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TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

NOVEMBER, 1951

I. HIGHWAY TRAFFIC - NOVEMBER, 1951

The volume of highway traffic entering Canada from the United States in November was 8 per cent higher than in the same month last year. The gain was 2 per cent in the case of foreign traffic and 19 per cent in that of Canadian traffic returning. The aggregate number of border crossings in November was 684,400, consisting of 407,900 foreign entries and 276,500 Canadian vehicles returning. Of the foreign inflow, 76,000 entered on traveller's vehicle permits, 310,500 consisted of local or non-permit traffic, and 21,400 were commercial vehicles. Of the Canadian traffic returning, 220,600 represented vehicles absent twenty-four hours or less, 30,100 those absent more than 24 hours, while 25,800 were of the commercial class.

November was not typical of 1951 in percentage changes from the year before. The cumulative figures for the first eleven months reveal a total gain of 15 per cent for all classes of travel. Foreign traffic increased 8 per cent and Canadian traffic returning 31 per cent.

Foreign Vehicles

Foreign vehicles entered Canada on traveller's vehicle permits in 5 per cent lighter volume than in November last year. Losses were fairly general throughout the country, one outstanding exception being British Columbia, where there was an increase of 1,900 vehicles. For the first eleven months of the year there was an increase of 8 per cent in this class of traffic. All parts of Canada shared in the gain.

Non-permit or local traffic increased by 5 per cent in November. New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia recorded gains, while in Quebec and Alberta travel of this type was lighter than a year ago.

For the first eleven months of the year the gain in local traffic was 8 per cent. Gains were general except in Alberta and Yukon Territory.

Canadian Vehicles

The number of long-term Canadian vehicles returning to Canada in November was 18 per cent greater in 1951 than in 1950. All geographical divisions of the country shared in the increase except Alberta and Saskatchewan. For the first eleven months of the year the percentage gain was considerably higher -- namely, 37 per cent. Alberta alone among the provinces revealed a contrary tendency, with a 6 per cent lower volume.

In the case of Canadian short-term traffic the overall gain in November was also 18 per cent. Alberta was the only province to show a loss. The gain for the eleven-month period was 30 per cent, with all subdivisions except Nova Scotia and the Yukon recording an increased number of vehicles.

To sum up, while November did not fulfill the promise of the earlier part of the year in the matter of percentage increases, highway traffic in most categories was at a higher level than in November, 1950.

<u>November</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	59,429	(1)
1938	53,168	(1)
1939	52,696	19,225
1940	43,502	2,854
1941	51,733	3,913
1942	23,680	2,256
1943	18,660	2,102
1944	27,994	3,153
1945	53,330	8,068
1946	68,497	10,399
1947	68,284	11,791
1948	74,967	12,497
1949	76,120	19,349
1950	80,104	25,560
1951	76,040	30,119

(1) Comparable category unavailable.

Information regarding traffic by rail, through bus, boat and plane in October, 1951, is not yet available, but will be published at a later date.

MONTHLY STATEMENT BY PORTS OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

NOVEMBER, 1951

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		Com- mercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
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Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia						
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Number of vehicles transported by boat direct from United States ports (x)	-	26	-	-	-	-
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New Brunswick						
Andover	2,361	570	297	3,023	25	558
Bellefleur	51	15	35	159	3	78
Bloomfield	77	25	48	103	3	85
Campobello	63	3	21	244	2	89
Centreville	743	207	103	811	56	175
Clair	6,069	850	735	6,062	30	565
Edmundston	17,648	930	2,520	15,213	71	974
Forest City	187	7	21	98	-	23
Fosterville	129	71	15	123	-	33
Four Falls	125	47	6	174	-	14
Gillespie	1,679	373	132	749	10	174
Grand Falls	527	177	105	531	2	89
Lord's Cove	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milltown	4,972	89	308	6,934	24	653
River de Chute	323	74	113	338	3	101

