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VOLUME OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ENTERING CANADA ON TRAVELLER'S VEHICLE PERMITS DECEMBER. 1949

The number of foreign vehicles entering Canada on traveller's vehicle permits in 1949 was 1,991,000, a new record for this type of traffic and 9 per cent higher than the former record established in 1948. The greatest improvement over the previous year was in the Maritimes and the Prairie Provinces.

Foreign entries in December totalled 55,800, an increase of 18 per cent over the same month in 1948. All provinces contributed to the increase.

TABLE 1 - NUMBER OF VEHICLES ENTERING CANADA ON TRAVELLER'S VEHICLE PERMITS IN DECEMBER AND IN THE CALENDAR YEAR, 1949, WITH COMPARATIVE DATA FOR PRECEDING YEARS.

Province	DECEMBER				CALENDAR YEAR			
of Entry	1947	1948	1949	% Change	1947	1948	1949	% Change
N.S	1	11	13	+18.2	2,119	2,163	1,965	- 9.2
N.B	2,339	3,450	5,305	+53.8	91,298	102,819	128,830	+25.3
Que	7,326		13,079	. +16.9	300,914	335,236	36 2,423	. + 8.1
Ont	18,303	23,832	26,668	+11.9	1,005,194	1,125,956	1,200,891	+ 6.6
Man	450	472	7 59	+60.8	24 ,407	24,516	31,145	+27.0
Sask	134	96	292	+204.2	9,702	11,663	14,240	+22.1
Alta	297	438	527	+20.3	23,476	27,662	34,639	+25,2
B.C	8,791	7,849	9,122	. +16.2	205,216	191,572	214,731	+12.1
Y.T	144	.129	81	-37.2	1,527	2,401	1,731	-27. 9
TOTAL	37,785	47,466	55,846	+17.6	1,663,853	1,823,988	1,990,595	+ 9.1

Data for New Brunswick, Quebec and Alberta estimated on incomplete returns.

TABLE 2 - NUMBER OF VEHICLES ENTERING CANADA ON TRAVELLER'S VEHICLE PERMITS IN DECEMBER 1949, AT PRINCIPAL PORTS OF ENTRY IN EACH PROVINCE.

New Brunsw	ick:	Quebec:		Ontario:		
Edmundston St. Leonard St. Stephen	834 1,030 803	Lacolle Philipsburg Rock Island	3,296 3,708 1,183	Fort Erie Niagara Falls Windsor	6,468 4,327 10,527	
Manitoba:		Saskatchew	an:	Alberta:		
Boissevain Emerson Gretna	46 511 34	Estevan North Portal Regway	37 115 58	Coutts Del Bonita Wild Horse	467 41 5	
		British Col	umbia:	•		
Aldergrove	484	Huntingdon	448	Pacific Highway	6,767	

NOTE: Traveller's vehicle permits are issued to foreign vehicles which remain in Canada longer than 48 hours or which leave at a point other than that of entry. Figures shown above refer almost exclusively to automobiles. They include a small number of taxis. motorcycles and bicycles, but exclude buses, trucks and other commercial vehicles. No data are shown for Newfoundland.

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