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## STATE HIGHWAYS OF VERMONT .

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## Foreword

THIS report contains the results of highway traffic studies of the Federal-aid, State-aid, and town road systems of Vermont conducted during 1926 under a cooperative research agreement between the Bureau of Public Roads, United States Department of Agriculture, and the Vermont State Highway Department.

The investigation was undertaken in order to obtain essential facts concerning traffic on Vermont highways as a basis for planning the development of the State highway system to serve present and future traffic.

The conclusions are based upon the present density, type, loading and distribution of traffic. These characteristics of the present traffic, as revealed by the survey, and modified by a study of present population and population trends, form the basis of a prediction of future traffic, and a traffic classification of the State highways; and the traffic classification, together with an analysis of other economic and physical factors, are the basis of the proposed plan of highway improvement.

The first section of the report sontains a summary of principal conclusions, the second contains the detailed data of the survey and the third section the proposed plan of State highway improvement endorsed by the Vermont State Highway Department and the United States Bureau of Public Roads.
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## VERMONT HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

T- HE State Highway Department of Vermont was established in 1898 to act in an advisory capacity to the towns. In 1906 the prin= ciple of State aid was adopted and the State Highway Department was authorized to assume the supervision of the construction and maintenance of the main thoroughfares upon which State funds were expended in conjunction with funds of the towns.

From 1906 to 1923 the State-aid system was improved almost exclusively with gravel surfaces. Only 45 miles of surfaces superior to gravel were constructed during this period. Between 1923 and 1926, besides adding to the mileage of gravel roads, the surfaces of this type on the more heavily traveled routes have been surface-treated, and 36 miles of surfaces superior to gravel have been constructed.

The rapid increase in traffic on the principal highways during the past few years has materially increased the cost of maintaining gravel surfaces on these routes; and in 1925 the maintenance of roads and bridges accounted for approximately 53 per cent of the total expenditure on the State-aid system.

The principal highway problems now confronting the State are the construction of surfaces superior to gravel on the principal routes, replacing the present gravel sections upon which maintenance has become too expensive; the construction of adequate bridges on these routes to re-
place the remaining old, inferior structures; the establishment of a primary highway system, including the principal routes, for which the State will accept the full responsibility of financing, construction, and maintenance; and the establishment of a secondary system of highways, including routes supplementary to the primary system to be developed under the control of the State on the State-aid principle in cooperation with the towns.

Recognizing the need for a definite program of higway improvement in accordance with the present and expected future traffic importance of the various sections of State highways, the Vermont Highway Board entered into an agreement with the United States Bureau of Public Roads to conduct a cooperative survey of transportation on the highways of the State during the period from July 16 to October $\times 5,1926$.

## The Results of the Survey

The results of the survey show that during the five-year period from 1927 to $x 931$ the State should construct 275 miles of surfaces superior to gravel on the principal routes, and that during the next five-year period-from 1931 to 1936approximately 278 miles of the Federal-aid system and 80 miles on routes not included in the Federal-aid system will require similar improvement. The improvement of these 633 miles of the State-aid-system with surfaces superior to
gravel during the next ten years will substantially complete the improvement of highways in Vermont for a considerable period of years, since it is estimated that the mileage of highways not included in the ten-year program which will require improvement with surfaces superior to gravel during the years immediately following 1936 will be comparatively small.

The State-aid system includes 30.6 per cent of the total mileage of rural roads, yet in 1926 it carried 87.2 per cent of the total traffic; and the town roads, which constitute 69.4 per cent of the total mileage, carried only 12.8 per cent of the total traffic on all rural roads.


The River Road between Farley and Bradford-a gravel road constructed with Federal aid

The principal routes of the State-aid system constitute the Federal-aid system and the survey clearly shows that the routes of this system are the most important in the State. Although there are included in it only 1,043 miles, approximately 7 per cent of the total road mileage, it carried in 1926 approximately one-half of the total rural traffic. Approximately 30 per cent of this most important system carried in excess of 800 vehicles daily in 1926, almost one-half of its mileage served between 400 and 600 vehicles a day, and less than a fourth of the system carried less than 400 vehicles a day. The average for the entire Federalaid system was 702 vehicles a day as compared with an average traffic of 19 vehicles a day on the town road system.

In the State-aid system there are 4,462 miles, of which. 1,968 miles constituting the more important sections have been numbered; and the
r,043 miles of the Federal-aid system is a part of this numbered system-as previously stated, the most important part.

Of the 925 miles of numbered State-aid roads not included in the Federal-aid system, only xo miles carried more than 800 vehicles daily in 1926, and three-fourths of this 925 miles carried an average daily traffic of less than 400 vehicles.