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

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				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
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New Brunswick - Cont'd.						
St. Croix	1,913	543	26	1,602	47	85
St. Leonard	6,853	1,134	806	9,082	101	431
St. Stephen	25,583	1,569	2,149	23,285	1,266	2,188
Union Corner	69	36	11	122	1	46
Upper Mills	418	49	31	585	-	35
Woodstock Road ..	1,929	772	114	4,656	212	298
Provincial Total	71,719	7,541	7,596	73,894	1,856	6,694
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Quebec						
Abercorn	1,643	400	197	1,589	31	108
Armstrong	205	401	97	946	373	263
Arnold Bog	36	-	12	24	6	5
Beebe	1,584	98	79	721	7	17
Chartierville ..	137	94	8	150	167	48
Clarenceville ..	122	51	18	327	12	9
Comins Mills ...	501	237	81	547	125	260
Covey Hill	203	36	32	182	-	41
Dundee	1,120	103	50	1,750	11	51
East Pinnacle ..	66	43	5	410	2	50
Estcourt	34	99	2	135	138	510
Franklin Centre .	104	24	7	51	2	30
Freighsburg ...	377	371	166	267	20	60
Glen Sutton	194	551	224	606	6	84
Hemmingford	668	152	106	1,551	33	160
Herdman	396	110	45	840	26	81
Hereford Road ..	564	96	34	336	28	90
Highwater	838	1,271	356	998	192	185
Jamieson's Lines	67	20	11	27	-	3
Lac Frontiere ...	10	37	-	37	25	7
Lacolle	523	4,351	675	5,853	1,571	812
Leadville	16	4	46	71	-	7
Mansonville	24	4	4	28	-	1
Morses Line	34	195	64	138	8	44
Noyan	507	203	34	528	56	90
Philipsburg	465	3,222	250	1,419	602	453
Rock Island	8,180	1,538	446	7,109	827	405

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<u>Quebec - Cont'd.</u>						
St. Armand	5	51	-	43	1	1
St. Pamphile	52	12	-	36	3	-
St. Zacharie	36	11	2	155	157	68
Stanhope	105	879	112	656	215	240
Trout River	987	570	47	2,390	117	101
Woburn	380	181	84	384	241	124
Provincial Total ..	20,183	15,415	3,294	30,304	5,002	4,408

Ontario

Brockville	133	92	2	160	48	2
Cornwall	2,578	516	196	3,642	211	297
Courtright	227	63	1	55	14	1
Fort Erie	43,240	9,687	1,741	13,648	4,577	557
Fort Frances	3,181	188	129	3,487	90	513
Kingston	-	4	-	-	-	-
Kingsville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lansdowne	1,264	1,057	261	1,151	830	333
Leamington	-	-	-	-	-	-
Midland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morrisburg	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niagara Falls	27,336	6,552	1,110	38,396	2,673	3,027
Pele Island	-	2	-	-	-	-
Pigeon River	129	127	66	229	327	28
Port Lambton	443	138	-	231	76	5
Prescott	686	309	19	1,014	228	24
Rainy River	4	-	-	10	-	-
Sarnia	7,009	4,391	193	6,714	1,585	440
Sault Ste. Marie ..	1,821	960	33	2,494	345	208
Sombra	268	102	1	258	50	20
Walpole Island	152	29	-	177	3	-
Windsor	113,829	12,835	3,728	8,407	1,743	4,845
Provincial Total	202,300	37,052	7,480	80,073	12,800	10,300

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Manitoba						
Boissevain	74	157	2	115	153	9
Cartwright	101	65	-	86	9	2
Coulter	49	89	5	452	54	11
Crystal City	149	49	6	56	8	6
Emerson	1,469	755	122	1,460	1,008	325
Goodlands	61	81	2	306	19	17
Gretna	1,873	95	101	1,438	43	118
Haskett	233	82	4	454	34	37
Lena	188	104	7	358	21	6
Lyleton	107	53	18	238	22	17
Middleboro	92	26	68	357	8	129
Piney	245	20	101	272	14	75
Snowflake	86	28	4	176	15	43
South Junction ..	311	32	218	243	8	48
Tolstoi	102	8	10	157	5	14
Windygates	106	105	1	131	18	13
Provincial Total .	5,246	1,749	669	6,299	1,437	870
Saskatchewan						
Big Beaver	43	18	7	142	29	56
East Poplar River	42	7	7	144	40	32
Elmore	163	12	55	308	62	101
Estevan	421	76	4	207	38	1
Marienthal	87	27	5	216	25	51
Monchy	58	27	5	22	107	8
Northgate	340	32	41	663	92	73
North Portal	352	178	591	1,232	355	363
Oungre	16	65	1	171	87	19
Regway	55	120	20	253	111	134
Treelon	49	7	-	55	39	4
West Poplar River	43	9	4	64	27	27
Willow Creek	-	11	-	19	27	14
Provincial Total .	1,669	589	740	3,496	1,039	883
Alberta						
Aden	6	14	2	16	8	8
Carway	31	36	1	23	83	3
Chief Mountain ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coutts	833	623	212	1,406	455	607
Del Bonita	141	34	31	131	23	8
Wild Horse	18	10	4	24	36	2
Provincial Total .	1,029	717	250	1,600	605	628

