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I. HIGHWAY TRAFFIC - FEBRUARY, 1952

The volume of highway traffic entering Canada from the United States in February was 29 per cent higher this year than in the same month a year ago. Foreign traffic increased by 19 per cent, and Canadian traffic returning from the south by 46 per cent. Total border crossings during the month numbered 610,900 compared with 472,800 in February, 1951. Of these, 343,800 were United States vehicles and 267,100 Canadian vehicles returning. The United States traffic consisted of 52,500 on traveller's vehicle permits, 269,300 local or non-permit vehicles and 22,000 in the commercial classification. The Canadian traffic comprised 18,500 units remaining abroad over 24 hours, 216,600 remaining for shorter periods, and 32,000 of a commercial type.

Foreign Vehicles

Foreign vehicles entered Canada on traveller's vehicle permits in 35 per cent greater volume than in February a year ago. All parts of the country shared in the gain. This is in marked contrast to the showing of a year ago, when there was a slight drop from the level of February, 1950 and to that of January this year, when there was a 7 per cent lower volume. For the first two months of this year combined, traffic in this division was 13 per cent heavier than in 1951. Local or non-permit traffic increased by 16 per cent in February, gains being general except in some parts of the West.

Canadian Vehicles

Canadian vehicles returning in February from trips of more than 24 hours' duration increased this year by 61 per cent. The number of cars - 18,500 - is the highest on record for this month. The average for the previous three Februarys

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was 8,500. There were slight decreases in some provinces, but substantial gains in the others. There **was** a similarly high percentage rise in the number of cars absent for periods of one day or less. Here the volume was up about 50 per cent, with all provinces except Alberta sharing in the gain.

<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
1951	38,934	11,482
1952	52,439	18,489

(1) Comparable category unavailable.

II. TRAFFIC BY RAIL, THROUGH BUS, BOAT AND PLANE - DECEMBER, 1951

The number of non-resident travellers entering Canada from the United States by rail, through bus, boat and plane in December was 10 per cent higher than in the corresponding month a year ago. For the whole year, 1951 the gain was 8 per cent. For the cumulative period the highest relative increase was in boat travel, while for the month of December the gain in rail traffic was notable.

About 4 per cent fewer Canadians returned by these modes of transportation in December, while for the year as a whole there was an increase of 6 per cent. Travel by plane showed the greatest relative gain in both cases.

MONTHLY STATEMENT BY PORTS OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

FEBRUARY, 1952

Port of Entry	Number of Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada			Number of Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	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
Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia						
Number of vehicles transported by boat direct from United States ports (x)	-	26	-	-	-	-

New Brunswick

Andover	1,566	257	206	2,945	7	432
Beaconsfield	50	-	21	41	-	27
Belleville	62	2	65	154	1	52
Bloomfield	71	9	55	121	2	73
Campobello	37	1	22	150	-	50
Centreville	436	62	82	653	16	132
Clair	5,008	420	395	4,782	23	420
Edmundston	14,100	500	2,626	12,749	49	1,243
Forest City	72	1	36	39	-	14
Fosterville	80	3	11	207	-	30
Four Falls	97	16	8	133	2	18
Gillespie	707	212	55	540	7	139
Grand Falls	385	112	75	464	2	111
Lord's Cove	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mars Hill Road ..	48	5	20	53	-	17
Milltown	4,441	23	323	5,918	5	564
River de Chute ..	25	16	3	47	-	28

- (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.

Port of Entry	Number of Foreign Vehicles Entering Canada			Number of Canadian Vehicles Returning to Canada		
	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
New Brunswick - Cont'd						
St. Croix	1,600	99	46	1,604	18	80
St. Leonard	5,246	641	339	8,787	51	162
St. Stephen	20,705	282	2,075	20,157	264	2,253
Union Corner	29	11	8	70	-	22
Upper Mills	396	17	37	476	-	41
Woodstock Road	1,127	249	62	2,799	54	192
Provincial Total .	56,288	2,938	6,570	62,889	501	6,100

