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The volume of highway traffic entering Canada from the United States in September showed little change from the corresponding month last year. Foreign traffic declined by 4 per cent, a drop in non-permit or local vehicles more than offsetting a gain in vehicles entering on traveller's vehicle permits. Canadian vehicles continued to return from the United States in increased volume but the gain in September was smaller than in most other months of the year. The aggregate number of border crossings was 1,000,600, consisting of 743,000 foreign entries and 257,600 Canadian vehicles returning. Of the foreign inflow, 264,500 vehicles entered on traveller's vehicle permits, 456,500 were non-permit or local entries and 22,000 were commercial vehicles. The Canadian traffic comprised 43,300 units remaining abroad for more than 24 hours, 198,200 staying for shorter periods and 16,100 commercial vehicles.

Foreign Vehicles

September was the second month of the year to show a decrease in the total number of foreign entries, traffic in March having been slightly lower than in the year before. In every other month foreign traffic has been heavier in the current year and cumulative totals for the first nine months were 3 per cent higher than in the year before.

The number of foreign vehicles entering Canada on traveller's vehicle permits in September was 4 per cent higher in 1949 than in 1948. Increases were reported from all regions, the best showing being in the Maritimes and the West. Totals from January through September for this type of traffic were 9 per cent higher in the current year, indicating that the number of vehicles entering on permits in the year 1949 will probably be close to 2 million compared to 1,824,000 in 1948 and 1,664,000 in 1947.

Non-permit or local traffic decreased from 502,100 units in September 1948 to 456,500 in September 1949, a loss of 9 per cent. Increases were recorded in the number of entries into New Brunswick, Alberta and British Columbia and decreases in the volume of traffic entering each of the other provinces.

x Excluding points of entry into Newfoundland.

Canadian Vehicles

The number of Canadian vehicles returning to Canada in September after remaining abroad longer than 24 hours was 63 per cent higher in 1949 than in 1948. Since the return last January of the \$100 customs exemption, which had been suspended throughout 1948, Canadian motor traffic to the United States has been consistently heavier than in the preceding year. The increase in the longer term traffic has ranged from a maximum of 143 per cent in April to a minimum of 50 per cent in August. During the first 9 months the increase in this type of traffic over the corresponding period last year was 68 per cent. Shorter term traffic remaining abroad for 24 hours or less has shown greater stability. The rate of gain over the previous year for short term vehicles was 12 per cent in September and 24 per cent in the first 9 months.

Tourist Car Movement - September 1937 - 1949

September	<u>Travellers Vehicle Permits Foreign Vehicles Inward</u>	<u>Returning Canadian Cars Abroad over 24 hours</u>
1937	197,816	(1)
1938	174,685	(1)
1939	169,745	36,685
1940	118,818	4,355
1941	117,005	6,463
1942	53,172	4,190
1943	47,453	3,539
1944	61,648	7,337
1945	145,968	13,795
1946	181,734	21,478
1947	198,865	26,294
1948	253,564	26,552
• 1949	264,467	43,371

(1) Comparable category unavailable.

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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	
Nova Scotia(x)						
Halifax	-	9	-	-	-	-
North Sydney	-	6	-	-	-	-
Yarmouth	-	263	-	2	12	-
Total, Nova Scotia	-	278	-	2	12	-
New Brunswick -						
Andover	5,020	1,335	366	3,210	18	652
Belleville	119	59	27	258	6	64
Bloomfield	174	61	57	212	3	128
Brown Road	122	16	18	158	-	18
Campobello	169	17	16	254	7	64
Centreville	1,238	254	174	783	33	197
Clair	7,080	1,497	577	5,570	26	453
Connors	-	-	-	-	-	-
Edmundston	28,612	2,037	2,570	12,197	257	951
Forest City	292	13	21	112	-	52
Fosterville	352	42	29	257	-	150
Four Falls	117	112	34	181	1	21
Gillespie	1,103	592	1,315	644	13	110
Grand Falls	377	297	80	505	-	79
Lord's Cove	29	27	2	75	4	3
Milltown	5,934	134	304	5,408	27	520
River de Chute	468	184	80	155	-	110
St. Croix	1,799	654	110	1,654	127	141
Saint John	-	8	-	-	-	-
St. Leonard	11,338	2,348	597	8,903	100	352
St. Stephen	25,356	4,508	1,125	22,395	1,997	911
Union Corner	133	37	8	247	2	117
Upper Mills	458	2	34	446	1	46

