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TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY, 1950

1. HIGHWAY TRAFFIC - FEBRUARY 1950

The volume of highway traffic entering Canada from the United States in February was 4 per cent higher than in the same month last year. Foreign traffic declined by 1 per cent, a drop in non-permit or local vehicles more than offsetting a gain in vehicles entering on traveller's vehicle permits. Canadian traffic returning from the United States increased by 17 per cent. Total border crossings during the month numbered 438,300, of which United States vehicles accounted for 285,600 and Canadian vehicles 152,700. The United States traffic consisted of 39,000 entries on traveller's vehicle permits, 229,000 non-permit or local vehicles and 17,600 commercial vehicles. The Canadian traffic comprised 7,700 units remaining abroad more than 24 hours, 126,300 staying for shorter periods and 18,700 commercial vehicles.

Foreign Vehicles

Foreign vehicles entered Canada on Traveller's Vehicle Permits in 9 per cent greater volume than in February last year. Increases were recorded in all provinces except Ontario where severe winter weather produced a small decrease. The volume of this type of traffic in the first two months of 1950 was 10 per cent heavier than in the same period last year, the corresponding gain in the first two months of 1949 over the same months in 1948 being 11 per cent.

Non-permit or local traffic decreased from 239,200 units in February 1949 to 229,000 in February 1950, a loss of 4 per cent. Adverse weather in Southern Ontario brought reductions in volume of traffic at Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Sarnia and Windsor, which generally account for well over half the non-permit traffic entering Canada. Entries into all provinces other than Ontario were higher than in the previous year.

January and Canadian Vehicles

The increase over the previous year, in Canadian highway traffic returning from the United States was somewhat higher than in January but remained considerably lower than in 1949. The longer term traffic was 24 per cent heavier than in February last year, whereas the corresponding rate of gain in each month of 1949 was at least 50 per cent. The advance in February was due to heavier traffic returning by way of all provinces except Manitoba and Alberta.

Short term traffic remaining out of the country for 24 hours or less was higher in all provinces, the overall gain being 16 per cent.

<u>February</u>	<u>Number of Foreign Vehicles Entering on Traveller's Vehicle Permits</u>	<u>Number of Returning Canadian Vehicles 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
1950	39,006	7,751

(1) Comparable category unavailable.

NOTE: Information regarding volume of traffic entering Canada by rail, through bus, boat and plane in January is not yet available and will follow at a later date.

MONTHLY STATEMENT BY PORTS OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

FEBRUARY, 1950

Port of Entry	Number of Foreign Vehicles entering Canada			Number of Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	Non- Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travel- ler's Vehicle Permits	Com- mercial Vehicles	Length of stay abroad	Over 24 hours	Com- mercial Vehicles
Newfoundland						
St. John's	19	-	-	-	-
Provincial Total	...	19	-	-	-	-
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Nova Scotia (x)						
Halifax	-	-	-	-	-
North Sydney	-	-	-	-	-
Yarmouth	-	-	-	-	-
Provincial Total	...	-	-	-	-	-
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New Brunswick						
Andover	1,831	242	341	1,743	10
Belleville	88	10	30	185	1
Bloomfield	70	18	62	111	-
Brown Road	-	-	-	-	-
Campobello	18	-	9	74	2
Centreville	386	104	200	439	21
Clair	4,983	469	424	3,893	16
Connors	-	-	-	-	-
Edmundston	17,561	595	2,053	8,103	60
Forest City	50	-	15	45	-
Fosterville	114	3	10	152	-
Four Falls	97	28	1	85	-
Gillespie	437	177	124	462	3
Grand Falls	296	108	106	261	2
Lord's Cove	-	-	-	-	-
Milltown	3,576	62	389	3,552	2
River de Chute	203	23	77	162	-
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(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 boat) enter through ports in other provinces and are recorded in the latter.

Port of Entry			Number of Foreign Vehicles entering Canada	Number of Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	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>New Brunswick - Cont'd.</u>						
St. Croix	1,019	95	622	861	7	125
St. Leonard	5,315	713	183	8,304	35	366
St. Stephen	17,818	673	1,036	15,181	225	2,369
Union Corner	39	9	15	100	-	33
Upper Mills	208	2	17	208	-	37
Woodstock Road	2,174	256	130	1,945	26	317
Provincial Total	56,283	3,587	5,844	45,866	410	6,765