Quebec

Abercorn	1,472	362	265	1,729	20	181
Armstrong	121	92	77	548	383	2,794
Arnold Bog	37	-	26	14	18	556
Beebe	1,469	45	45	933	2	25
Chartierville	-	-	-	17	32	118
Clarenceville	47	30	20	253	2	51
Comins Mills	232	36	8	484	55	162
Covey Hill	107	22	34	121	1	46
Dundee	821	65	23	1,296	6	53
East Pinnacle	34	28	8	145	-	34
Estcourt	81	56	9	133	177	1,096
Franklin Centre ...	71	28	25	43	-	43
Frelighsburg	244	237	165	212	7	44
Glen Sutton	148	383	214	454	2	89
Hemmingford	598	83	124	1,051	18	227
Herdman	371	86	46	810	12	55
Hereford Road	323	38	19	226	14	103
Highwater	749	722	438	1,054	211	262
Jamieson's Lines ..	22	13	13	12	-	4
Lac Frontiere	1	-	-	-	5	-
Lacolle	478	3,071	702	4,415	1,049	1,149
Leadville	4	-	12	28	-	1
Mansonville	23	-	4	32	-	-
Morses Line	49	118	44	91	3	34
Noyan	321	104	26	406	12	38
Philipsburg	293	2,531	287	1,025	325	598
Riviere Bleue	-	-	-	23	-	352
Rock Island	5,070	676	339	4,948	93	316

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	Permit Class (Local Traffic)	ler's Vehicle Permits	mercial Vehicles	24 Hours or Less	Over 24 Hours	mercial Vehicles
<u>Quebec</u> -(Cont'd)						
St. Armand	-	20	-	17	-	-
St. Pamphile	42	1	-	29	-	-
St. Zacharie	5	3	2	87	139	106
Stanhope	65	529	68	662	199	190
Trout River	758	511	53	2,080	49	120
Woburn	207	40	191	342	151	773
Provincial Total	14,263	9,930	3,287	23,720	2,985	9,620

Ontario

Brockville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cornwall	2,294	442	888	3,090	97	275
Courtright	-	6	-	-	-	-
Fort Erie	37,305	7,727	1,760	17,737	1,396	645
Fort Frances	3,536	56	185	2,988	81	614
Kingston	-	2	-	-	-	-
Kingsville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lansdowne	1,353	424	451	1,574	496	365
Leamington	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morrisburg	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niagara Falls	28,825	4,407	1,821	44,889	2,385	2,962
Pele Island	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pigeon River	151	130	72	303	238	37
Port Lambton	2	4	-	5	3	-
Prescott	743	184	28	1,138	95	33
Rainy River	404	35	43	1,373	11	243
Sarnia	7,211	2,666	349	7,318	1,119	629
Sault Ste. Marie .	1,421	206	49	2,125	162	146
Sombra	307	144	-	479	72	6
Walpole Island ...	7	4	-	11	-	-
Windsor	101,881	9,425	4,306	7,973	1,773	4,576
Provincial Total	185,440	25,862	9,952	91,003	7,928	10,631

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	Permit Class (Local Traffic)	ler's Vehicle Permits	mercial Vehicles	24 Hours or Less	Over 24 Hours	mercial Vehicles
Manitoba						
Boissevain	38	45	13	120	64	3
Cartwright	75	9	2	86	3	-
Coulter	101	97	6	317	15	17
Crystal City	171	3	5	39	2	5
Emerson	1,431	551	101	1,658	835	374
Goodlands	61	21	4	299	9	11
Gretna	1,719	60	163	1,405	19	227
Haskett	207	20	7	407	30	28
Lena	169	21	6	292	9	18
Lyleton	25	3	2	163	2	12
Middlebro	347	208	559	531	5	887
Piney	190	18	92	204	5	363
Snowflake	49	1	1	148	3	27
South Junction ...	134	10	105	357	2	659
Tolstoi	131	5	-	124	3	9
Windygates	72	31	4	132	5	6
Provincial Total	4,920	1,103	1,070	6,282	1,011	2,646
Saskatchewan						
Big Beaver	14	3	1	99	7	34
East Poplar River.	7	-	1	25	1	11
Elmore	109	3	30	189	12	41
Estevan	259	36	4	241	14	2
Marienthal	68	-	2	172	2	22
Monchy	17	7	1	12	44	2
Northgate	196	5	14	397	22	40
North Portal	269	118	222	1,089	296	484
Oungre	13	30	-	77	58	10
Regway	14	37	13	140	106	66
Treelon	14	4	15	25	5	1
West Poplar River.	-	1	-	8	1	4
Willow Creek	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provincial Total	980	244	303	2,474	568	717
Alberta						
Aden	8	1	-	16	3	11
Carway	35	15	-	18	40	-
Chief Mountain ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coutts	602	552	94	1,463	597	473
Del Bonita	114	28	22	170	14	14
Wild Horse	3	-	-	10	4	5
Provincial Total	762	596	116	1,677	658	503