(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. In September the total number of foreign vehicles which entered Nova Scotia on traveller's vehicle permits directly from the United States and also by way of other provinces was 3,137.

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>New Brunswick - Cont'd.</u>						
Woodstock Road	4,285	1,382	248	4,181	161	279
Total, New Brunswick	94,575	15,616	7,792	67,805	2,783	5,418
<u>Quebec -</u>						
Abercorn	1,573	1,351	153	1,395	84	105
Armstrong	173	3,832	306	232	316	69
Beebe	1,401	303	114	692	23	28
Chartierville	148	409	16	103	45	13
Clarenceville	181	147	17	330	27	21
Comins Mills	586	881	83	383	97	174
Dundee	2,201	271	79	1,929	93	56
East Pinnacle	44	69	5	94	1	18
Estcourt	54	61	88	206	61	144
Franklin Centre	121	72	1	51	6	4
Frelighsburg	468	403	131	293	45	35
Glen Sutton	224	921	292	372	8	66
Hemmingford	1,556	486	154	1,173	92	150
Herdman	456	342	52	772	55	74
Hereford Road	590	284	43	294	8	124
Highwater	1,014	1,692	449	727	254	131
Jamieson's Line	179	43	8	41	1	-
Lac Frontiere	23	5	2	1	-	-
Lacolle	739	18,220	206	3,975	3,174	105
Leadville	51	17	9	70	1	1
Mansonville	23	12	2	50	-	-
Morses Line	48	315	53	165	15	43
Noyan	766	678	26	588	204	64
Philipsburg	389	8,539	280	2,043	2,051	214
Rock Island	7,143	6,710	506	4,015	845	319
St. Armand	9	143	1	32	-	1
St. Pamphile	-	10	-	-	-	-
St. Zacharie	27	11	149	157	90	45
Stanhope	249	2,100	38	1,103	722	128
Trout River	1,097	1,813	38	1,774	214	75
Woburn	595	459	110	405	72	49
Total, Quebec	22,128	50,599	3,411	23,465	8,604	2,256
<u>Ontario -</u>						
Brockville	299	525	3	297	113	4
Cobourg	-	20	-	2	6	-
Cornwall	3,087	1,824	80	3,954	492	172

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Ontario - Cont'd.						
Courtright	372	154	1	66	24	1
Erieau	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fort Erie	95,315	34,432	1,109	11,073	2,128	398
Fort Frances	4,950	3,669	147	3,608	264	1,201
Fort William	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kingston	-	114	-	-	-	-
Kingsville	-	31	-	-	-	-
Lansdowne	2,091	20,979	392	2,134	1,416	218
Leamington	-	18	-	-	-	-
Midland	-	1	-	-	-	-
Morrisburg	144	351	-	202	111	11
Niagara Falls	54,039	36,578	585	25,096	3,195	1,520
Pelee Island	-	60	-	-	-	-
Pigeon River	1,113	3,587	4	628	893	14
Port Arthur	-	14	-	-	1	-
Port Lambton	786	321	1	242	104	-
Prescott	832	1,442	19	1,053	424	47
Rainy River	18	214	-	73	7	16
Sarnia	10,321	16,130	160	4,125	1,751	349
Sault Ste. Marie ..	3,644	3,819	44	3,153	644	34
Sombra	501	149	3	164	47	57
Walpole Island	504	72	-	294	7	1
Windsor	142,767	38,671	6,172	11,800	2,325	1,109
Total, Ontario	320,783	163,175	8,720	67,964	13,952	5,152
Manitoba -						
Boissevain	91	431	1	188	305	149
Cartwright	215	45	4	130	29	12
Coulter	317	134	1	328	86	3
Crystal City	219	40	9	70	6	16
Emerson	2,183	2,831	67	1,512	2,341	151
Goodlands	22	49	-	278	30	11
Gretna	1,488	119	14	1,449	72	55
Haskett	229	64	1	553	37	61
Lena	195	152	3	336	26	11
Lyleton	144	45	16	212	6	58
Middlebro	138	24	56	255	6	76
Piney	144	32	59	142	12	38
Snowflake	112	8	-	235	11	1
South Junction	102	44	70	123	5	74
Windygates	106	63	14	199	13	22
Total, Manitoba	5,705	4,081	315	6,010	2,985	738

