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HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

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Highway traffic between Canada and the United States in February was 14 per cent greater in volume than in the same month last year. Most of the advance was due to Canadian traffic returning from the United States which increased by 32 per cent. The increase in United States traffic entering Canada was only 8 per cent. The aggregate number of border crossings was 419,900, consisting of 289,900 foreign entries and 130,000 Canadian vehicles returning. Of the foreign inflow, 35,800 vehicles entered on traveller's permits, 239,200 were non-permit or local entries and 14,900 were commercial vehicles. The Canadian traffic comprised 6,200 units remaining abroad for more than 24 hours, 109,300 staying for shorter periods and 14,500 commercial vehicles.

Foreign Vehicles

The number of vehicles entering Canada on traveller's vehicle permits in February was 7 per cent higher than in February, 1948. Increases were recorded in all provinces except Manitoba and British Columbia. The volume of this type of traffic in the first two months of 1949 was 11 per cent heavier than in the same period of last year, whereas the corresponding gain in the first two months of 1948 over the same months in 1947 was 25 per cent.

Non-permit or local traffic increased by 7 per cent over February 1948, gains in New Brunswick, Ontario and Alberta more than offsetting losses in the other provinces.

Canadian Vehicles

In February there was a continuation of the pronounced advance in Canadian highway traffic returning from the United States which had occurred in the two preceding months. The increase in February over equivalent data in the previous year was 56 per cent in the longer term traffic and 32 per cent in the shorter term traffic. As a result, traffic was heavier than it was two years earlier in February, 1947 before the introduction of the "emergency Exchange Conservation programme. The increase

in the longer term traffic in February 1949 over February 1948 amounted to 2,213 vehicles. Of this total, however, 1,624 vehicles or 73 per cent represented gains in the volume of traffic returning by way of Fort Erie, Niagara Falls and Windsor. The longer term traffic at these ports was more than two and a half times its volume in February 1948, while similar traffic at all other ports in Canada was only 20 per cent greater than in February 1948. These figures suggest that the increase in the longer term traffic was largely due to shopping expeditions to Buffalo, Niagara Falls and Detroit, caused by declining United States commodity prices and the removal of the Canadian ban on imports which had been in effect from November 1947 to December 1948.

Tourist Car Movement

February, 1937 - 1949

<u>February</u>	<u>Travellers Vehicle Permits Foreign Vehicles Inward</u>	<u>Returning Canadian Cars Abroad over 24 Hours</u>
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
1948	33,329	3,962
1949	35,826	6,175

(1) Comparable category unavailable.

MONTHLY STATEMENT BY PORTS OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

FEBRUARY, 1949

Port and Province	Number of Foreign Vehicles Inward			Number of Canadian Vehicles Inward		
	Non-Fermit Class (Local Traffic)	Traveler's Vehicle Permits	Com-mercial Vehicles	Length of stay abroad		Com-mercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
Nova Scotia						
Halifax	-	-	-	-	-	-
North Sydney	-	1	-	-	-	-
Yarmouth	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total, Nova Scotia	-	1	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick						
Andover	1,589	205	253	1,787	4	408
Belleville	59	3	20	167	1	50
Bloomfield	51	10	68	87	-	43
Brown Road	-	-	-	-	-	-
Campobello	8	-	1	50	-	32
Centreville	451	75	140	315	16	215
Clair	3,689	224	278	3,353	32	191
Connors	91	8	1	52	-	511
Edmundston	15,025	429	2,029	6,183	62	1,102
Forest City	186	1	8	49	-	30
Fosterville	150	1	4	157	-	29
Four Falls	61	27	8	98	1	9
Gillespie	757	172	84	450	-	88
Grand Falls	334	56	104	239	-	36
Lord's Cove	-	-	-	-	-	-