The largest volume of traffic-both passenger cars and motor trucks-was found on the main "through" routes, the most important of which are U.S. Routes $2,4,5$ and 7 , all included in the Federal-aid system. These routes connect the larger cities of the State and their heavy traffic is due to this fact.

On the basis of the traffic carried by the roads, the State has been divided into six sections designated, in accordance with their approximate location, as the northwest and central, the southwestern, the southeastern, the north-central, the south-central, and the northeastern sections.

Of these sections the northwest and central has the heaviest highway traffic and it has, likewise, the greatest density of population. Its population, more than half of which resides in 8.7 per cent of its area, is slowly increasing. A large volume of traffic may be expected on the principal routes connecting centers of population in this area, and they should be correspondingly improved. But, even in this area of heaviest traffic the need for highway service on the unnumbered State-aid and town roads and other minor roads is small and will so remain for a considerable period of years.

The southwestern section ranks first in traffic on the Federal-aid system, second in traffic on the State-aid system and third in population. Its population decreased slightly between 1910 and 1920, but has increased in the more important cities and villages. The principal routes of this section will require additional improvement to meet future requirements. Traffic on the minor routes will remain small.

The southeastern section ranks second in population density and is increasing in population more rapidly than any other section of the State. Its highway requirements are similar to those of the northwest and central and the southwestern sections.

The north-central section is primarily an agricultural region, with a comparatively uniform distribution of population and traffic compared with the other sections of the State. Foreign traffic is not of great importance in this area and highway requirements are primarily the improvement of medium and minor traffic routes.
part of the highway mileage, motor trucks form a minor part of the total traffic, and the construction of surfaces to serve passenger car traffic will in most cases be adequate for motor truck traffic. On the Federal-aid system in 1926 only 22 miles carried 100 or more trucks per day and 241 miles, 50 or more.

U. S. Routg No. 7, between Wallingford and Clarendon. This section was improved as Federal-aid project No. 75A

The south-central section, comprising the Green Mountain area, has a small volume of highway traffic and a small and decreasing population. The principal routes connecting with the other sections of the State will carry a traffic of medium volume, while the traffic on other routes in the area will remain very small.

The northeastern section is a relatively undeveloped area of small and decreasing population and small expectancy of future traffic importance.

Foreign traffic forms an important part of the total on Vermont highways, comprising 35.6 per cent of the traffic on the Federal-aid and numbered State-aid highways. Of the $\mathrm{r}, 043$ miles of the Federal-aid system, 114 miles carried foreign passenger-car traffic in excess of 500 vehicles daily, 513 miles between 200 and 500 and 416 miles less than 200.

With the exception of a comparatively small

The survey shows that approximately ninetenths of the traffic using the Federal-aid and numbered State-aid roads was city traffic and only the remaining one-tenth was farm traffic. The demand for improvement and maintenance of the principal routes of the State is, therefore, primarily the result of the use of rural highways by city motor vehicle owners.

## The Forecast of Future Traffic

The density of traffic on the various sections of the State-aid system has been used as the basis for an estimate of traffic on the same sections in 1931 and 1936, applying for this purpose the relation between the increase in traffic on the highways and the ratio of population to motor vehicle registration observed in other States. In 1926 there was one motor vehicle for each 4.7 persons in Vermont. Extending the past trend of this
ratio to 1936 it is estimated that there will then be one vehicle for each 2.7 persons. As the yearly increase in motor vehicle traffic on the highways has been found to be practically in direct proportion to the growth of motor vehicle registration, it may therefore be expected that traffic on the State highways will increase 39.8 per cent between 1926 and 1931 and 24.5 per cent between 1931 and 1936, or 74.0 per cent during the tenyear period.

As a basis of the plan of highway improvement, the State highways have been classified in three groups designated as major, medium and minor highways according to their average daily present and expected future traffic. Routes or sections of routes carrying $\mathbf{1 , 5 0 0}$ or more motor vehicles daily are classed as major routes; those carrying from 800 to 1,500 vehicles daily as medium routes; and those carrying less than 800 as minor routes. The routes and sections of routes are classified on the basis of the 1926 traffic and the estimated traffic in 193r. The estimated traffic in 1936 is employed to indicate the probable classification in that year.

The above traffic limits are based primarily on
experience and present practices in Vermont. The upper traffic limit of the minor classification is higher than is commonly accepted in many States but is in accordance with Vermont traffic conditions, particularly the very limited use of trucks of over $21 / 2$ tons capacity and the resulting absence of heavy wheel loads, the fact that the observed traffic represents traffic during the season of greatest traffic; and the fact that the type of gravel available for construction of gravel roads in Vermont is capable of carrying satisfactorily a relatively dense traffic when surface treated.