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	
British Columbia						
Aldergrove	316	554	65	1,594	194	192
Boundary Bay	870	46	101	1,601	38	97
Carson	370	147	23	147	1	126
Cascade City	318	166	6	872	24	48
Huntingdon	1,508	922	42	5,250	269	294
Keremeos	2	3	-	1	-	-
Kingsgate	106	230	19	380	308	90
Midway	158	8	4	69	3	2
Nelway	115	38	5	121	73	6
Osoyoos	605	264	8	1,500	174	72
Pacific Highway ..	1,717	8,533	321	14,562	3,335	479
Paterson	172	286	120	1,266	145	75
Pleasant Camp	-	-	-	-	-	-
Powell River	-	1	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert	-	3	-	-	-	-
Roosville	35	13	-	93	11	5
Rykerts	237	45	7	607	48	45
Silver Heights ...	-	-	-	68	-	111
Skagit	5	12	18	10	-	-
Stewart	129	-	-	361	-	158
Vancouver	-	3	-	-	-	-
Victoria	4	342	-	15	210	4
Waneta	7	4	-	51	5	-
Provincial Total .	6,674	11,620	739	28,568	4,838	1,804
Yukon Territory						
Dawson	-	-	-	-	-	-
Snag Creek	-	120	-	-	-	-
Provincial Total .	-	120	-	-	-	-
Dominion Total	269,327	52,439	22,037	216,613	18,489	32,021

**TABLE 1 - SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
FEBRUARY, 1951 AND FEBRUARY, 1952**

A - NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES ENTERING CANADA

Province of Entry	Non-Permit Class Local Traffic		Traveller's Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
Newfoundland	-	-	{33	{26	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-			-	-
New Brunswick	52,290	56,288	2,785	2,938	5,483	6,570
Quebec	12,593	14,263	7,710	9,930	4,185	3,287
Ontario	155,541	185,440	18,687	25,862	6,956	9,952
Manitoba	3,409	4,920	623	1,103	1,079	1,070
Saskatchewan	556	980	128	244	355	303
Alberta	1,423	762	585	596	352	116
British Columbia .	6,067	6,674	8,310	11,620	704	739
Yukon Territory ..	72	-	74	120	39	-
TOTAL	231,951	269,327	38,935	52,439	19,153	22,037
Percentage Change .		+16.1		+34.7		+15.1

B - NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES RETURNING TO CANADA

Province of Entry	Length of Stay Abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 Hours or Less		Over 24 Hours			
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	52,006	62,889	531	501	6,594	6,100
Quebec	15,580	23,720	1,723	2,985	7,662	9,620
Ontario	53,444	91,003	4,916	7,928	8,818	10,631
Manitoba	3,073	6,282	640	1,011	1,513	2,646
Saskatchewan	1,155	2,474	258	568	306	717
Alberta	1,868	1,677	714	658	617	503
British Columbia ...	17,142	28,568	2,700	4,838	1,576	1,804
Yukon Territory	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	144,268	216,613	11,482	18,489	27,086	32,021
Percentage Change ..		+50.1		+61.0		+18.2

TABLE 2. CUMULATIVE SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1951: JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1952

A - NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES ENTERING CANADA

Province of Entry	Non-Permit Class Local Traffic		Traveller's Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
Newfoundland	-	-	(82)	(95)	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	113,984	118,647	5,893	6,130	11,016	13,894
Quebec	28,759	30,515	16,407	18,178	9,073	7,005
Ontario	329,968	361,832	39,608	45,684	14,319	19,320
Manitoba	7,049	9,057	1,212	1,849	2,030	1,966
Saskatchewan	1,400	1,892	310	459	771	681
Alberta	2,840	1,409	1,123	978	648	273
British Columbia ...	12,357	11,817	15,113	16,982	1,447	1,492
Yukon Territory	138	-	128	197	62	-
TOTAL	496,495	535,169	79,876	90,552	39,366	44,631
Percentage Change ..		+7.8		+13.4		+13.4

B - NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES RETURNING TO CANADA

Province of Entry	Length of Stay Abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 Hours or Less		Over 24 Hours			
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	112,204	132,161	1,293	1,166	13,373	12,481
Quebec	33,881	48,028	3,629	5,616	14,440	18,395
Ontario	117,893	172,622	10,510	13,942	17,773	21,362
Manitoba	6,113	10,726	1,231	1,701	2,654	4,497
Saskatchewan	2,517	4,478	524	1,043	735	1,271
Alberta	3,673	2,904	1,317	1,112	1,091	956
British Columbia .	33,038	44,253	5,537	7,880	3,047	3,371
Yukon Territory ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	309,319	415,172	24,041	32,460	53,113	62,333
Percentage Change .		+34.2		+35.0		+17.4

Table 3 - NUMBER OF FOREIGN TRAVELLERS ENTERING CANADA FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE, BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, DECEMBER 1950 AND DECEMBER 1951