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-Fermit 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	
New Brunswick (Cont'd.)						
Milltown	4,024	39	292	3,492	1	250
River de Chute	315	47	132	240	-	136
St. Croix	1,075	38	148	939	5	147
St. Leonard	8,782	338	593	6,133	50	173
St. Stephen	16,626	479	1,034	15,627	109	950
Union Corner	37	-	11	104	-	49
Upper Mills	230	2	15	207	-	41
Woodstock Road	2,112	179	208	1,439	4	196
Total, New Brunswick	55,652	2,333	5,431	41,168	285	4,686
Québec						
Abercorn	928	318	129	862	6	135
Armstrong	105	65	97	67	161	266
Beebe	1,023	32	104	410	4	25
Chartierville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clarenceville	96	43	17	147	1	21
Comins Mills	322	64	110	258	23	68
Dundee	457	47	14	707	-	17
East Finnacle	32	4	14	36	-	17
Estcourt	17	10	88	17	22	303
Franklin Centre	53	15	6	18	-	-
Frelighsburg	220	173	57	137	4	29
Glen Sutton	231	370	172	282	1	62
Hemmingford	398	91	126	478	13	98
Herdman	297	70	109	380	8	66
Hereford Road	388	2	118	154	-	63
Highwater	634	482	388	385	12	99
Jamieson's Line	69	16	19	15	-	-
Lac Frontiere	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lacolle	379	2,250	87	1,381	307	140
Leadville	8	-	3	12	-	-
Mansonville	22	-	3	34	-	4
Morse's Line	99	86	21	80	5	34
Noyan	254	122	49	219	1	31

Fort and Province	Number of Foreign Vehicle 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	
Quebec - Cont'd.						
Philipsburg	291	2,285	313	355	132	177
Rock Island	3,436	597	115	1,849	34	120
St. Armand	10	31	-	18	3	6
St. Pamphile	-	1	-	-	-	-
St. Zacharie	35	2	52	117	44	252
Stanhope	266	465	114	1,042	190	272
Trout River	602	288	23	650	20	43
Woburn	192	34	157	95	28	1,264
Total Quebec	10,864	7,963	2,505	10,205	1,019	3,612
Ontario						
Brockville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cobourg	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cornwall	1,889	262	37	1,822	39	106
Courtright	29	20	-	10	1	-
Erieau	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fort Erie	34,022	6,548	667	8,964	767	516
Fort Frances	2,607	31	130	1,759	26	1,015
Fort William	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kingston	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kingsville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lansdowne	444	690	302	705	150	222
Leamington	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morrisburg	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niagara Falls	22,955	3,012	16	15,267	556	1,211
Pelee Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pigeon River	157	67	36	149	126	23
Port Arthur	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port Lambton	88	38	-	43	10	-
Prescott	619	94	26	430	38	53
Rainy River	172	9	7	536	2	94
Sarnia	5,100	1,728	87	1,974	199	193
Sault Ste. Marie ...	1,145	78	39	1,635	46	48
Sombra	75	43	1	42	5	9
Walpole Island	12	5	-	45	3	-
Windsor	95,381	7,486	4,678	10,998	1,286	1,190
Total Ontario	164,695	20,111	6,026	44,379	3,254	4,680

Port and Province	Number of			Number of		
	Foreign Vehicles Inward			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		
Manitoba						
Boissevain	15	-	1	24	12	1
Cartwright	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coulter	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crystal City	-	-	-	-	-	-
Emerson	1,510	171	36	449	308	86
Goodlands	-	-	-	4	-	-
Gretna	743	4	79	396	10	26
Haskett	9	-	1	31	7	5
Lena	4	-	2	7	-	1
Lyleton	-	-	-	-	-	-
Middlebro	59	-	60	90	3	33
Piney	46	1	11	53	-	15
Snowflake	-	-	-	-	-	-
South Junction	42	-	2	68	5	18
Windygates	9	-	-	1	-	-
Total Manitoba	2,437	176	192	1,123	345	185
Saskatchewan						
Big Beaver	7	-	8	26	-	3
East Poplar River	-	2	-	3	1	-
Elmore	1	-	6	3	-	6
Estevan	39	1	1	39	3	7
Marienthal	8	-	-	16	-	7
Monchy	2	3	-	10	30	-
Northgate	104	-	12	98	2	43
North Portal	182	22	117	224	62	61
Oungre	-	-	1	22	2	26
Regway	-	-	-	10	-	7
Treelon	21	1	-	24	6	1
West Poplar River	-	-	-	-	-	-
Willow Creek	-	1	-	-	-	-
Total Saskatchewan	364	30	145	475	106	161
Alberta						
Aden	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carway	3	1	-	-	3	-
Chief Mountain	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coutts	859	299	129	1,084	293	320
Del Bonita	56	2	-	34	1	12
Wild Horse	1	-	-	14	3	-
Total Alberta	919	302	129	1,132	300	332