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Saskatchewan -						
Big Beaver	40	43	6	128	52	17
East Poplar River .	61	54	24	166	52	14
Elmore	227	40	92	333	35	86
Estevan	433	109	15	235	63	26
Marienthal	106	58	4	221	26	30
Monchy	31	92	7	46	255	5
Northgate	641	437	57	634	91	116
North Portal	664	523	268	1,152	684	179
Oungre	30	185	9	199	123	52
Regway	42	317	-9	185	306	76
Treelon	46	29	-	59	56	26
West Poplar River .	38	21	2	131	28	35
Willow Creek	7	29	4	14	59	2
Total, Saskatchewan	2,366	1,937	497	3,503	1,830	664
Alberta -						
Aden	13	7	-	32	13	6
Carway	182	782	-	190	729	-
Chief Mountain	33	1,047	30	106	248	3
Coutts	1,661	1,281	127	2,334	1,109	333
Del Bonita	161	66	199	13	13	9
Wild Horse	7	37	2	15	19	-
Total, Alberta	2,057	3,220	358	2,690	2,131	351
British Columbia -						
Aldergrove	406	1,031	46	1,556	593	101
Boundary Bay	1,366	73	68	4,349	502	184
Carson	384	190	27	428	45	98
Cascade City	458	340	13	509	60	23
Huntingdon	1,979	2,069	47	4,132	454	223
Keremeos	6	19	-	5	2	2
Kingsgate	160	1,126	19	600	946	22
Midway	139	27	2	85	9	1
Nelway	326	360	7	207	236	106
Osoyoos	673	1,993	7	2,202	906	94
Pacific Highway ...	1,886	13,915	293	9,913	5,712	157
Paterson	203	446	21	840	420	86
Pleasant Camp	6	-	1	4	2	1
Powell River	-	-	-	-	-	-

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<u>British Columbia - (Cont'd.)</u>						
Prince Rupert	-	21	-	-	-	-
Roosville	75	119	-	73	78	5
Rykerts	462	194	4	1,178	200	163
Sidney	-	490	-	36	250	1
Silver Heights	1	-	-	22	-	43
Skagit	65	6	374	63	3	23
Stewart	197	-	24	519	-	154
Vancouver	-	19	-	-	-	-
Victoria	-	2,894	-	29	641	-
Waneta	27	7	2	6	15	3
Total, British Columbia	8,819	25,339	955	26,756	11,074	1,490
<u>Yukon Territory -</u>						
Dawson	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snag Creek	27	222	37	-	-	-
Total, Yukon Territory	27	222	37	-	-	-
TOTAL, CANADA	456,460	264,467	22,085	198,195	43,371	16,069

Table 1 - SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
SEPTEMBER, 1948 AND SEPTEMBER, 1949

NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES INWARD						
Province	Non-Permit Class		Traveller's		Commercial	
	Local Traffic		Vehicle		Vehicles	
	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949
Nova Scotia	-	-	344	278	-	-
New Brunswick	88,032	94,575	11,925	15,616	4,857	7,792
Quebec	23,905	22,128	48,695	50,599	2,543	3,411
Ontario	371,066	320,783	161,913	163,175	9,024	8,720
Manitoba	6,335	5,705	3,598	4,081	285	315
Saskatchewan	2,467	2,366	1,680	1,937	628	497
Alberta	1,957	2,057	2,841	3,220	389	358
British Columbia	8,337	8,819	22,200	25,339	695	955
Yukon Territory	-	27	368	222	32	37
TOTAL	502,099	456,460	253,564	264,467	18,453	22,085
Percentage Change		-9.09		+4.30		+19.68

Table 2 - SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
SEPTEMBER, 1948 AND SEPTEMBER, 1949

NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES INWARD						
Province	Length of stay abroad				Commercial	
	24 hours		Over		Vehicles	
	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949
Nova Scotia	1	2	12	12	-	-
New Brunswick	57,914	67,805	1,964	2,783	4,901	5,418
Quebec	22,905	23,465	7,275	8,604	2,803	2,256
Ontario	57,090	67,964	8,254	13,952	4,919	5,152
Manitoba	7,046	6,010	2,081	2,985	641	738
Saskatchewan	3,840	3,503	1,189	1,830	815	664
Alberta	1,881	2,690	1,372	2,131	689	351
British Columbia	26,923	26,756	4,405	11,074	1,615	1,490
Yukon Territory	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	177,600	198,195	26,552	43,371	16,383	16,069
Percentage Change		+11.60		+63.34		-1.92

**Table 3 - CUMULATIVE SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
JANUARY-SEPTEMBER, 1948: JANUARY-SEPTEMBER, 1949**

NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES INWARD						
Province	Non-Permit Class		Traveller's		Commercial	
	Local Traffic		Vehicle		Vehicles	
	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949
Nova Scotia	-	-	2,104	1,921	-	-
New Brunswick	627,636	731,205	84,142	102,240	45,813	58,485
Quebec	182,269	158,168	278,380	302,961	20,447	25,605
Ontario	2,779,271	2,705,786	989,975	1,057,033	64,644	69,717
Manitoba	43,198	44,042	21,039	26,819	2,238	2,894
Saskatchewan	17,081	17,051	10,198	12,440	2,817	2,032
Alberta	14,286	13,645	25,487	32,389	1,650	2,175
British Columbia	68,924	68,819	160,169	180,326	5,572	6,217
Yukon Territory	7	515	1,940	1,405	165	646
TOTAL	3,732,672	3,739,231	1,573,434	1,717,534	143,346	167,771
Percentage Change		+0.18		+9.16		+17.04

**Table 4 - CUMULATIVE SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
JANUARY-SEPTEMBER, 1948: JANUARY-SEPTEMBER, 1949**

NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES INWARD						
Province	Length of stay abroad				Commercial	
	24 hours		Over		Vehicles	
	or less		24 hours		1948	1949
	1948	1949	1948	1949	1948	1949
Nova Scotia	10	18	56	49	-	-
New Brunswick	412,544	528,022	8,282	13,378	43,142	45,260
Quebec	178,855	184,842	36,337	47,162	22,204	23,740
Ontario	422,326	563,813	50,986	93,820	39,698	47,971
Manitoba	36,120	42,375	11,737	17,413	3,649	4,143
Saskatchewan	22,055	24,527	8,954	12,499	5,152	4,665
Alberta	15,188	21,057	9,913	14,934	3,901	4,217
British Columbia	197,056	225,604	31,379	66,292	14,097	12,667
Yukon Territory	1	1	-	4	16	49
TOTAL	1,284,155	1,590,259	157,644	265,551	131,859	142,712
Percentage Change		+23.84		+68.45		+8.23

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

1. "Commercial Vehicles" are trucks used for commercial purposes.
2. Highway Traffic not classified as commercial vehicles consists of automobiles, taxis, motorcycles and bicycles.
3. Foreign Vehicles Inward
 - (a) Non-Permit Class consists of 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 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 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.

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.

4. 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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