If, on the basis of this experience, those sections of the Federal-aid system which carry a traffic of 800 or more vehicles per day be considered as requiring a type of surface superior to gravel, it is found that approximately one-third of the 1,043 miles of this system, or 335.5 miles, will require such surfaces between 1926 and 1931, and that 278.5 miles will require similar improvement between 193i and 1936, a total of 614 miles, or 60 per cent of the system, that should be so improved by 1936. Of this mileage approximately 60 miles is now improved with surfaces superior to gravel.


A Federch-ail bridge at Bratilebere

## EARLY ROADS AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF STATE AID

IN THE settlement of Vermont, the early hunters and traders found traces and trails that had been used by the Indians for many years before the coming of Champlain and other explorers. These early ways were well defined and followed the waterways in many cases. In the western part of the State they paralleled Lake Champlain for more than a hundred miles and Otter Creek for its entire length. The northern and southwestern trails were located on the fairly. level land between Lake Champlain on the west and the Green Mountains on the east. The cross-over trails and early roads connecting the eastern and western parts of the State usually followed a stream part of the way and then crossed the mountains through low gaps or notches, as shown on the earliest available road map, Figure 1, which represents the routes of travel in 1796.

Many of the highways were improved in the first half of the nineteenth century by private turnpike companies and operated as toll roads and Figure 2 shows the roads that had been thus improved by private initiative in 1853. Most of these toll roads, however, were poorly maintained and eventually, on this account, were returned to the jurisdiction of the towns, which ever since have been wholly or partly responsible for all road construction and maintenance in the State.

## State Aid and Supervision

In 1892 the General Assembly passed an Act which, in addition to provisions for the election of road commissioners in each town and the collection of town taxes in money instead of labor, provided that a portion of the expense of maintaining the highways be raised by a general fivecent State tax to be expended as State aid to the towns. This was the first legislation providing for State participation in highway improvement and established the principle of State aid in the improvement of Vermont highways. The General Assembly, at the same time, authorized the appointment of a Commission to make an examination of the highway system of the State and to make recommendations to the legislature.

This commission during the next two years inspected several hundred miles of roads to ascertain their condition, held public hearings, and accummulated information from the road com-


One of the old sollgates as it appoared in 1912. This road was the last of the old toll roads to revert to public comtrol
missioners concerning the condition of the roads, the nature of the soil, the availability of road materials, and the machinery and road equipment owned by the towns. It found that the working of the highways previously had been confined mainly to plowing and scraping the soil at the sides of the highway into the roadways, and roughly shaping it, and that little attention had Been paid to the proper selection of material, so that a large amount of worthless, and in some cases harmful material had been used in the roadbed.

It reported that during the ten years prior to 1892 approximately four million dollars, exclusive of expenditures for bridges, had been expended on the roads by the towns, and that very little durable improvement had resulted.

The results of this investigation were the basis of the highway law of 1894 , which required that the five-cent State tax should be used only for improvements of a more or less permanent character on the main roads, and that the town road commissioners should make a detailed report of the expenditure of this fund to the State Highway


Fig. 1.-The earliest available road map of Vermont, showing the romes of Arapol in 1796

Commission. It was also provided that town taxes voted for highway purposes should not be used for any other purpose than the construction and improvement of highways.

The act of 1898 , creating the office of Highway Commissioner, was the first step toward control of the highways by a central State agency. The new Highway Commissioner was responsible, through the town commissioners, for the supervision of the expenditure of all money appropriated by the State for permanent highway improvement, and was to notify each town of the amount of money to which it was entitled under the State-aid apportionment for the year. He was required to issue instructions to the town road commissioners, defining the character of improvements that would be considered permanent, and to give advice as to the best methods of construction, the most advisable surfacing materials, the proper methods of drainage, and construction of culverts, and to make such other suggestions as would aid the town road commissioners in properly expenđing the State funds for permanent road improvement.

Realizing the necessity of identifying motor vehicles and licensing operators, the State legislature, in 1904, fixed the fees for the registration and driver's license at $\$ 2.00$ each; but annual registration was not required until 1908.

No other important changes were made in the highway laws until 1906, when the extent of State supervision and the powers of the State Highway Commissioner were increased. The legislature then provided for the appointment of county commissioners under the complete control of the State Highway Commissioner, and, in addition to the regular five-cent tax, appropriated $\$ 50,000$ annually to be available in sums of not less than $\$ 100$ or more than $\$ 300$ to those towns that duplicated this amount.

In 1908 the annual appropriation was increased to $\$ 75,000$; the law also providing that all funds received from the registration of motor vehicles and the licensing of operators, above the cost of administering the motor vehicle bureau, should be set apart as a separate fund to be called the maintenance fund and to be used in the repair and maintenance of main thoroughfares under the direction of the State Highway Commissioner. The establishment of the maintenance fund en-
abled the Highway Commissioner to inaugurate a plan of systematic maintenance of State roads.

