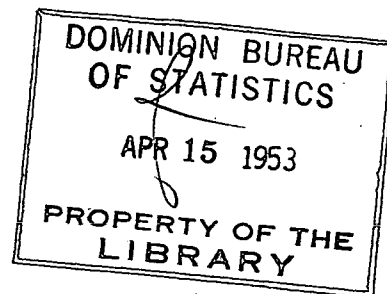




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FEBRUARY, 1953

I. HIGHWAY TRAFFIC - FEBRUARY, 1953

The volume of highway traffic entering Canada from the United States in February was 8 per cent higher this year than in the same month a year ago. Foreign traffic increased by 9 per cent and Canadian traffic returning from the United States by 8 per cent. Total border crossings during the month numbered 662,200, which may be compared with 610,800 in February, 1952. Of these, 374,500 were United States vehicles and 287,700 were returning Canadian vehicles. The United States traffic consisted of 57,400 units on traveller's vehicle permits, 286,400 local or non-permit vehicles and 30,700 of a commercial class. The Canadian traffic comprised 20,700 units returning after an absence of over a day, 230,600 remaining abroad for shorter periods, and 36,400 commercial.

Foreign Vehicles

Foreign vehicles entered Canada on traveller's vehicle permits in 10 per cent greater volume than in February one year ago. Nearly all provinces shared in the increase. The corresponding rate of gain in January was 24 per cent, and in February, 1952, 35 per cent. Traffic in this class during the months of January and February combined shows, this year, a 16 per cent gain over last. Non-permit class traffic increased by 6 per cent in February — gains being common to all but one province — and by 9 per cent in the period, January to February inclusive.

Canadian Vehicles

Canadian vehicles returning in February after absences of longer than a day totalled 20,700, a new record for the month. The rate of increase over the corresponding month a year before, however, was only 12 per cent, the lowest month to month gain in almost a year. All parts of the country showed an increase. For the first two months of the year combined the rate of gain

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was considerably higher, namely, 26 per cent. Traffic returning to Canada after an absence of one day or less was 6 per cent heavier this February than last. Certain western provinces recorded a drop in this category.

<u>February</u>	<u>Foreign Vehicles Entering on Traveller's Vehicle Permits</u>	<u>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
1953	57,448	20,652

(1) Comparable category unavailable.

II. TRAFFIC BY LONG DISTANCE COMMON CARRIER - FEBRUARY, 1953

In February there entered the country 12 per cent fewer rail, bus, boat and plane travellers than the number entering one year ago.

For non-resident travellers the rate of decrease was 13 per cent. Bus travel showed the greatest percentage decline, and rail travel the least. Only in transportation by plane was there a gain.

In the case of Canadian travellers returning two classes (boat and plane) showed increases, but the greater numbers using rail and bus transportation were sufficient to bring the average to an overall loss.

For January and February combined the percentage declines were lower, being 8 per cent in the case of non-residents, 5 per cent in that of Canadians, and 6 per cent in all.

MONTHLY STATEMENT BY PORTS OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS

FEBRUARY, 1953

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	
Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, and Nova Scotia						
Number of vehicles transported by boat direct from United States ports (x)	-	89	-	-	-	-
<u>New Brunswick</u>						
Andover	1,889	271	232	3,162	14	404
Beaconsfield	54	6	20	57	-	27
Belleville	88	9	35	164	2	37
Bloomfield	61	19	39	107	4	51
Campobello	63	1	5	275	1	67
Centreville	550	95	113	814	25	196
Clair	5,824	497	606	5,796	10	568
Edmundston	13,925	526	2,101	13,382	54	1,052
Forest City	55	-	14	69	-	14
Fosterville	130	4	19	309	-	77
Four Falls	101	49	9	178	2	21
Gillespie	619	207	84	741	7	91
Grand Falls	732	172	112	1,053	5	160
Lord's Cove	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mars Hill Road ...	97	13	37	121	1	37
Milltown	4,399	36	321	6,978	3	685
River de Chute ...	68	36	5	147	1	39

