

The volume of passenger traffic on North American service in 1951 was the greatest in the Company's fifteen-year history; the number of passengers carried exceeded the previous peak year, 1950, by 9,945, and the total revenue-mileage flown increased by 11 p.c. A fourth daily trans-continental flight began on Apr. 1, 1951, and additional operations were provided on the majority of the other routes, including the trans-border services. Approximately 500 more airline seats were made available daily than at the height of the 1950 travel season and 10 p.c. more scheduled flying took place.

At Dec. 31, 1951, Trans-Canada Air Lines was providing service for passenger, mail and commodity traffic over nationwide routes, totalling 9,126 miles.

Trans-Canada Air Lines (Atlantic) Limited.—On Apr. 2, 1950, the Company began the first direct air service between Canada and the Southern United States, when Tampa, Florida, was included as a traffic stop on the route to the Bahamas and Jamaica.

On Apr. 1, 1951, a service was inaugurated between Montreal and Paris. This was the first direct link between Canada and Continental Europe to be provided by a scheduled Canadian carrier.

North Atlantic flight frequency rose to a daily round-trip by mid-summer of 1951 and continuing traffic was so heavy that this schedule was maintained throughout the remainder of the year. With record passenger traffic moving on both the North Atlantic and southern routes, the overseas services more than kept pace with the domestic operations in growth of business. In 1951, 22 p.c. more persons were transported on North Atlantic flights than in 1950, while the Bermuda and Caribbean passenger traffic increased by 41 p.c.

Overseas routes, touching at England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica, Barbados, and Trinidad, totalled 8,688 miles at Dec 31, 1951.

1.—Passenger, Freight and Mail Traffic of Trans-Canada Air Lines, 1942-51

Source: Trans-Canada Air Lines Annual Report.

Year	Revenue Passenger Traffic ¹		Revenue Commodity Traffic ²		Mail Traffic
	No.	Passenger miles	lb.	ton-miles	ton-miles
1942.....	102,762	51,334,839	527,635	247,314	1,072,571
1943.....	140,276	78,508,427	1,114,206	526,363	1,623,802
1944.....	156,884	84,425,354	1,117,747	510,760	1,760,486
1945.....	183,121	106,088,111	1,261,935	500,687	1,571,180
1946.....	305,442	155,777,319	1,453,743	513,493	1,210,716
1947.....	427,967	179,808,562	2,041,315	764,105	1,275,909
1948.....	532,555	249,575,544	4,313,297	1,608,102	2,294,088
1949.....	648,574	310,699,767	5,471,013	2,160,644	3,403,810
1950.....	790,808	379,605,810	9,518,009	3,585,775	3,644,752
1951.....	930,691	450,840,623	10,826,333	3,861,583	3,969,371

¹ Includes non-scheduled service.

² Includes excess baggage and express.