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TRAVEL BETWEEN CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES

MAY, 1952

I. HIGHWAY TRAFFIC - MAY, 1952

Highway traffic between Canada and the United States in May was 10 per cent heavier than in the same month last year, a relative increase slightly below April's 14 per cent. There were increases of 7 per cent in the number of United States vehicles entering Canada and 16 per cent in the number of Canadian vehicles returning from the United States. The aggregate number of border crossings was 1,043,700 consisting of 647,500 foreign entries and 396,200 Canadian vehicles returning. Of the foreign inflow, 179,500 vehicles entered on traveller's vehicle permits, 442,900 were non-permit or local entries, and 25,100 were commercial vehicles. The Canadian traffic comprised 46,600 units remaining abroad for more than 24 hours, 319,300 staying for shorter periods, and 30,300 of a commercial character.

Foreign Vehicles

Foreign vehicles entering Canada on traveller's vehicle permits in May totalled 179,500, an advance of 21 per cent over the same month in 1951. Gains were distributed throughout eastern and western provinces, with the Maritimes showing the smallest fractional advance. To take one example, the total entering via Ontario went up from 88,500 to 107,800, and even higher proportionate gains were made in some other provinces. Throughout the present year, monthly gains and losses in this type of traffic have varied considerable, the cumulative advance for the first five months being 14 per cent.

Non-permit or local traffic increased by 2 per cent over May, 1951. All provinces showed increases except Quebec, where there was a drop from 26,100 to 23,900 vehicles. For the five-month period the advance in this class of travel was 5 per cent.

Canadian Vehicles

An advance of 35 per cent was recorded in May in the number of Canadian vehicles returning from the United States after an absence of more than one day. The greatest proportionate increase during the current year occurred in April - namely, 76 per cent,

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followed by February, with 61 per cent. May's ratio of increase is the same as that for the first five months taken as a whole. All parts of the country experienced heavier traffic, both during May and during the five-month period.

Short-term traffic was 14 per cent heavier in May and 24 per cent for the period since January 1st.

<u>May</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	110,124	(1)
1938	99,451	(1)
1939	97,544	(1)
1940	87,324	31,306
1941	100,469	4,535
1942	58,715	3,592
1943	20,888	2,297
1944	32,492	2,178
1945	46,999	2,978
1946	105,499	15,251
1947	114,875	15,287
1948	134,440	14,810
1949	153,988	23,462
1950	144,640	22,359
1951	148,286	34,450
1952	179,462	46,560

(1) Comparable category unavailable.

II. TRAFFIC BY RAIL, THROUGH BUS, BOAT AND PLANE - MARCH, 1952

The increase which occurred in February in the number of passengers entering Canada from the United States by rail, through bus, boat and plane, was not continued in March. In that month there was an aggregate drop of 9 per cent below the figure for March, 1951, lighter bus traffic outweighing heavier travel in the other means of transportation. The first 3 months brought a gain of nearly 3 per cent over the corresponding period last year, in spite of lighter bus travel.

The volume of Canadian traffic returning from the United States by rail, through bus, boat and plane in March was also 9 per cent lower in 1952 than in 1951. There was lighter traffic by all means of transportation except aircraft. The cumulative figures for the first three months were practically unchanged from last year. Although there were fewer passengers by rail, bus and boat, there was a balancing rise of about 11 per cent in the number of plane travellers.

MONTHLY STATEMENT BY PORTS OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

MAY, 1952

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 24 hours or less	stay abroad Over 24 hours	Com- mercial Vehicles
Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia						
Number of vehicles transported by boat direct from United States ports (x)	-	43	-	-	-	-
<u>New Brunswick</u>						
Andover	3,928	1,106	473	5,140	13	569
Beaconsfield	65	23	17	73	-	48
Belleville	97	35	35	245	-	38
Bloomfield	105	60	49	156	-	106
Campobello	91	6	30	369	2	77
Centreville	915	287	297	1,161	27	209
Clair	8,526	1,404	823	8,623	42	619
Edmundston	20,037	1,566	2,582	20,231	123	1,259
Forest City	231	12	11	126	-	39
Fosterville	249	33	19	352	-	84
Four Falls	117	72	7	269	-	27
Gillespie	1,379	699	161	1,035	7	179
Grand Falls	609	287	183	1,129	-	143
Lord's Cove	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mars Hill Road	76	58	20	106	-	22
Milltown	5,322	123	296	8,890	38	680
River de Chute	122	92	12	199	-	40