- (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	1,748	122	349	1,819	11	262
St. Leonard	8,132	625	790	8,727	42	388
St. Stephen	20,410	355	2,137	18,749	494	2,484
Union Corner ...	13	15	13	113	-	24
Upper Mills	417	7	25	449	-	42
Woodstock Road .	1,283	334	77	3,500	76	451
Provincial Total	60,658	3,399	7,143	66,710	752	7,177
Quebec						
Abercorn	1,457	490	239	1,720	27	201
Armstrong	133	153	71	896	472	3,917
Arnold Bog	10	-	21	15	14	479
Beebe	1,196	42	61	1,163	5	39
Chartierville ...	20	31	11	75	83	872
Clarenceville ...	71	48	10	218	4	27
Comins Mills	261	29	17	509	56	168
Covey Hill	65	21	32	170	-	31
Dundee	799	99	24	1,369	4	75
East Pinnacle ...	69	18	8	300	1	66
Estcourt	158	33	15	256	19	321
Franklin Centre .	72	21	45	70	1	29
Freighsburg	215	212	221	195	8	46
Glen Sutton	175	399	331	536	4	109
Hemmingford	381	72	208	1,342	10	174
Herdman	325	88	77	866	20	46
Hereford Road ...	516	32	154	282	2	98
Highwater	1,094	697	417	1,207	135	302
Jamieson's Lines .	66	12	36	36	-	-
Lac Frontiere ...	2	3	-	6	24	1,111
Lacolle	688	3,600	1,209	6,480	1,113	2,855
Landry Siding ...	-	4	-	8	14	275
Leadville	5	-	4	36	-	44
Mansonville	22	-	18	32	-	2
Morses Line	33	126	72	91	6	33
Noyan	354	132	41	524	18	24
Philipsburg	325	2,845	500	1,093	411	417
Riviere Bleue ...	-	-	-	21	23	924
Rock Island	8,179	812	486	7,236	345	447

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	
<u>Quebec</u> -(Cont'd)						
St. Armand	1	25	-	17	1	-
St. Pamphile ...	83	14	-	60	6	1
St. Zacharie ...	23	5	-	31	193	1,130
Stanhope	178	632	383	1,602	279	461
Trout River	736	513	71	2,305	115	91
Woburn	223	68	27	286	118	389
Provincial Total	17,935	11,276	4,809	31,053	3,531	15,204

Ontario

Brockville	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cornwall	2,381	502	144	3,560	113	917
Courtright	56	24	1	27	6	1
Fort Erie	35,451	8,380	3,980	17,312	2,345	579
Fort Frances ...	3,466	84	202	3,232	57	760
Kingston	-	9	-	-	-	-
Kingsville	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lansdowne	934	521	228	1,259	560	212
Leamington	-	-	-	-	-	-
Morrisburg	-	-	-	-	-	-
Niagara Falls ..	27,654	5,230	1,648	48,483	2,237	2,631
Pelee Island ...	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pigeon River ...	169	135	89	373	311	75
Port Lambton ...	242	81	-	199	40	1
Prescott	771	194	31	2,036	118	39
Rainy River	507	18	30	1,682	6	149
Sarnia	7,339	2,896	301	7,771	1,230	790
Sault Ste. Marie	1,362	201	42	2,547	238	125
Sombra	243	109	-	347	62	23
Walpole Island .	46	27	1	106	1	-
Windsor	112,840	10,167	8,873	5,707	1,308	2,880
Provincial Total	193,461	28,579	15,570	94,641	8,632	9,182

