

The estimated mileage in 1953 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 nine participating provinces with respect to new construction work on the Highway, during the period Dec. 9, 1949, to Mar. 31, 1953, amounted to \$95,856,072 of which the Federal Government's share was \$47,928,036. The amounts paid during this same period in respect of prior and new construction were \$3,146,031 and \$30,803,040, respectively. The on-site labour expended on the Highway during the period amounted to 2,018,757 eight-hour man-days.

The Highway through the National Parks is being constructed entirely with Federal Government funds and the amount of \$1,000,000 has been placed in the estimates for that purpose. Construction work commenced during 1952 and the 1953-54 program includes five miles of grading and sub-base course between Mile 4·2 and Mile 10·8 in Banff Park, Alta., and four miles of similar construction in Yoho Park, B.C.

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, reaching a peak in 1952 when the total of 3,155,997 registrations included 2,296,479 passenger cars and taxis, 812,715 trucks and miscellaneous vehicles, 4,731 buses and 42,072 motorcycles.

3.—Motor-Vehicles Registered, by Province, 1943-52

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 1936-42 in the 1948-49 edition, p. 707.

Year	Nfld.	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.
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	228,681	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	157,788	199,866	230,624	270,312	2,600,511
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
1952...	23,630	18,717	114,982	89,839	574,974	1,291,753	187,881	237,014	291,469	321,482	3,155,997

¹ Totals include registration in the Yukon and Northwest Territories.