(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		24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
New Brunswick - Con't						
St. Croix	2,453	522	74	2,350	72	74
St. Leonard	7,692	1,590	945	10,963	67	398
St. Stephen	24,361	1,815	2,349	22,846	1,605	2,414
Union Corner	81	44	12	172	1	58
Upper Mills	585	46	44	646	-	38
Woodstock Road ..	2,189	1,130	83	4,767	245	348
Provincial Total ...	79,230	11,010	8,522	89,848	2,242	7,469
Quebec						
Abercorn	2,065	821	184	2,469	62	152
Armstrong	262	1,262	71	1,073	498	244
Arnold Bog	10	-	-	-	-	-
Beebe	1,817	278	74	1,777	24	56
Chartierville ...	98	150	29	134	161	27
Clarenceville ...	93	117	5	527	12	13
Comins Mills	501	384	38	764	129	248
Covey Hill	84	74	26	182	1	29
Dundee	2,040	265	80	1,857	29	94
East Pinnacle ...	128	110	4	485	4	57
Estcourt	135	96	12	229	30	68
Franklin Centre ..	81	40	25	125	4	77
Frelighsburg	380	376	94	415	53	37
Glen Sutton	329	774	262	712	5	80
Hemmingford	713	273	122	2,246	43	178
Herdman	593	180	76	1,502	35	61
Hereford Road ...	865	151	51	489	18	114
Highwater	1,845	1,894	310	2,351	330	212
Jamieson's Line ..	124	32	27	64	-	4
Lac Frontiere ...	12	14	-	2	3	-
Lacolle	643	9,783	830	14,186	2,661	1,362
Leadville	20	-	23	125	-	8
Mansonville	34	-	1	33	-	3
Morses Line	46	231	42	144	11	18
Noyan	710	389	19	908	111	30
Philipsburg	244	5,860	106	3,323	1,355	110
Rock Island	7,626	4,066	531	7,439	1,071	554

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	<u>Length of stay abroad</u>		Com- mercial Vehicles
				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
<u>Quebec - con't</u>						
St. Armand	1	74	-	44	-	-
St. Pamphile	74	19	-	27	-	-
St. Zacharie	21	6	-	150	123	31
Stanhope	362	1,396	123	1,350	246	218
Trout River	1,394	1,328	62	4,981	209	111
Woburn	547	269	27	592	144	102
Provincial Total	23,897	30,712	3,254	50,705	7,372	4,298

Ontario

Brockville	244	322	4	369	86	4
Cornwall	3,409	1,252	149	5,514	356	297
Courtright	500	147	3	122	30	-
Fort Erie	84,922	26,263	1,633	19,814	6,101	628
Fort Frances	4,675	3,509	157	4,824	168	770
Kingston	-	3	-	-	-	-
Kingsville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lansdowne	3,009	6,993	496	3,396	1,798	357
Leamington	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morrisburg	26	92	1	47	29	-
Niagara Falls	48,426	20,296	1,844	56,745	4,312	4,494
Pele Island	-	18	-	-	-	-
Pigeon River	192	1,462	45	797	941	38
Port Lambton	642	247	-	512	90	2
Prescott	948	1,137	9	2,117	460	17
Rainy River	4	162	-	60	4	4
Sarnia	10,985	11,466	302	10,345	2,533	911
Sault Ste. Marie ..	2,372	3,450	108	5,280	592	261
Sombra	508	249	2	523	76	23
Walpole Island	216	88	2	106	7	1
Windsor	157,686	30,685	6,074	7,727	2,190	5,138
Provincial Total	318,764	107,841	10,829	118,298	19,773	12,945

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				24 hours or less	Over 24 hours	
Manitoba						
Boissevain ...	102	608	2	296	336	33
Cartwright ...	482	102	-	184	22	-
Coulter	438	132	18	668	89	26
Crystal City ..	397	41	14	82	5	10
Emerson	1,830	1,883	159	3,486	2,429	609
Goodlands	38	40	-	456	25	25
Gretna	1,869	143	155	2,084	46	90
Haskett	251	68	1	703	40	53
Lena	311	249	5	631	13	17
Lyleton	194	30	-	242	13	10
Middlebro	106	24	17	537	11	104
Piney	149	19	42	205	1	56
Snowflake	169	23	-	358	4	6
South Junction.	201	25	47	385	17	35
Tolstoi	150	5	8	217	10	44
Windygates	172	57	15	292	14	9
Provincial Total	6,859	3,449	483	10,826	3,075	1,127
Saskatchewan						
Big Beaver	30	29	2	240	45	69
East Poplar River	52	32	17	222	26	49
Elmore	224	37	32	497	48	84
Estevan	425	92	-	362	40	2
Marienthal ...	97	72	4	290	13	48
Monchy	42	71	14	71	200	11
Northgate	682	439	16	806	140	29
North Portal ..	926	497	168	2,014	921	703
Oungre	58	215	8	273	150	23
Regway	42	301	15	386	310	170
Treelon	50	16	-	103	65	6
West Poplar River	33	23	1	120	68	40
Willow Creek ...	-	20	-	28	108	38
Provincial Total .	2,661	1,844	277	5,412	2,134	1,272
Alberta						
Aden	13	13	10	44	3	15
Carway	126	280	1	66	299	14
Chief Mountain.	4	62	-	46	31	1
Coutts	1,118	1,456	193	1,908	1,555	662
Del Bonita	163	63	38	214	33	26
Wild Horse ...	14	27	3	51	116	7
Provincial Total .	1,438	1,901	245	2,329	2,037	725