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	
<u>Manitoba</u>						
Boissevain	50	58	18	141	98	22
Cartwright	103	6	5	53	1	-
Coulter	219	50	18	663	98	29
Crystal City ...	208	8	3	37	2	2
Emerson	1,266	643	124	1,536	868	527
Goodlands	39	13	6	251	7	6
Gretna	1,378	66	55	1,057	19	161
Haskett	198	14	16	418	19	7
Lena	135	17	6	243	5	2
Lyleton	33	16	11	154	2	10
Middlebro	328	4	456	414	2	180
Piney	97	5	26	154	5	215
Snowflake	77	3	-	185	3	-
South Junction .	80	5	47	306	8	149
Tolstoi	90	7	-	75	3	5
Windygates	76	20	16	153	1	2
Provincial Total	4,377	935	807	5,840	1,141	1,317
<u>Saskatchewan</u>						
Big Beaver	10	8	6	84	8	26
East Poplar River	20	3	4	44	12	15
Elmore	114	3	14	214	12	34
Estevan	347	39	1	205	26	4
Marienthal	83	17	-	131	5	17
Monchy	24	13	6	26	70	9
Northgate	200	42	48	231	32	52
North Portal ...	583	105	809	1,257	435	661
Oungre	7	51	-	72	50	11
Régway	23	77	28	155	106	68
Treelon	51	6	1	63	25	27
West Poplar River	14	3	1	31	11	3
Willow Creek ...	-	3	-	32	27	22
Provincial Total	1,476	370	918	2,545	819	949
<u>Alberta</u>						
Aden	13	9	5	37	4	9
Carway	50	34	-	8	59	-
Chief Mountain .	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coutts	780	594	482	1,205	756	532
Del Bonita	62	22	-	111	11	6
Wild Horse	12	5	-	25	24	5
Provincial Total	917	664	487	1,386	854	552

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	
<u>British Columbia</u>						
Aldergrove	315	635	88	1,362	229	158
Boundary Bay	792	46	52	1,859	61	101
Carson	505	187	20	246	4	165
Cascade City	527	168	110	940	39	61
Huntingdon	1,627	1,026	54	5,444	269	193
Keremeos	4	7	-	8	8	-
Kingsgate	82	272	31	361	357	158
Midway	171	28	2	156	2	3
Nelway	100	80	29	196	107	38
Osoyoos	894	336	24	1,382	168	94
Pacific Highway ..	1,787	8,455	352	13,272	3,187	589
Paterson	163	300	96	1,664	169	89
Pleasant Camp	-	-	-	-	-	-
Powell River	-	1	-	-	-	-
Prince Rupert	-	2	-	-	-	-
Roosville	57	10	-	120	21	20
Rykerts	282	52	2	658	59	19
Silver Heights ...	-	-	-	100	-	186
Skagit	-	3	7	-	-	-
Stewart	160	-	-	582	-	149
Vancouver	-	2	-	-	-	-
Victoria	-	367	2	13	235	-
Waneta	18	19	6	77	6	4
Provincial Total	7,484	11,996	875	28,440	4,921	2,027
<u>Yukon Territory</u>						
Snag Creek	43	149	58	24	2	6
Provincial Total	43	149	58	24	2	6
Dominion Total	286,351	57,448	30,667	230,639	20,652	36,414

TABLE 1 - SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
FEBRUARY, 1952 AND FEBRUARY, 1953

A - NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES ENTERING CANADA

Province of Entry	Non-Permit Class Local Traffic		Traveller's Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
Newfoundland	-	-	(26	(80	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-			-	-
New Brunswick	56,288	60,658	2,938	3,399	6,570	7,143
Quebec	14,263	17,935	9,930	11,276	3,287	4,809
Ontario	185,440	193,461	25,862	28,579	9,952	15,570
Manitoba	4,920	4,377	1,103	935	1,070	807
Saskatchewan	980	1,476	244	370	303	918
Alberta	762	917	596	664	116	487
British Columbia ...	6,674	7,484	11,620	11,996	739	875
Yukon Territory	-	43	120	149	-	58
TOTAL	269,327	286,351	52,439	57,448	22,037	30,667
Percentage Change		+ 6.3		+ 9.6		+ 39.2

B - NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES RETURNING TO CANADA

Province of Entry	Length of Stay Abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 Hours or Less		Over 24 Hours		1952	1953
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	62,889	66,710	501	752	6,100	7,177
Quebec	23,720	31,053	2,985	3,531	9,620	15,204
Ontario	91,003	94,641	7,928	8,632	10,631	9,182
Manitoba	6,282	5,840	1,011	1,141	2,646	1,317
Saskatchewan	2,474	2,545	568	819	717	949
Alberta	1,677	1,386	658	854	503	552
British Columbia ...	28,568	28,440	4,838	4,921	1,804	2,027
Yukon Territory	-	24	-	2	-	6
TOTAL	216,613	230,639	18,489	20,652	32,021	36,414
Percentage Change		+ 6.5		+ 11.7		+ 13.7

TABLE 2. CUMULATIVE SUMMARY BY PROVINCES OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AT CANADIAN BORDER POINTS
JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1952: JANUARY - FEBRUARY, 1953

A - NUMBER OF FOREIGN VEHICLES ENTERING CANADA

Province of Entry	Non-Permit Class Local Traffic		Traveller's Vehicle Permits		Commercial Vehicles	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
Newfoundland	-	-	(95	(150	-	-
Nova Scotia	-	-			-	-
New Brunswick	118,647	129,153	6,130	6,896	13,894	14,400
Quebec	30,515	37,614	18,178	20,536	7,005	9,856
Ontario	361,832	388,932	45,684	52,063	19,320	30,880
Manitoba	9,057	8,901	1,849	1,688	1,966	1,520
Saskatchewan	1,892	2,978	459	792	681	1,868
Alberta	1,409	2,288	978	1,329	273	1,120
British Columbia ...	11,817	14,733	16,982	21,083	1,492	1,677
Yukon Territory	-	65	197	328	-	119
TOTAL	535,169	584,664	90,552	104,865	44,631	61,440
Percentage Change ..		+ 9.2		+ 15.8		+ 37.7

B - NUMBER OF CANADIAN VEHICLES RETURNING TO CANADA

Province of Entry	Length of Stay Abroad				Commercial Vehicles	
	24 Hours or Less		Over 24 Hours			
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	132,161	142,729	1,166	1,586	12,481	15,106
Quebec	48,028	64,711	5,616	7,689	18,395	26,967
Ontario	172,622	190,264	13,942	16,512	21,362	18,625
Manitoba	10,726	12,007	1,701	2,202	4,497	2,630
Saskatchewan	4,478	5,541	1,043	1,703	1,271	1,965
Alberta	2,904	3,439	1,112	1,669	956	1,089
British Columbia ...	44,253	54,137	7,880	9,623	3,371	4,130
Yukon Territory	-	36	-	8	-	15
TOTAL	415,172	472,864	32,460	40,992	62,333	70,527
Percentage Change ..		+ 13.9		+ 26.3		+ 13.1

Table 3 - NUMBER OF FOREIGN TRAVELLERS ENTERING CANADA FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE, BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, FEBRUARY 1952 AND FEBRUARY 1953

Province of Entry	Rail (1)		Bus (2)		Boat		Plane (3)	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	(14	(18	81	4
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	6
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	674	603	165	143	231	297	215	342
Quebec	14,061	12,576	2,076	2,039	-	-	2,832	3,967
Ontario	13,670	11,822	10,351	7,185	56	-	3,048	3,897
Manitoba	1,110	1,053	193	244	-	-	399	428
Saskatchewan	253	185	3	18	-	-	32	40
Alberta	91	104	128	90	-	-	1,147	749
British Columbia	3,933	3,221	2,936	1,383	1,501	949	1,373	1,372
Yukon Territory	126	111	3	10	-	-	363	343
TOTAL	33,918	29,675	15,855	11,112	1,802	1,264	9,500	11,148

Table 4 - NUMBER OF CANADIAN TRAVELLERS RETURNING FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, FEBRUARY 1952 AND FEBRUARY 1953