The legislation of 1912 provided for the establishment of patrol maintenance on all or a part of the State-aid system, the patrolmen to be employed by the State, and an equitable part of the town highway tax to be expended together with money furnished by the State for the purpose of maintaining the selected highways. Under the provisions of this act ten patrol routes were established, embracing 70 miles of State-aid highways, in 1913.


A covered 2-way woodes bridge over the Passumpsic River mear St. Johmsbury
In 1944 the number of patrol maintenance routes were increased to 44 , covering 286 miles, and the mileage thus provided for gradually increased, until in 1925 there were 2,232 miles of State-aid highways under patrol maintenance.

The legislation of 1915 , by authorizing the appropriation of an annual bridge fund of $\$ 15,000$, made it possible for the State Highway Commissioner to correlate the bridge work on the State highways with the improvement of the highways. Under this law, towns building or rebuilding bridges on State roads were entitled to the services of a State engineer, and 25 per cent of the cost of construction, with a limit of $\$ 300$ for bridges from 4 to 30 feet in span. The Highway Commissioner was given full control of the expenditure of the bridge fund.

The law of xgo6, which provided for the appointment of county highway commissioners, was amended by the Act of 1917, which provided for the division of the State into highway districts and the appointment of district highway commissioners as representatives of the State highway

department to supervise State-aid work. Under this law the State was divided into eleven districts, and the same number of district commissioners were appointed.

The Federal-aid Act, approved by Congress July II, 1916, was accepted by the legislature in x917, and full power was given the State Highway Commissioner to take advantage of the benefits provided thereby. The Commissioner was authorized to use as much as might be necessary of the available funds to secure aid from the Federal Government, and to designate the roads to be improved, constructed, or reconstructed under the provision of the Federal Aid Act.

The weight limit of motor vehicles was fixed in 1919 at 12,500 pounds, including the weight of the vehicle and load; and this limit was increased in 1925 to 16,000 pounds.


The gravel bawk from which material was saken for the cosstruction of Federat-aid Project No. 91A, near Hartford

State Highway Board Created in 1921
The year 1921 was marked by important changes in the highway laws, the most important of which was the creation of the State Highway Board consisting of three members, two appointed by the Governor, with the Governor as chairman. Under this law a Commissioner of Highways was appointed by the Highway Board.

The general duties of the State Highway Board were to manage and supervise the public highway system of the State and, through a State Commissioner of Highways, to control and direct the use and expenditure of all money available for use of the Board appropriated by the State
or apportioned to towns or incorporated villages for constructive highway improvements. The duties of the Board were to assist the town road commissioners in the discharge of their duties by furnishing plans, specifications, and advice,


An old bridge on Rouse 103-Chester to Bellows. Fallsand the mew Federal-aid structure that replaced it
and offering such other services as might be necessary to secure the best results from the expenditure of State funds in the construction and improvement of the highwäys and bridges of the State. The State Highway Board under this Act appointed the Commissioner of Highways, the chief executive officer and secretary of the Board, whose chief duties were to recommend such action as would best further the development of the State Highway System. The highway Act of 1923 changed the law of 1921 by providing for a Highway Board of three members; all appointed by the Governor for six-year terms, and providing also for the annual appointment of the Commissioner of Highways by the Board.

A gasoline tax of one cent per gallon, authorized by the General Assembly of 1923, was increased to two-cents in 1925 and to three cents in 1927. The receipts from this fund are expended for highway purposes.

A special State tax of seven and one-half cents on the grand list ${ }^{1}$ was authorized in 1927 for highway and bridge improvement.

The powers of the State highway department have been gradually increased from those of a purely advisory agency in 1898 to complete supervision of the expenditure of all State highway futhds at present. Authority has gradually been centralized in the State Highway Board and Commissioner, although the town is still the unit of government, and construction and maintenance of roads is still conducted on the State-aid principle.
There are two principal classes of roads in the State-State-aid and town roads. The State-aid roads are the most important highways in each town. Their aggregate length is approximately 4,462 miles, including the 1,043 miles of the Fed-

[^0]eral-aid system. The roads constituting the latter system and 925 miles additional have been numbered by the highway department, and the remainder, approximately 2,494 miles of the Stateaid roads, remain in the unnumbered classification. The location of the Federal-aid system, the numbered State-aid routes, and the unnumbered State-aid roads, and the present improvements on these roads are shown in Figure 3. All other highways are known as town roads, and these are of the least importance both as to the volume of traffic and the amount of State funds expended for their improvement and maintenance. The mileage of town roads is approximately 10,120 , miles.
The jurisdiction of the State Highway Board and Commissioner over town roads is limited to the supervision of improvements involving the annual State appropriation of $\$ 250,000^{2}$
${ }^{2}$ Increased to $\$ 300,000$ in 1927.