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	Non- Permit Class (Local Traffic)	Travel- ler's Vehicle Permits	Com- mercial Vehicles	<u>Length of stay abroad</u> 24 hours or less Over 24 hours		Com- mercial Vehicles
<u>British Columbia</u>						
Aldergrove	385	805	45	2,282	414	172
Boundary Bay	1,105	57	76	5,254	275	189
Carson	486	244	70	311	10	191
Cascade City	662	461	27	1,802	74	114
Huntingdon	1,947	2,250	67	5,773	545	270
Keremeos	-	10	-	8	7	-
Kingsgate	146	1,078	261	762	754	125
Midway	237	38	11	170	11	2
Nelway	246	343	6	310	187	29
Osoyoos	1,159	1,281	13	2,328	656	195
Pacific Highway ...	2,339	12,714	452	17,256	5,859	584
Paterson	213	722	70	3,522	446	131
Pleasant Camp	-	-	-	-	-	-
Powell River	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert	-	15	-	-	-	-
Roosville	70	87	-	150	102	11
Rykerts	392	169	3	936	119	27
Silver Heights	9	-	-	193	-	182
Skagit	35	33	197	24	-	38
Stewart	211	-	7	601	-	229
Vancouver	-	5	-	-	-	-
Victoria	-	1,915	1	36	434	3
Waneta	10	9	4	127	22	4
Provincial Total ...	9,652	22,236	1,310	41,845	9,915	2,496
<u>Yukon Territory</u>						
Carcross	-	4	-	-	-	-
Snag Creek	385	422	206	20	12	12
Provincial Total ..	385	426	206	20	12	12
DOMINION TOTAL	442,886	179,462	25,126	319,283	46,560	30,344

Table - 1 - SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
MAY, 1951 AND MAY, 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	-	-	(64	(43	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-	((-	-
New Brunswick	70,850	79,230	10,233	11,010	8,074	8,522
Quebec	26,068	23,897	25,217	30,712	4,153	3,254
Ontario	317,274	318,764	88,481	107,841	9,958	10,829
Manitoba	6,582	6,859	2,853	3,449	346	483
Saskatchewan	2,318	2,661	1,390	1,844	250	277
Alberta	1,346	1,438	1,419	1,901	222	245
British Columbia ..	9,341	9,652	18,517	22,236	1,669	1,310
Yukon Territory ...	191	385	112	426	74	206
TOTAL	433,970	442,886	148,286	179,462	24,746	25,126
Percentage Change		+2.1		+21.0		+1.5

B - NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES RETURNING TO CANADA

Province of Entry	Length of stay abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 hours or less		Over 24 hours			
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	76,573	89,848	1,432	2,242	6,839	7,469
Quebec	42,100	50,705	5,737	7,372	4,718	4,298
Ontario	114,764	118,298	15,580	19,773	10,890	12,945
Manitoba	8,247	10,826	2,199	3,075	662	1,127
Saskatchewan	4,128	5,412	1,267	2,134	900	1,272
Alberta	2,054	2,329	1,441	2,037	544	725
British Columbia ...	31,506	41,845	6,793	9,915	2,188	2,496
Yukon Territory	1	20	1	12	5	12
TOTAL	279,373	319,283	34,450	46,560	26,746	30,344
Percentage Change		+14.3		+35.2		+13.5

Table 2 - CUMULATIVE SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
JANUARY-MAY, 1951: JANUARY-MAY, 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	-	-	(236	(277	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-			-	-
New Brunswick	315,863	334,218	27,731	28,815	32,186	36,388
Quebec	90,437	93,650	69,849	78,311	20,567	16,254
Ontario	1,086,980	1,138,364	210,021	238,936	42,127	49,967
Manitoba	21,207	25,712	5,751	7,539	3,452	3,679
Saskatchewan	4,942	7,250	2,366	3,121	1,439	1,511
Alberta	6,628	4,536	4,316	5,460	1,361	769
British Columbia ...	36,047	37,911	56,593	65,520	5,472	5,209
Yukon Territory	801	1,017	377	928	316	516
TOTAL	1,562,905	1,642,658	377,240	428,907	106,920	114,293
Percentage Change ..		+5.1		+13.7		+6.9

