Section 2.-Travel between Canada and Other Countries

The volume of travel between Canada and other countries continued to expand during 1960 when visits to and from the country numbered close to 59,000,000, an increase of between 1 p.c. and 2 p.c. over the 1959 record level. Despite the fact that entries of United States residents, which reached 29,700,000, were down almost 1 p.c., total travel to Canada advanced slightly as a result of a 15-p.c. rise in arrivals from overseas countries. Canadian travel abroad in 1960 also expanded. Visits to the United States numbered 29,100,000, an increase of nearly 4 p.c., while trips overseas were 20 p.c. more numerous than in 1959.

Preliminary estimates indicate that expenditures involved in travel between Canada and other countries attained a new high of \$1,047,000,000 in 1960, some 6 p.c. above the 1959 figure. Receipts for the year totalled \$420,000,000, a gain of \$29,000,000 or approximately 7 p.c. Residents of the United States accounted for \$24,000,000 of the increase as they spent \$375,000,000 on travel in Canada, a 7-p.c. gain over 1959. At the same time, receipts from residents of countries other than the United States advanced 13 p.c. to a record level of \$45,000,000. Preliminary figures also show that expenditures of Canadians travelling abroad in 1960 were the highest on record. Total expenditures reached \$627,000,000, an increase of \$29,000,000 or nearly 5 p.c. over 1959. Expenditures in the United States, which amounted to \$462,000,000, accounted for \$14,000,000 of the increase and payments for overseas travel gained \$15,000,000 or 10 p.c., rising to a record \$165,000,000.

Thus, in comparison with 1959, the 1960 deficit on travel account with the United States fell \$10,000,000 to \$87,000,000 while the debit balance with overseas countries rose \$10,000,000 to \$120,000,000 and the net debit balance with all countries remained unchanged at \$207,000,000.

Only the above summary figures, subject to revision, were available for 1960 at the time of writing; detailed information for 1959 is given in the following text and table.

Residents of other countries who visited Canada during 1959 numbered 29,922,400, an increase of 1,353,300 or about 5 p.c. more visits than in 1958. The total comprised 29,880,800 entries by residents of the United States and 41,600 travellers entering direct from other countries, increases of around 5 p.c. and 8 p.c., respectively. In 1959, Canadians who returned from trips outside Canada numbered 28,146,700, an increase of 592,900 or some 2 p.c. over the previous year. The majority, about 27,989,900, had been to the United States and 156,800 returned direct from overseas. Trips to the United States advanced approximately 2 p.c. while visits overseas were nearly 19 p.c. greater than in 1958.

Total receipts from non-resident travel in Canada during 1959 amounted to \$391,100,000, an increase of almost 12 p.c. over the 1958 total. Residents of the United States accounted for \$351,100,000 and all of the increase of \$41,700,000, as receipts from other travellers remained unchanged at \$40,000,000. Total expenditures of Canadians travelling to other countries in 1959 were \$598,400,000, a gain of \$56,100,000 or just over 10 p.c. over the previous year. Payments on account with the United States were \$448,400,000, a gain of between 8 p.c. and 9 p.c., while expenditures connected with travel overseas totalled \$150,000,000, an increase of slightly more than 16 p.c. Thus, the 1959 debit balance on travel account with all countries amounted to \$207,300,000, advancing \$14,400,000 or between 7 p.c. and 8 p.c. above the 1958 figure.