## HIGHWAY REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

RVVENUES for expenditure under the supervision of the State highway department are appropriated by the General Assembly. The appropriations for the fiscal year 1925 are shown in Table 1.
Table 1-High way appropriations, fiscal year 1925

| Fund | Appropriation |
| :---: | :---: |
| State highway tax. | \$144,476.37 |
| State-aid road appropriation | 200,000.00 |
| State-aid bridge appropriation. | 75,000.00 |
| Appropriation to meet Federal aid | 400,000.00 |
| Supervision and engineering. | 100,000.00 |
| Maintenance, dust-laying, etc. | 1,075,000.00 |
| Total available for State-aid roads.. | \$1,994,476.37 |
| Appropriation for town roads. | 250,000.00 |
| Total appropriation. | \$2,244,476.37 |

The State highway tax fund represents income from a levy on the grand lists of towns and cities. This fund is apportioned to the towns, cities, and villages on the basis of road mileage. The Stateaid appropriation is used to match funds raised
by the towns. Funds available from these two appropriations are expended for improvement of the State-aid highways.
The State-aid bridge appropriation is available for aid to towns in the building or rebuilding of bridges on the State-aid highways.

The appropriation to meet Federal aid provides funds as required under the Federal-aid Act and its use is limited to construction on the Federalaid highway system.

Appropriations for supervision and engineering provide the necessary administrative funds for the State highway department; and the maintenance and dust-laying funds provide for ordinary and special maintenance; resurfacing, surface treatment, and dust laying, on the State-aid highway system.
The appropriation for town roads is apportioned to the towns on the basis of the town road mileage in each and is available for maintenance or improvement of these roads.

Revenues for highway purposes in the State have increased regularly for a considerable period of years but the funds and appropriation methods have remained quite uniform. Special appropria-


FEDERAL-AID AND STATE-AID HIGHWAYS, SHOWING TYPES OF IMPROVEMENT
tions are made for the elimination of toll bridges and for special projects, such as the Sand Bar Bridge and Smugglers Notch Road.

During the period from 1916 to 1925 , inclusive, State expenditures for construction and maintenance on the State-aid highway system were approximately $\$ 10,828,000$. Of this amount, approximately one-half has been spent for maintenance and one-half for permanent improvement. The expenditures by years are shown in Table 2.

In addition to expenditures of State funds on the State-aid roads, as shown in Table 2, approx-
gravel, 57.18 miles of macadam and 15.50 miles of concrete, a total of $1,273.28$ miles.

The expenditure of State funds in constructing the $1,273.28$ miles between 1916 and 1925 was $\$ 5,050,334.65$. Expenditures by towns, cities and villages and expenditures from Federal-aid allotments toward the improvement of these roads were approximately $\$ 4,262,000$.

Construction with Federal aid began in 19r8, and at the close of 1925 approximately 130 miles of Federal-aid construction had been completed. The total cost of this construction including bridges was approximately $\$ 4,200,000$.


The Westminster Bridge, a moderw atructwere constructed with Federal aid
imately $\$ 1,100,000$ of State funds have been expended for the maintenance and improvement of town roads.

During the period 1907 to 1925 inclusive, improvements have been made on 2,730 miles of State-aid highways. The construction by types in each year is shown in Table 3.

From 1907 to 1915, inclusive, these permanent improvements consisted of 175.11 miles of gravel on telford base, $1,246.08$ miles of other gravel and 8.71 miles of macadam, a total of $1,429.90$ miles. During the ten-year period from 1916 to 1926, there were constructed 152.82 miles of gravel on telford base, $1,074.78$ miles of other

The construction with Federal aid includes the building of approximately 40 miles of concrete and bituminous macadam roads. Federal-aid projects under contract July x , 1926, included approximately $\mathbf{2 6 . 5}$ miles of concrete and bituminous macadam surfaces and 16 miles of gravel surfacing, as well as 12 bridges.

The increasing proportion of State funds expended for the maintenance of the State-aid system, as shown in Table 2, indicates the desirability 'of improving the more heavily traveled sections of these routes with surfaces superior to gravel to avoid excessive future maintenance costs.