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	1951	1952
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	323,749	374,570	4,835	5,582	32,879	33,091
Quebec	126,990	172,550	17,004	24,903	29,251	33,306
Ontario	420,162	509,842	55,188	69,118	49,073	58,110
Manitoba	24,187	37,731	6,304	8,881	5,665	8,212
Saskatchewan	10,077	16,709	3,812	6,005	2,920	4,723
Alberta	9,326	9,003	5,232	6,171	2,500	2,525
British Columbia	113,967	153,792	22,989	34,581	8,929	10,014
Yukon Territory	1	40	12	26	15	27
TOTAL	1,028,459	1,274,237	115,376	155,267	131,232	150,008
Percentage Change ,.....		+23.9		+34.6		+14.3

Table 3. - NUMBER OF FOREIGN TRAVELLERS ENTERING CANADA FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE
BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, MARCH, 1951 AND MARCH, 1952

Province of Entry	Rail (1)		Bus (2)		Boat		Plane (3)	
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	(9	(19	54	109
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	3
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	713	778	181	220	315	212	491	248
Quebec	10,019	9,714	1,215	946	-	-	3,251	2,831
Ontario	11,036	12,785	11,164	8,935	56	66	3,256	3,437
Manitoba	994	605	223	203	-	-	305	464
Saskatchewan	274	303	7	6	-	-	16	26
Alberta	110	90	106	116	-	-	1,242	1,460
British Columbia	4,118	3,668	6,263	2,300	1,233	1,477	1,799	2,056
Yukon Territory	301	131	-	4	-	-	458	575
TOTAL	27,565	28,074	19,159	12,730	1,613	1,774	10,880	11,209

Table 4. - NUMBER OF CANADIAN TRAVELLERS RETURNING FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE
BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, MARCH, 1951 AND MARCH, 1952

Province of Entry	Rail		Bus (4)		Boat		Plane	
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	(21	(26	35	36
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	11	-
New Brunswick	1,038	1,088	623	608	2,118	2,103	323	311
Quebec	15,663	12,365	3,097	3,250	-	-	4,311	3,815
Ontario	22,410	18,183	30,120	27,913	57	49	6,271	7,101
Manitoba	2,006	1,777	842	1,113	-	-	304	380
Saskatchewan	622	457	44	23	-	-	39	25
Alberta	49	24	242	362	-	-	240	470
British Columbia	6,901	5,977	6,529	6,637	1,432	1,132	1,856	1,975
Yukon Territory	92	69	-	1	-	-	78	62
TOTAL	48,781	39,940	41,497	39,907	3,628	3,310	13,468	14,175

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.

Table 5. - CUMULATIVE SUMMARY OF FOREIGN TRAVELLERS ENTERING CANADA FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE, BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, JANUARY-MARCH, 1951 AND JANUARY-MARCH, 1952

Province of Entry	Rail (1)		Bus (2)		Boat		Plane (3)	
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	(35	(66	167	310
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	((40	14
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	2,039	2,224	650	630	807	754	1,004	693
Quebec	34,327	35,267	3,618	4,329	-	-	9,747	8,678
Ontario	32,108	41,771	30,372	27,734	183	163	8,581	9,439
Manitoba	3,177	2,625	645	617	-	-	929	1,285
Saskatchewan	723	773	14	12	-	-	68	73
Alberta	327	289	340	343	-	-	3,526	3,937
British Columbia	14,098	11,893	10,019	7,389	3,069	3,726	4,466	4,733
Yukon Territory	736	393	-	12	-	-	1,288	1,364
Total	87,535	95,235	45,658	41,066	4,094	4,709	29,816	30,526

Table 6. - CUMULATIVE SUMMARY OF CANADIAN TRAVELLERS RETURNING FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE, BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, JANUARY-MARCH, 1951 AND JANUARY-MARCH, 1952

Province of Entry	Rail		Bus (4)		Boat		Plane	
	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	(77	(60	99	79
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	((54	32
New Brunswick	3,284	3,458	1,842	1,933	6,522	6,576	836	797
Quebec	38,957	38,523	8,052	8,887	-	-	10,311	10,720
Ontario	56,793	54,783	78,842	73,626	137	129	15,419	17,535
Manitoba	4,939	5,002	2,251	2,983	-	-	1,031	991
Saskatchewan	1,494	1,411	140	111	-	-	65	54
Alberta	151	113	716	850	-	-	576	1,497
British Columbia	15,533	16,174	16,051	18,233	3,260	2,994	4,460	4,751
Yukon Territory	167	97	-	7	-	-	162	132
TOTAL	121,318	119,561	107,894	106,630	9,996	9,759	33,013	36,588

(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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