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				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
British Columbia						
Aldergrove	403	541	70	1,235	466	129
Boundary Bay	1,014	65	147	1,871	86	102
Carson	503	250	26	156	4	226
Cascade City	471	262	28	1,197	57	46
Huntingdon	1,914	1,076	86	4,488	475	227
Keremeos	-	4	-	7	6	-
Kingsgate	102	212	67	316	341	59
Midway	247	28	5	79	2	4
Nelway	148	89	5	147	133	3
Osoyoos	831	446	19	1,187	420	97
Pacific Highway ..	1,950	8,346	320	11,641	4,631	601
Paterson	166	206	102	1,344	326	63
Pleasant Camp	-	3	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert	-	6	-	-	-	-
Roosville	49	9	-	134	28	35
Rykerts	269	154	8	514	71	64
Silver Heights ...	6	-	-	113	-	150
Skagit	77	26	465	41	-	28
Stewart	138	-	-	354	-	196
Vancouver	-	9	-	-	-	-
Victoria	1	702	2	25	319	1
Waneta	9	5	1	51	13	1
Provincial Total	8,298	12,439	1,351	24,900	7,378	2,032
Yukon Territory						
Dawson	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snag Creek	8	512	1	9	2	-
Provincial Total	8	512	1	9	2	-
Dominion Total	310,452	76,040	21,381	220,575	30,119	25,815

**Table 1 - SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
NOVEMBER, 1950 AND NOVEMBER, 1951**

A - NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES ENTERING CANADA

Province of Entry	Non-Permit Class Local Traffic		Traveller's Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
Newfoundland	-	-	(21	(26	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	((-	-
New Brunswick	65,782	71,719	7,971	7,541	5,627	7,596
Quebec	20,287	20,183	17,867	15,415	3,762	3,294
Ontario	195,525	202,300	40,689	37,052	9,649	7,480
Manitoba	4,232	5,246	1,402	1,749	506	669
Saskatchewan	1,497	1,669	609	589	648	740
Alberta	1,823	1,029	753	717	748	250
British Columbia ..	7,234	8,298	10,576	12,439	986	1,351
Yukon Territory ...	51	8	216	512	15	1
Total	296,431	310,452	80,104	76,040	21,941	21,381
Percentage change		+ 4.7		- 5.1		- 2.6

B - NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES RETURNING TO CANADA

Province of Entry	Length of stay abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 hours or less		Over 24 hours			
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick ..	63,440	73,894	1,595	1,856	5,955	6,694
Quebec	28,715	30,304	4,248	5,002	3,811	4,408
Ontario	64,086	80,073	10,793	12,800	6,141	10,300
Manitoba	5,391	6,299	1,203	1,437	663	870
Saskatchewan	3,215	3,496	1,154	1,039	753	883
Alberta	2,358	1,600	1,412	605	545	628
British Columbia	20,008	24,900	5,155	7,378	1,878	2,032
Yukon Territory	-	9	-	2	-	-
Total	187,213	220,575	25,560	30,119	19,746	25,815
Percentage change		+ 17.8		+ 17.8		+ 30.7

Table 2-CUMULATIVE SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
JANUARY - NOVEMBER, 1950; JANUARY - NOVEMBER, 1951

A - NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES ENTERING CANADA

Province of Entry	Non-Permit Class Local Traffic		Traveller's Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
Newfoundland	-	-	(2,029	(2,306	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-			-	-
New Brunswick	797,126	821,969	140,667	144,304	73,735	77,387
Quebec	257,930	269,575	361,879	373,156	40,093	41,920
Ontario	3,174,408	3,473,875	1,209,164	1,316,348	103,226	100,687
Manitoba	49,952	60,181	25,435	34,616	4,041	6,458
Saskatchewan	19,434	20,041	15,384	16,415	5,007	4,287
Alberta	17,689	16,221	35,112	36,989	3,380	3,721
British Columbia	88,137	98,303	210,670	238,118	10,332	13,873
Yukon Territory	1,175	992	1,711	3,285	347	333
Total	4,405,851	4,761,157	2,002,051	2,165,537	240,161	248,666
Percentage change		+ 8.1		+ 8.2		+ 3.5

B - NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES RETURNING TO CANADA

Province of Entry	Length of stay abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 hours or less		Over 24 hours			
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
Nova Scotia	12	4	46	53	-	-
New Brunswick	672,842	826,874	19,784	27,573	69,895	77,286
Quebec	343,772	429,225	74,421	105,461	46,181	57,639
Ontario	773,235	1,091,558	141,260	209,704	66,215	109,091
Manitoba	52,038	81,943	20,813	31,775	5,580	11,202
Saskatchewan	30,307	38,538	16,210	20,037	6,889	9,638
Alberta	25,104	24,597	20,040	18,875	4,759	6,484
British Columbia	270,914	332,097	84,065	102,071	19,829	22,017
Yukon Territory	42	10	7	20	29	15
Total	2,168,266	2,824,846	376,646	515,569	219,377	293,372
Percentage change ...		+ 30.3		+ 36.9		+ 33.7



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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 do not require 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 foreign vehicles which remain in Canada longer than 48 hours or which travel beyond the jurisdiction of the port or entry. (Thus a motorist who intends to leave the country at a point other than that of entry must apply for a traveller's vehicle permit).

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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