Table 2-Expenditures of State highways funds, on State-aid roads, 1916 to $1925{ }^{1}$

| Year | Maintenance |  | Permanent ${ }^{2}$ improvements other than Federal-aid | Federal-aid ${ }^{\text {a }}$ improvements | Improvements under bridge fund | Total expenditures |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Amount | Per cent of total |  |  |  |  |
| 1916.' | - \$212,232.94 | 36.1 | \$361,852.09 |  | \$13,953.85 | \$588, 038.88 |
| 1917. | 211,568.53 | 42.5 | 271,405.18 |  | 14,596.78 | 497,570.49 |
| 1918. | 262,527.43 | 46.2 | 282,535.72 | \$5,119.74 | 17,533.76 | 567,716.65 |
| 1919. | 397,077.83 | 59.1 | 238,939.61 | 13,495.41 | 22,530.37 | 672,043. 22 |
| 1920. | 513,378.94 | 54.8 | 318,089.75 | 76,831.57 | 28,670.24 | 936,970,50 |
| 1921. | 490,910.30 | 37.2 | 333,280. 20 | 431,610.16 | 62,056.93 | 1,317,857.59 |
| 1922. | 452,647.69 | 47.0 | 331,797.56 | 131,465.68 | 47,647.48 | 963,558.41 |
| 1923. | 645,801.75 | 51.2 | 329,192.08 | 248,980.02 | 37,012,20 | 1,260,986.05 |
| 1924. | 1,142,147.30 | 55.9 | 388,029.65 | 472,736.50 | 40,199.93 | 2,043,113.38 |
| 1925. | 1,059,880.42 | 53.5 | 334,765.58 | 480,208. 15 | 105,216.49 | 1,980,070.64 |
| Total. | \$5,388,173.13 | 49.8 | \$3,189,887.42 | \$1,860,447. 23 | \$389.,418.03 | \$10,827, 925.81 |

${ }^{1}$ Does not include expenditures for projects under special appropriations,
${ }^{2}$ Permanent improvements as defined by the Vermont Highway Department include primarily the correction of alignment, foundation, grading and drainage.
${ }^{3}$ Includes expenditure of State funds for projects completed during the year.

Table 3-Permanent improvements on the State-aid highway system, 1907 to 1925

| Year | Gravel on telford base | Grave! | Macadam | Concrete | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1907. | Miles | Miles 99.44 | Miles | Miles | Miles <br> 99.44 |
| 1908. |  | 118.49 |  |  | 118.49 |
| 1909. | 28.54 | 103.75 |  |  | 132.29 |
| 1910. | 24.58 | 123.90 |  |  | 148.48 |
| 1911. | 20.98 | 161.20 |  |  | 182.18 |
| 1912.......... | 24.84 | 148.22 | 2.18 |  | 175.24 |
| 1913: | 28.93 | 166.00 | . 46 |  | 195.39 |
| 1914. | 23.40 | 163.55 | 1.93 |  | 188.88 |
| 1915. | 23.84 | 161.53 | 4.14 |  | 189.51 |
| 1916. | 19.72 | 135.38 | 2.55 |  | 157.65 |
| 1917. | 18.17 | 95.16 | 2.23 |  | 115.36 |
| 1918. | 10.35 | 88.27 | . 38 |  | 99.00 |
| 1919. | 14.70 | 71.97 | . 67 |  | 87.34 |
| 1920. | 13.35 | 80.47 | 4.94 | 1.40 | 100.16 |
| 1921. | 11.23 | 134.92 | 14.45 | 2.10 | 162.70 |
| 1922. | 9.99 | 117.51 | 8.00 |  | 135.50 |
| 1923. | 14.88 | 117.74 | 9.69 |  | 142.31 |
| 1924. | 21.18 | 136.25 | 5.94 | 7.30 | 170.67 |
| 1925. | 19.25 | 97.11 | 8.33 | 4.70 | 129.39 |
| Total.. | 327.93 | 2,320.86 | 65.89 | 15.50 | 2,730.18 |

## ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

AS a functioning organization the State highway department has been in existence since 1898 when the office of State highway commissioner was created. It has gradually been enlarged and its control and supervision over highway construction and maintenance have been extended.

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## THE TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

DEMANDS for highway service have been increasing rapidly in all States during the past two decades and Vermont is no exception. Its registered motor vehicles have increased from less than 6,000 in 1913 to 74,063 in 1926; and in the latter year there was one motor vehicle for each $4-76$ persons. The public business of providing highway service for these fast-multiplying vehicles, through the development of highway systems, has become an industry of the first rank. Successful management of this public industry is fundarnentally similar to the management of private business, requiring ( 1 ) sound analysis of the demand for the product, (2) efficient production methods, and (3) proper financing.

The development and improvement of a State highway system to meet traffic demands within the normal limitations of funds, and materials available, and labor supply requires careful planning over a period of several years. Plans must be made at the preserit time to meet future traffic demands, and improvements must be made so as to provide adequate service throughout the life of the improvement.