Quebec

Abercorn	1,035	327	209	996	10	180
Armstrong	80	73	13	89	57	953
Beebe	1,465	89	132	723	3	29
Chartierville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clarenceville	75	43	12	109	1	5
Comins Mills	421	97	119	329	27	204
Covey Hill	107	17	66	88	2	30
Dundee	575	59	18	852	1	28
East Pinnacle	12	4	7	46	2	21
Estcourt	31	39	170	39	55	453
Franklin Centre	44	28	19	8	-	5
Freelighsburg	232	110	108	145	5	32
Glen Sutton	168	415	176	360	4	105
Hemmingford	548	78	100	530	9	54
Herdman	340	86	66	454	6	56
Hereford Road	406	9	58	141	-	137
Highwater	640	516	484	452	13	94
Jamieson's Line	63	12	14	21	-	1
Lac Frontiere	-	3	-	-	-	-
Lacolle	494	2,382	459	2,240	671	268
Leadville	18	-	14	49	-	2
Mansonville	22	-	5	36	-	-
Morses Line	37	110	66	77	1	38
Noyan	358	108	63	232	10	43
Philipsburg	262	2,329	485	548	157	318
Rock Island	5,686	658	463	3,169	262	233

Port of Entry	Number of Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada			Number of Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada			
	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
Quebec (Cont'd.)							
St. Armand	3	21	4	15	-	-	1
St. Pamphile	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
St. Zacharie	11	2	-	89	33	33	38
Stanhope	166	480	23	335	51	51	527
Trout River	678	386	114	762	25	25	62
Woburn	203	47	79	143	53	53	873
Provincial Total	14,180	8,529	3,546	13,077	1,458	1,458	4,790
Ontario							
Brockville	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Cobourg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cornwall	2,185	290	131	2,073	46	46	221
Courtright	29	17	-	3	-	-	-
Fort Erie	30,382	5,732	916	9,611	248	248	553
Fort Frances	2,958	39	128	1,919	35	35	1,054
Fort William	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Kingston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kingsville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lansdowne	705	384	291	639	152	152	418
Leamington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morrisburg	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niagara Falls.....	22,745	2,993	335	18,752	861	861	1,298
Pele Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pigeon River	77	69	45	277	112	112	24
Port Arthur	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port Lambton	-	6	-	-	-	-	-
Prescott	572	102	54	502	45	45	64
Rainy River	232	12	23	617	4	4	111
Sarnia	4,760	1,976	93	1,801	209	209	259
Sault Ste. Marie	1,837	124	91	2,011	79	79	84
Sombra	146	98	-	68	15	15	6
Walpole Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Windsor	82,929	7,588	5,056	12,827	1,790	1,790	1,114
Provincial Total	149,557	19,432	7,163	51,100	3,596	3,596	5,206

Port of Entry	Number of Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada			Number of Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	Non-Traveler's Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Permit Holder's Vehicle Permits	Commercial Vehicles	Length of stay abroad		Commercial Vehicles
	24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	24 hours			
Manitoba						
Boisbœuf	11	21	5	10	14	3
Cartwright	56	-	-	11	1	2
Coulter	14	7	-	51	2	4
Crystal City	29	-	7	13	-	7
Emerson	1,590	286	99	531	280	105
Goodlands	15	2	-	74	3	7
Gretna	840	17	61	499	8	70
Haskett	37	4	4	81	4	6
Lena	58	5	1	65	4	4
Lyleton	-	-	-	-	-	-
Middlebro	35	2	18	122	-	75
Piney	59	8	18	43	-	81
Snowflake	3	-	-	3	-	-
South Junction	35	3	17	79	1	64
Windygates	5	2	2	8	-	1
Provincial Total ...	2,787	357	232	1,590	317	429
Saskatchewan						
Big Beaver	8	-	1	13	-	3
East Poplar River ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Elmore	33	-	17	41	2	12
Estevan	93	14	1	47	11	4
Marienthal	6	-	-	22	-	15
Monchy	1	-	-	1	-	-
Northgate	106	-	21	95	-	42
North Portal	181	36	195	402	116	55
Oungre	6	-	-	8	1	2
Regway	-	-	-	5	-	7
Treelon	2	2	-	5	-	-
West Poplar River ..	-	-	-	-	-	2
Willow Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provincial Total	436	52	235	639	130	142
Alberta						
Aden	5	1	-	9	2	3
Carway	37	2	-	18	22	-
Chief Mountain	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coutts	773	441	124	1,292	212	236
Del Bonita	143	17	35	100	5	5
Wild Horse	-	-	2	3	2	-
Provincial Total ...	958	461	161	1,422	243	244

