing an even greater volume of production. Demand for new cars remains steady at home and abroad. Gasoline shortages and bad weather slowed freight movement to U.S. factories during February. While steel still remains a problem, March output is expected to exceed February. For the first time in six years, U.S. production of passenger cars during 1947 is geared to exceed current obsolescence. This should have a buoyant effect on motor travel to Canada in the months ahead.

TOURIST AUTOMOBILE ENTRIES: FEBRUARY, 1937 - 1947

F E B R U A R Y	Travellers Vehicle Permits	Returning Canadian Cars
	Foreign Vehicles Inward	Abroad Over 24 hours
1937	25,243	(1)
1938	24,195	(1)
1939	18,612	(1)
1940	22,933	12,247
1941	21,326	1,427
1942	16,512	2,026
1943	7,074	1,020
1944	10,575	1,294
1945	12,889	1,307
1946	29,847	3,684
1947	25,083	5,485

(1) Comparable category not available.

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FEBRUARY, 1947

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 24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	Com- mercial Vehicles
<u>Prince Edward Island (x)</u>						
Charlottetown	-	-	-	-	-	-
Summerside	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, Prince Edward Island ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Nova Scotia (x)</u>						
Annapolis Royal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Halifax	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liverpool	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Sydney	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pictou	-	-	-	-	-	-
Truro	-	-	-	-	-	-
Yarmouth	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>New Brunswick</u>						
Andover	907	176	324	1,595	3	340
Aroostook Jct	40	4	13	36	-	3
Bellefille	67	2	4	114	1	40
Bloomfield	71	3	43	71	1	22
Brown Road	-	-	-	-	-	-
Campobello	-	-	-	-	-	-
Centreville	271	33	155	343	22	152
Clair	2,774	194	472	2,339	2	346
Connors	37	6	1	8	-	568
Edmundston	13,187	160	1,907	3,014	120	735
Forest City	101	-	3	45	2	47

(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)	Traveler's Vehicle Permits	Commercial Vehicles	Length of stay abroad		Commercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
New Brunswick - Cont'd						
Fosterville	86	-	9	126	-	27
Four Falls	119	16	2	85	1	5
Gillespie	526	77	89	319	1	86
Grand Falls	312	52	103	169	1	26
Lord's Cove	-	-	-	-	-	-
McAdam Jct	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milltown	3,684	23	120	2,667	-	318
River de Chute	103	16	27	75	-	68
St. Andrews	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Croix	939	33	103	678	2	381
St. Hilaire	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. John	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Leonard	5,024	202	675	4,043	11	464
St. Stephen	15,293	258	684	13,822	80	1,057
Union Corner	97	2	30	65	-	28
Upper Mills	344	3	21	474	-	91
Wilson's Beach	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woodstock Road	1,389	91	130	1,308	16	202
Total,						
New Brunswick	45,371	1,351	4,915	31,396	263	5,006
Quebec						
Abercorn	618	145	121	993	12	165
Armstrong	41	34	69	109	286	317
Beebe	838	26	52	338	4	34
Chartierville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clarenceville	65	10	19	83	-	20
Comins Mills	295	3	85	394	9	316
Covey Hill	25	3	3	24	1	31
Dundee	267	15	39	639	1	43
East Pinnacle	-	-	-	-	-	-
Estcourt	-	3	286	-	-	721
Franklin Centre	12	19	1	10	-	2
Frelighsburg	170	90	65	104	3	39
Glen Sutton	147	267	254	261	-	52
Hemmingford	179	70	51	452	5	51
Herdman	170	62	35	261	7	41
Hereford Road	422	1	73	187	2	50
Highwater	565	264	301	357	4	31
Jamieson's Line	6	2	-	6	-	2
Lac Frontiere	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lac Memphremagog	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lacolle	421	647	25	912	313	90
Montreal	-	-	-	-	-	-