The demand for highway service can be measured only by an accurate and comprehensive study of the present traffic, its volume and type, upon which the prediction of future traffic must be based. To supply the highway executive with such evidence of the density and other character: istics of present and expected future traffic is the fundamental purpose of a highway transportation survey. Such was the purpose of the Vermont survey.

To meet this purpose the following specific information has been provided:

1. The relative traffic importance of the highway systems of the State as a basis for determination of the need for their improvement and the distribution of highway funds among the systems.
2. Classification of highway routes and sections of routes on the basis of the volume and characteristics of present and expected future traffic, involving (a) average, maxi-
mum, and future total traffic and truck traffic, (b) present and future number of small, medium, and large-capacity trucks, (c) present and expected future maximum loading and frequency of heavy gross loads and wheel loads, and (d) present and expected future special traffic movements.
3. Establishment of a plan of highway improvement for a period of several years.


A bakery truck mounts the scales

## Methods of the Survey

The highway traffic survey cooperatively conducted by the Bureau of Public Roads, U. S. Department of Agriculture, and the Vermont Highway Department was begun on July 16, 1926, and continued for a period of three months.

During this period traffic data were recorded on two days each month at 149 points on the Vermont highways, as shown in Figure 5. Each operation consisted of a ro-hour observation period alternating between $6 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. Special observers tabulated traffic between 8 p. m. and $6 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Complete 24-hour observations were also made to serve as the basis of a computation of hourly variation in traffic and of average daily traffic; and finally, traffic observations for one-week periods were also made at selected stations to determine variations in traffic by days of the week.

The data obtained at each of the observation points included counts of passenger cars, motor trucks, motor busses, horse-drawn vehicles and vehicles carrying foreign (extra-State) registra-

tion tags. Detailed motor truck and passenger car data were also recorded at each station, the former including the capacity of the truck, State of registration, place of ownership, origin and destination of trip, type of origin and destination, commodity carried, and tire equipment. Gross and rear-axle weights; of :trucks were also measured by means of portabie scales. Passenger car data included State of registration, place of owner-
ship, purpose of trip, origin, destinations, and number of passengers.

Traffic was observed on all sections of the more important traffic routes, including practically all the numbered routes and many other State-aid roads and on representative sections of the town roads. Stations were located so as to enable close observation of variations in traffic on the several routes and sections of routes.

## DENSITY OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC

T\HERE are 14,900 miles of highway in Vermont, of which 14,582 miles are open to public travel. Of this mileage 4,462 riiles have been selected as the more important highways in each town and are known as Stateaid roads, the remaining 10,120 miles being town roads.

Of the 4,462 miles of State-aid roads $x, 968$ miles have been numbered and marked by the State highway department. These include the more important of the State-aid roads; and the Federal-aid highway system of 1,043 miles includes the more important of the numbered routes.
This classification of Vermont highways is used throughout this report and the several classes

[^1]are referred to invariably by the following names: Federal-aid system-1,043 miles ${ }^{8}$
Numbered State-aid routes (including all numbered State-aid routes other than the Federal-aid routes) - 925 miles
Unnumbered State-aid routes (including all State-aid roads which have not been numbered by the State highway department)-2,494 miles
Town roads- 10,120 miles
The location of the Federal-aid, numbered State-aid, and unnumbered State-aid routes, and the present improvements on these routes are shown in Figure 3.

Upon the 14,582 miles of highway it is estimated that there was an average daily motorvehicle movement during the period of the survey of $1,516,000$ vehicle-miles.*

In discussions of the utitization of the highway system, where it is desired to discriminate between the use of the highway by vehicles and the volume of traffic, the term vehicle-miles per mile is used in the former connection. Numerically, vehicle-miles per mile are equivalent to density of traffic.
Daily refers to a day of 24 hours.
Average daily refers to an average day during the period of the survey (July 16 to $O$ ctober 15,1926 ).
Vehicle-mile is defined as the movement of a motor vehicle one mile.

- Average daily vehicle-miles on the highway system are calculated by multiplying the average daily density of traffic on each section of highway by the length of the section in miles and adding the products.
Tom-mile is defined as the movement of a ton one mile. Net tonnage refers to the net weight of the motor truck cargo.
Gross tonnage or gross load refers to the weight of the loaded motor truck-cargo and vehicle.
Foreign traffic or vehicles refers to vehicles having other than Vermont license tags. Foreign vehicle-miles are calculated by applying the percentage of foreign vehicles at each station to the total vehicle-mitiles on the sections of highway adjacent to each station and adding to obtain the total foreign vehicle-miles. Similar procedure is used in calculation of farm and city, buisiness cedure is used in calculation of farm and city,
and non-business, touring traffic, and trucking for hire.