Province of Entry	Rail (1)		Bus (2)		Boat		Plane (3)	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	{ 32	{ 36	58	94
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	51	32
Prince Edward Island ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	1,138	1,225	387	379	567	637	344	278
Quebec	14,580	13,504	1,409	1,413	-	-	3,179	3,497
Ontario	16,249	22,796	11,272	10,488	59	30	3,352	3,827
Manitoba	1,335	1,170	291	306	-	-	401	402
Saskatchewan	296	291	13	12	-	-	7	7
Alberta	158	67	132	204	-	-	1,276	1,097
British Columbia	4,265	5,008	1,618	3,412	1,802	1,511	1,471	1,265
Yukon Territory	211	85	-	15	-	-	521	303
TOTAL	38,232	44,146	15,122	16,229	2,460	2,214	10,660	10,802

Table 4 - NUMBER OF CANADIAN TRAVELLERS RETURNING FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE, BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, DECEMBER 1950 AND DECEMBER 1951

Province of Entry	Rail		Bus (4)		Boat		Plane	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	{ 34	{ 35	65	33
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	15
Prince Edward Island ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
New Brunswick	1,010	1,178	1,081	1,374	3,112	3,334	208	135
Quebec	14,038	12,778	2,418	2,693	-	-	2,780	2,953
Ontario	20,607	19,316	28,186	25,174	35	-	3,871	4,093
Manitoba	1,617	1,554	863	1,068	-	-	608	254
Saskatchewan	383	402	82	33	-	-	13	9
Alberta	69	26	297	406	-	-	209	546
British Columbia ...	5,373	6,315	6,463	6,163	1,267	1,143	1,043	1,024
Yukon Territory	38	12	-	-	-	-	13	24
TOTAL	43,135	41,581	39,390	36,911	4,448	4,512	8,834	9,086

Travellers by rail and bus destined to Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island enter Canada through ports in other provinces and are recorded in the latter. Due to revisions the data for twelve months are not equal to the total of the monthly statements in all respects.

Table 5 - CUMULATIVE SUMMARY OF FOREIGN TRAVELLERS ENTERING CANADA FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE, BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, JANUARY-DECEMBER 1950 AND JANUARY-DECEMBER 1951

Province of Entry	Rail (1)		Bus (2)		Boat		Plane (3)	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	(12,624	(13,677	1,187	1,603
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,273	1,111
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	17
New Brunswick	14,431	13,722	9,323	8,580	8,546	8,267	7,685	6,553
Quebec	163,862	160,180	40,534	37,465	1,706	3,157	40,072	47,679
Ontario	191,125	208,499	309,955	312,824	92,897	125,084	47,893	59,556
Manitoba	17,548	17,109	4,745	5,289	-	-	7,306	6,062
Saskatchewan	11,883	11,131	368	265	-	-	337	683
Alberta	1,474	1,251	2,450	2,665	25	-	17,022	17,953
British Columbia ..	47,874	70,421	39,088	39,861	95,719	108,211	27,403	27,050
Yukon Territory ...	9,323	9,794	-	430	6	-	8,232	6,907
TOTAL	457,520	492,107	406,463	407,379	211,523	258,396	158,422	175,174

Table 6 - CUMULATIVE SUMMARY OF CANADIAN TRAVELLERS RETURNING FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE, BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, JANUARY-DECEMBER 1950 AND JANUARY-DECEMBER 1951

Province of Entry	Rail		Bus (4)		Boat		Plane	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	(1,966	(1,932	705	657
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	531	528
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
New Brunswick	13,196	15,459	14,670	17,702	32,476	35,229	3,430	3,679
Quebec	153,814	163,379	67,270	76,118	4,418	1,711	31,106	41,516
Ontario	245,995	237,064	390,676	391,689	10,536	9,474	51,629	65,995
Manitoba	20,196	22,124	17,522	20,257	-	-	5,416	3,694
Saskatchewan	5,955	5,971	1,176	933	-	-	146	242
Alberta	770	511	4,069	4,760	10	-	2,104	3,381
British Columbia ..	57,179	80,070	81,695	78,351	17,157	20,955	16,051	19,244
Yukon Territory ...	1,740	1,526	-	42	2	6	394	385
TOTAL	498,845	526,104	577,078	589,852	66,565	69,307	111,515	139,321

(1) After deducting intransit passengers travelling across Southern Ontario. (2) Exclusive of local bus traffic between border communities, but including intransit traffic. (3) Yukon passengers are practically all intransit to and from Alaska. (4) Exclusive of local bus traffic between border communities.



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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 Custom 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 of 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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