Province of Entry	Rail		Bus (4)		Boat		Plane	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	(9	(12	28	72
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	-
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Brunswick	974	852	583	616	2,524	3,397	197	377
Quebec	11,482	9,711	2,990	2,896	-	-	3,315	4,473
Ontario	16,453	15,363	25,392	17,705	48	-	5,304	7,182
Manitoba	1,672	1,398	854	806	-	-	338	357
Saskatchewan	475	430	40	19	-	-	20	33
Alberta	39	-	233	278	-	-	467	315
British Columbia	4,823	4,275	5,888	4,229	858	945	1,462	1,479
Yukon Territory	24	12	6	1	-	-	24	16
TOTAL	35,942	32,041	35,986	26,550	3,439	4,354	11,173	14,304

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-FEBRUARY 1952 AND JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1953

Province of Entry	Rail (1)		Bus (2)		Boat		Plane (3)	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	{ 47	{ 34	201	86
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-			11	37
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
New Brunswick	1,446	1,220	410	554	542	645	445	636
Quebec	25,553	24,571	3,383	3,200	-	-	5,847	7,348
Ontario	28,986	25,868	18,799	15,386	97	15	6,002	7,783
Manitoba	2,020	1,852	414	436	-	-	821	934
Saskatchewan	470	396	6	20	-	-	47	50
Alberta	199	195	227	224	-	-	2,477	1,551
British Columbia	8,225	6,460	5,089	2,927	2,249	1,810	2,677	2,630
Yukon Territory	262	260	8	14	-	-	789	690
TOTAL	67,161	60,822	28,336	22,761	2,935	2,504	19,317	21,746

Table 6 - CUMULATIVE SUMMARY OF CANADIAN TRAVELLERS RETURNING FROM THE UNITED STATES BY RAIL, BUS, BOAT AND PLANE, BY PROVINCE OF ENTRY, JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1952 AND JANUARY-FEBRUARY 1953

Province of Entry	Rail		Bus (4)		Boat		Plane	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
Newfoundland	-	-	-	-	{ 34	{ 21	43	92
Nova Scotia	-	-	-	-			32	42
Prince Edward Island	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
New Brunswick	2,370	2,213	1,325	1,396	4,473	7,451	486	816
Quebec	26,158	23,214	5,637	5,760	-	-	6,905	9,423
Ontario	36,600	35,043	45,713	36,212	80	10	10,434	14,247
Manitoba	3,225	2,979	1,870	1,747	-	-	611	737
Saskatchewan	954	852	88	71	-	-	29	46
Alberta	89	7	488	598	-	-	1,027	700
British Columbia	10,197	9,116	11,596	8,696	1,862	1,939	2,776	2,950
Yukon Territory	28	27	6	6	-	-	70	62
TOTAL	79,621	73,451	66,723	54,486	6,449	9,421	22,413	29,145

(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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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Data in this report consist of visits between Canada and the United States by vacationists, summer residents, commuters, businessmen and all other types of travellers except migrants. They include repeat visits by commuters and others who cross the border more than once during the period covered by the report. They also include people whose only purpose in crossing the border is to take the most direct route between two points in their own country.

The report is divided into two sections, the first showing the number of vehicles classified as highway traffic, and the second the number of passengers proceeding by long-distance common carrier. Due to lack of current detail it has not been possible to include a residual group consisting principally of pedestrians and passengers on local bus services connecting border communities. In the highway traffic data, commercial vehicles or trucks are separated from other vehicles. Highway traffic not classified as commercial vehicles consists almost exclusively of automobiles but includes a comparatively small number of taxis, motorcycles and bicycles.

Foreign highway traffic other than commercial vehicles is divided into two groups: one requiring and the other not requiring traveller's vehicle permits. Drivers must apply for traveller's vehicle permits if they intend to travel beyond the jurisdiction of the port of entry or if they intend to remain in Canada longer than 48 hours irrespective of their destination. More than half the permits issued each year are used for visits of less than 48 hours. Commuters and others who cross the border frequently may also apply for permits. The initial visit of such persons, on which the permit is issued, appears under the heading "Traveller's Vehicle Permits"; subsequent visits are included with the non-permit group.

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