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		Com- mercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
<u>Quebec - Cont'd</u>						
Morses Line	68	35	32	66	-	14
Noyan	78	41	12	157	1	26
Philipsburg	366	1,168	195	444	101	222
Quebec	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rock Island	1,702	314	112	1,287	30	75
St. Armand	-	1	-	-	-	-
St. Pamphile	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Zacharie	2	-	2	99	1	1,291
Stanhope	246	371	105	705	155	316
Trout River	380	154	8	723	28	75
Woburn	225	14	10	91	25	53
Total, Quebec	7,308	3,759	1,955	8,682	988	4,077
<u>Ontario.</u>						
Brockville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cobourg	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cornwall	1,330	77	84	1,146	33	116
Courtright	2	-	-	-	1	-
Fort Erie	20,437	3,520	629	5,936	380	454
Fort Frances	2,432	27	95	1,629	34	1,520
Fort William	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gananoque	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kingston	-	3	-	12	-	1
Kingsville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lansdowne	150	271	131	441	103	87
Leamington	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morrisburg	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niagara Falls	15,266	1,994	122	16,681	443	1,036
Pigeon River	103	70	7	94	76	13
Port Arthur	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port Lambton	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prescott	349	62	42	315	28	39
Rainy River	196	9	25	538	2	86
Sarnia	3,784	984	123	1,848	176	117
Sault Ste. Marie .	761	64	16	1,384	32	43
Sombra	-	-	-	-	-	-
Toronto	-	-	-	-	-	-
Walpole Island ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
West Dock	-	-	-	-	-	-
Windsor	62,952	4,823	4,312	6,615	1,054	1,180
Total, Ontario	107,762	11,904	5,586	36,639	2,362	4,692

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		Com- mercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
<u>Manitoba</u>						
Boissevain	6	3	1	10	4	1
Cartwright	2	-	-	1	-	-
Coulter	11	5	6	33	5	22
Crystal City ...	15	-	2	12	-	2
Emerson	1,135	204	19	374	240	17
Goodlands	22	1	-	18	-	1
Gretna	580	11	5	275	11	126
Haskett	34	5	2	95	2	33
Lena	11	3	3	27	2	-
Lyleton	-	-	-	-	-	-
Middlebro	36	-	152	38	-	-
Piney	41	-	5	28	-	-
Snowflake	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Junction .	59	-	5	44	-	3
Windygates	20	-	-	-	-	-
Total, Manitoba	1,972	232	200	955	264	205
<u>Saskatchewan</u>						
Big Beaver	2	-	5	18	1	16
East Poplar River	8	1	1	39	6	3
Elmore	37	-	4	36	-	14
Estevan	96	-	5	125	21	24
Marienthal	31	1	-	144	-	38
Monchy	2	-	-	4	-	-
Northgate	142	-	21	253	1	29
North Portal ...	185	5	116	231	21	40
Oungre	8	-	1	69	8	30
Regway	10	-	-	54	4	1
Treelon	5	-	-	18	-	3
West Poplar River	-	-	-	-	1	1
Willow Creek ...	-	-	-	1	-	-
Total, Saskatchewan	526	7	153	992	63	199
<u>Alberta</u>						
Aden	9	4	-	9	2	1
Carway	12	5	1	4	-	2
Chief Mountain .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coutts	865	142	356	1,192	177	416
Del Bonita	74	15	30	28	-	7
Wild Horse	7	-	2	12	-	3
Total, Alberta	967	166	389	1,245	179	429