Port of Entry	Number of Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada				Number of Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	Non- Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travel- ler's Vehicle Permits	Com- mercial Vehicle Permits	Length of stay abroad 24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	Com- mercial Vehicles	
British Columbia							
Aldergrove	230	328	20	850	83	91	
Boundary Bay	591	40	41	636	33	100	
Carson	237	51	12	209	8	33	
Cascade City	188	60	-	197	32	6	
Huntingdon	1,413	269	34	2,204	103	95	
Keremeos	1	2	-	2	1	2	
Kingsgate	32	103	16	128	123	33	
Midway	123	1	1	55	1	-	
Nelway	92	35	8	64	45	3	
Osoyoos	335	282	11	1,016	66	60	
Pacific Highway	1,124	5,093	198	6,258	918	267	
Paterson	48	47	2	223	39	10	
Pleasant Camp	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Powell River	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Prince Rupert	-	4	-	-	-	-	
Roosville	34	4	23	28	-	4	
Rykerts	234	60	12	413	32	57	
Sidney	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Silver Heights	1	-	-	12	-	122	
Skagit	42	2	17	23	-	4	
Stewart	89	-	17	304	-	192	
Vancouver	-	1	-	-	-	-	
Victoria	2	165	-	6	90	-	
Waneta	20	4	3	17	23	3	
Provincial Total	4,836	6,551	415	12,645	1,597	1,082	
Yukon Territory							
Dawson	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Snag Creek	-	18	-	-	-	-	
Provincial Total	-	18	-	-	-	-	
Dominion Total	229,037	39,006	17,596	126,339	7,751	18,658	

TABLE 1 -SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
FEBRUARY, 1949 and FEBRUARY, 1950

A - NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES ENTERING CANADA

Province of Entry	Non-Permit Class Local Traffic		Traveller's Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
Newfoundland	=	=	(1)	19	=	=
Nova Scotia	=	=	1	-	=	=
New Brunswick	55,652	56,283	2,333	3,587	5,431	5,844
Quebec	10,864	14,180	7,963	8,529	2,505	3,546
Ontario	164,695	149,557	20,111	19,432	6,026	7,163
Manitoba	2,437	2,787	176	357	192	232
Saskatchewan	364	436	30	52	145	235
Alberta	919	958	302	461	129	161
British Columbia	4,271	4,836	4,879	6,551	433	415
Yukon Territory	=	=	31	18	47	=
TOTAL	239,202	229,037	35,826	39,006	14,908	17,596
Percentage Change		- 4.2		+ 8.9		+ 18.0

B - NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES RETURNING TO CANADA

Province of Entry	Length of stay abroad					
	24 hours or less		Over 24 hours		Commercial Vehicles	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
Nova Scotia	=	=	=	=	=	=
New Brunswick	41,168	45,866	285	410	4,686	6,765
Quebec	10,205	13,077	1,019	1,458	3,612	4,790
Ontario	44,379	51,100	3,254	3,596	4,680	5,206
Manitoba	1,123	1,590	345	317	185	429
Saskatchewan	475	639	106	130	161	142
Alberta	1,132	1,422	300	243	382	244
British Columbia	10,845	12,645	866	1,597	814	1,082
Yukon Territory	=	=	=	=	8	=
TOTAL	109,327	126,339	6,175	7,751	14,478	18,658
Percentage Change		+ 15.6		+ 25.5		+ 28.9

(1) Comparable data unavailable

TABLE 2- CUMULATIVE SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1949: JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1950

A - NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES ENTERING CANADA

Province of Entry	Non-Permit Class		Traveller's		Commercial	
	Local Traffic		Vehicle Permits		Vehicles	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
Newfoundland	-	-	(1)	24	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	3	9	-	-
New Brunswick	115,021	118,455	4,576	7,533	10,785	12,677
Quebec	24,061	29,571	15,895	17,462	5,015	6,969
Ontario	327,982	315,641	37,702	39,728	12,139	14,716
Manitoba	4,769	5,115	306	569	480	412
Saskatchewan	740	845	57	125	223	521
Alberta	1,832	2,076	605	811	272	406
British Columbia	9,406	7,762	9,207	8,885	903	712
Yukon Territory	-	-	65	45	84	-
TOTAL	483,811	479,465	68,416	75,191	29,901	36,413
Percentage Change		- .9		+ 9.9		+ 21.8

B - NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES RETURNING TO CANADA

Province of Entry	Length of stay abroad					
	24 hours or less		Over 24 hours		Commercial Vehicles	
	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	84,027	97,325	662	995	9,394	12,163
Quebec	22,657	28,656	2,311	3,055	6,610	8,496
Ontario	90,868	104,352	7,134	8,278	9,803	11,021
Manitoba	2,218	2,779	669	623	475	674
Saskatchewan	853	1,300	233	253	304	265
Alberta	2,267	2,784	677	551	672	560
British Columbia	22,547	19,408	1,946	2,934	1,629	2,036
Yukon Territory	-	-	-	-	39	-
TOTAL	225,437	256,604	13,632	16,689	28,926	35,215
Percentage Change		+ 13.8		+ 22.4		+ 21.7

(1) Comparable data unavailable



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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.