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>British Columbia</u>						
Aldergrove	290	281	19	775	48	108
Boundary Bay	557	21	47	512	14	85
Carson	170	56	9	116	1	38
Cascade City	154	55	1	193	14	16
Huntingdon	1,199	248	50	2,511	142	155
Keremeos	1	1	-	3	-	-
Kingsgate	30	117	67	68	208	9
Midway	125	1	7	33	1	1
Nelway	68	8	16	67	43	52
Osoyoos	352	225	27	923	117	112
Pacific Highway	966	3,637	111	4,828	103	29
Paterson	76	39	42	218	39	35
Pleasant Camp	-	-	-	-	-	-
Powell River	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert	-	5	-	-	-	-
Roosville	9	5	-	48	6	2
Rykerts	162	11	5	222	31	9
Sidney	-	-	-	-	-	-
Silver Heights	-	-	-	-	-	-
Skagit	6	-	-	4	-	-
Stewart	106	1	24	323	-	163
Vancouver	-	1	-	-	-	-
Victoria	-	167	-	1	96	-
Waneta	-	-	8	-	3	-
Total						
British Columbia	4,271	4,879	433	10,845	866	814
<u>Yukon Territory</u>						
Dawson	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snag Creek	-	31	47	-	-	8
Total,						
Yukon Territory	-	31	47	-	-	8
TOTAL						
CANADA	239,202	35,826	14,908	109,327	6,175	14,478

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

FEBRUARY, 1948 and FEBRUARY, 1949

NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES INWARD						
Province	Non-Permit Class Local Traffic		Traveller's Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949
Prince Edward Island ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	1	1	-	-
New Brunswick	44,432	55,652	2,068	2,333	3,976	5,431
Quebec.....	11,131	10,864	5,919	7,963	1,832	2,505
Ontario	159,530	164,695	16,705	20,111	5,357	6,026
Manitoba	2,615	2,437	216	176	181	192
Saskatchewan	370	364	26	30	175	145
Alberta	917	919	218	302	191	129
British Columbia	5,080	4,271	8,143	4,879	470	433
Yukon Territory	-	-	33	31	17	47
TOTAL	224,075	239,202	33,329	35,826	12,199	14,908
Percentage Change		+ 6.8		+ 7.5		+ 22.2

TABLE 2 - SUMMARY OF PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

FEBRUARY, 1948 and FEBRUARY, 1949

NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES INWARD						
Province	Length of stay abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 hours or less		Over 24 hours		1948	1949
	1948	1949	1948	1949		
Prince Edward Island ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	29,687	41,168	198	285	3,926	4,686
Quebec	9,977	10,205	702	1,019	2,534	3,612
Ontario	29,397	44,379	1,466	3,254	3,492	4,680
Manitoba	1,242	1,123	266	345	213	185
Saskatchewan	348	475	81	106	134	161
Alberta	909	1,132	253	300	269	332
British Columbia	11,162	10,845	986	866	1,175	814
Yukon Territory	-	-	-	-	-	8
TOTAL	82,722	109,327	3,962	6,175	11,743	14,478
Percentage Change		+ 32.2		+ 55.9		+ 23.3

TABLE 3 - CUMULATIVE SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1948: JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1949

Province	NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES INWARD					
	Non-Permit Class Local Traffic		Traveller's Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	1	3	-	-
New Brunswick	90,069	115,021	3,883	4,576	8,520	10,785
Quebec	22,538	24,061	11,283	15,895	3,495	5,015
Ontario	317,337	327,982	29,824	37,702	11,290	12,139
Manitoba	5,643	4,769	468	306	328	480
Saskatchewan	1,059	740	80	57	444	223
Alberta	2,160	1,832	462	605	382	272
British Columbia	10,809	9,406	15,507	9,207	1,032	903
Yukon Territory	-	-	64	65	17	84
TOTAL	449,615	483,811	61,572	68,416	25,508	29,901
Percentage Change		+ 7.6		+ 11.1		+ 17.2

TABLE 4 - CUMULATIVE SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1948: JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1949

Province	NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES INWARD					
	Length of stay abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 hours or less		Over 24 hours			
1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949	
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	60,052	84,027	455	662	8,211	9,394
Quebec	20,306	22,657	1,506	2,311	4,374	6,610
Ontario	57,473	90,868	3,243	7,134	7,020	9,803
Manitoba	2,460	2,218	488	669	474	475
Saskatchewan	1,135	853	201	233	342	304
Alberta	2,204	2,267	507	677	677	672
British Columbia	22,355	22,547	2,138	1,946	2,438	1,629
Yukon Territory	-	-	-	-	-	39
TOTAL	165,985	225,437	8,538	13,632	23,536	28,926
Percentage Change		+ 35.8		+ 59.7		+ 22.9

The following notes define briefly the classifications used in Tables 1 to 4:

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)

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.

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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