

The Trans-Canada Highway System.—An outline of the legislation, specifications and construction of the joint federal-provincial project, the Trans-Canada Highway, with a map showing the proposed route in the eight provinces participating at that date is given in the Year Book 1951, pp. 631-634.

The estimated mileage in 1952 for the eight original provinces entering the agreement with the Federal Government in 1950 and for Nova Scotia since May 15, 1952, are: Newfoundland, 610 miles; Prince Edward Island, 74; Nova Scotia, 310; New Brunswick, 388; Ontario, 1,412; Manitoba, 305; Saskatchewan, 414; Alberta, 292; British Columbia, 692; and the National Parks 83; making a total of 4,580 miles.

Contractual commitments for the eight participating provinces with respect to new construction work on the Highway during the period Dec. 9, 1949, to Mar. 31, 1952, amounted to \$29,985,954. The amounts paid during this same period in respect of prior and new construction were \$3,146,031 and \$16,850,494, respectively. The on-site labour expended on the Highway during this same period amounted to 1,210,577 man-days of eight hours each.

The Highway through the National Parks will be constructed entirely with Federal Government funds and the amount of \$500,000 has been placed in the estimates for this purpose and construction work commenced during 1952. The 1952 program comprised of the building of a bridge over the Bow River near Lake Louise railway-station and the grading of approximately eight miles of roadway on the Banff-East Gate section in Alberta.

Section 3.—Motor-Vehicles

Registration.—Automobiles were registered in Canada for the first time in 1904 and Ontario was the only province to issue licences in that year. New Brunswick began registering cars in 1905; Quebec, Saskatchewan and Alberta in 1906; British Columbia in 1907; Manitoba in 1908; Nova Scotia in 1909; Prince Edward Island in 1913; and Yukon Territory in 1914.

In 1905, only 565 motor-vehicles were registered in Canada but by 1915 the number had risen to 95,284 and by the end of the next decade to 724,048. With the exception of 1931-33, an annual increase was in evidence until 1941 when 1,572,784 motor-vehicles were registered. The number of commercial vehicles continued to increase during the war years but a considerable decline was shown in passenger cars owing to restrictions on manufacture and the rationing of tires and gasoline. However, post-war recovery was rapid, registrations reaching a peak in 1951 when the total of 2,872,420 registrations included 2,097,594 passenger cars and taxis, 722,463 trucks and miscellaneous vehicles, 9,174 buses and 43,189 motorcycles.

3.—Motor-Vehicles Registered, by Provinces, 1942-51

NOTE.—Registrations given here include passenger cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, service cars, etc., but not trailers or dealer licences. Figures for 1904-35 are given in the 1937 Year Book, p. 668; and those for 1936-40 in the 1948-49 edition, p. 707.

Year	N't'd.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Total ¹
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1942...	...	7,537	58,872	37,758	222,622	715,380	93,147	130,040	125,482	132,893	1,524,153
1943...	...	8,032	59,194	40,205	222,676	691,615	93,494	133,839	127,559	134,691	1,511,845
1944...	...	8,412	57,933	39,570	224,042	675,057	93,297	140,992	127,416	135,090	1,502,567
1945...	...	8,835	56,699	41,577	228,631	662,719	92,758	140,257	130,153	134,788	1,497,081
1946...	...	9,192	62,660	44,654	255,172	711,106	101,090	148,206	138,868	150,234	1,622,463
1947...	...	9,948	70,300	51,589	296,547	800,058	112,149	158,512	155,386	179,684	1,835,959
1948...	...	11,290	76,319	62,366	335,953	874,933	128,000	167,515	173,950	202,126	2,034,943
1949...	13,981	13,211	83,443	67,280	384,733	970,137	139,836	185,027	200,428	230,008	2,290,628
1950...	16,375	15,383	94,743	74,415	433,701	1,104,080	157,546	199,866	230,624	270,312	2,600,269
1951...	20,058	16,896	105,262	83,023	500,729	1,205,098	171,265	215,450	259,841	291,417	2,872,420

¹ Totals include registrations in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.