Port and Province	Number of Foreign Vehicles Inward			Number of Canadian Vehicles Inward		
	Non	Travel-	Com-	Length of stay abroad		Com-
	Permit Class (Local Traffic)	ler's Vehicle Permits	mercial Vehicles	24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	mercial Vehicles
<u>British Columbia</u>						
Aldergrove	364	355	69	928	94	108
Boundary Bay	505	65	27	929	40	76
Carson	196	103	14	160	6	18
Cascade City	150	101	6	157	22	26
Flathead	-	-	-	-	-	-
Huntingdon	1,068	239	18	2,735	135	117
Keremeos	1	3	-	4	1	1
Kingsgate	35	40	14	91	129	28
Midway	61	2	8	16	1	5
Nelway	32	10	-	52	33	4
New Westminster ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Osoyoos	210	296	3	1,233	159	43
Pacific Highway ...	1,023	6,097	112	6,162	553	31
Paterson	105	40	14	264	37	45
Pleasant Camp	-	-	-	-	-	-
Powell River	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert	-	3	-	-	-	-
Roosville	6	8	-	41	13	7
Rykerts	193	8	5	397	36	73
Sidney	-	-	-	-	-	-
Silver Heights	-	-	-	-	-	2
Skagit	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stewart	7	1	17	110	-	133
Vancouver	-	1	-	-	-	-
Victoria	-	272	-	6	100	-
Waneta	1	1	-	1	7	-
Total, British Columbia	3,957	7,645	307	13,286	1,366	717
<u>Yukon Territory</u>						
Dawson	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whitehorse	-	19	-	-	-	-
Total, Yukon Territory	-	19	-	-	-	-
<u>TOTAL,</u>						
CANADA	167,863	25,083	13,505	93,195	5,485	15,325

SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

FEBRUARY, 1946 and FEBRUARY, 1947

NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES INWARD

Province	Non-Permit Class		Traveller's		Commercial	
	Local Traffic		Vehicle		Vehicles	
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
Prince Edward Island ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	41,713	45,371	1,365	1,351	4,708	4,915
Quebec	7,218	7,308	4,119	3,759	1,757	1,955
Ontario	103,019	107,762	16,048	11,904	4,770	5,586
Manitoba	1,667	1,972	145	232	47	200
Saskatchewan	656	526	31	7	208	153
Alberta	496	967	102	166	140	389
British Columbia	3,229	3,957	8,036	7,645	354	307
Yukon Territory	-	-	1	19	-	-
TOTAL	157,998	167,863	29,847	25,083	11,984	13,505

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FEBRUARY, 1946 and FEBRUARY, 1947.

NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES INWARD.

Province	Length of stay abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 hours or less		Over 24 hours			
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	26,626	31,396	154	263	4,538	5,006
Quebec	7,383	8,682	631	988	2,946	4,077
Ontario	26,968	36,639	1,310	2,362	2,406	4,692
Manitoba	793	955	173	264	123	205
Saskatchewan	1,206	992	88	63	130	199
Alberta	822	1,245	78	179	394	429
British Columbia	8,540	13,286	1,250	1,366	855	717
Yukon Territory	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	72,338	93,195	3,684	5,485	11,392	15,325

CUMULATIVE SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1946: JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1947.

<u>NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES INWARD</u>						
Province	Non-Permit Class		Traveller's		Commercial	
	Local Traffic		Vehicle-Permits		Vehicles	
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	88,060	93,739	2,468	2,957	8,395	9,436
Quebec	15,287	16,027	8,044	8,077	3,455	3,816
Ontario	204,902	231,900	31,238	24,857	10,292	11,278
Manitoba	3,774	5,042	362	565	106	340
Saskatchewan	1,448	1,270	85	28	512	383
Alberta	1,031	1,814	201	276	384	784
British Columbia ...	6,148	7,861	14,223	12,601	655	756
Yukon Territory	-	-	6	28	-	-
TOTAL	320,650	357,653	56,627	49,389	23,799	26,793
Percentage Change ..		+ 11.2%		+ 12.8%		+ 11.3%

CUMULATIVE SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1946: JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1947.

NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES INWARD						
Province	Length of stay abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 hours or less		Over 24 hours			
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	55,736	65,447	312	468	8,826	9,695
Quebec	15,680	18,951	1,237	1,822	5,482	6,454
Ontario	56,569	74,838	2,985	4,922	4,994	8,469
Manitoba	2,019	3,256	321	504	304	702
Saskatchewan	2,746	2,006	209	130	288	371
Alberta	1,572	2,395	169	316	760	891
British Columbia ...	16,399	23,237	2,549	2,477	1,603	1,582
Yukon Territory	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	150,721	190,130	7,782	10,639	22,257	28,164
Percentage Change ..		+ 26.1%		+ 36.7%		+ 26.5%

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 (E.50)

Travellers'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.

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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