The State roads, comprising 30.6 per cent of the total highway mileage, carried 87.2 per cent of this total traffic; and the town roads, embracing 69.4 per cent of the total mileage, carried oniy 12.8 per cent of the total traffic. The traffic on the State-aid roads averages over fifteen times that on the town roads; on the Federal-aid system the traffic is more than double that on the numbered State-aid rottes, and more than five times that on the unnumbered State-aid roads; and the traffic on the numbered State-aid routes is more than double that on the unnumbered State-aid roads.


Federal-aid Project No. 13, wear Addison, a bitwminous macadam road

The variation on individual sections of these routes is even greater. On the Federal-aid system, traffic varies from 2,673 vehicles daily on the section of heaviest traffic to approximately 100 vehicles on the least important sections. On the numbered State-aid routes, other than Fed-eral-aid, and on the unnumbered State-aid routes, traffic of over 1,000 vehicles daily was observed only on very short sections immediately adjacent to the larger centers of population. The minimum traffic observed on the numbered routes was 33 vehicles; on the unnumbered roads several sections were observed which carried less than ro vehicles per day. On the town roads a considerable number of roads observed carry less
than 5 vehicles per day, and very few were observed to carry over 100 vehicles per day. The comparatively small mileage of town roads carrying over 100 vehicles per day is found in the immediate vicinity of villages. There is a considerable mileage of town roads which, although officially public roads, are unopened and carry no traffic.

Highway traffic is almost exclusively motor vehicle traffic. The density of horse-drawn vehicle traffic was recorded at all stations but was in all cases so small as to warrant no consideration in highway planning. - Motor vehicle traffic is predominantly passenger car traffic; motor truck traffic is not an important factor except on the more heavily traveled routes and is considered separately in a subsequent section. Motor bus traffic is increasing in importance on several routes, but is a specialized movement and is there-


A marker iodesed by the Sfate ow Federal-aid Project Ne. 9
fore analyzed separately. Motor vehicle traffic as discussed in this report refers only to passenger car and motor truck traffic.
The average daily density of passenger car and motor truck traffic, as well as the normal maximum traffic and estimated average traffic in 193r, at each of the stations at which traffic was observed, is shown in Appendix II.

The average daily distribution of motor vehicle traffic on the Federal-aid system, the numbered State-aid routes and the more important of the
numbered State-aid roads include a few short sections near the more important cities which carry over 800 vehicles per day, but a very large part of the total mileage carries less than 400 vehicles.

## U. S. Routes Carry Heaviest Traffic

The largest volume of both passenger car and truck traffic is found on the routes adjacent to the larger cities and villages and on the main "through" routes. The greater density of traffic


Standard U. S. route marker on U. S. Route No. 5, near HIartland
unnumbered State-aid roads, is shown in Figure 6 , which is the basic traffic map of the report. This map also shows distribution of truck traffic, estimated traffic in 193I, traffic classification of the roads, and density of population by towns.

The mileage of Federal-aid and numbered State-aid routes by traffic-density groups is shown in Table 4.

Approximately 30 per cent of the Federal-aid system carries. in excess of 800 vehicles daily; almost one-half of the system carries between 400 and 800 vehicles, and less than one-fourth carries less than 400 vehicles a day. Of the numbered State-aid routes only one per cent carries in excess of 800 vehicles per day and over threefourths less than 400 vehicles per day. The un-

Table 4-'Mileage of Federal-aid and numbered State-aid routes, by traffic classes-1926

| Traffic class <br> -(vehicles per day) | Federal-aid routes |  | Numbered <br> - State-aid routes |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Miles | Per cent | Miles | Per cent |
| Over 1,500. | 37 | 3.6 |  |  |
| 1,200-1,499..... . | 64 | 6.1 |  |  |
| 800-1,199...... | 207 | 19.8 | 10 | 1.1 |
| 400-799. | 513 | 49.2 | 190 | 20.5 |
| Less than 400.... | 222 | 21.3 | 725 | 78.4 |
| Total. | 1,043 | 100.0 | 925 | 100.0 |

Table 5-Average daily traffic in 1926 and estimated traffic in 1931 on the U. S. Routes

| Highway and section | Length of section | Average daily motor vehicle traffic |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1926 | 1931 |
| U. S. Route 2: | Miles |  |  |
| Rouses Point to Grand Isle. | 23.3 | 362 | 510 |
| Grand Isle to Jct. with U.S Route ${ }^{17}$, | 14.5 | 802 | 1,100 |
| Burlington to Jct. with State-aid Route 116. | 1.0 | 1,751 | 2,400 |
| Jct. with State-aid Route 116 to Waterbury. | 21.0 | 1,108 | 1,500 |
| Waterbury to Montpelier. | 11.6 | 1,709 | 2,400 |
| Montpelier to Barre. . | 2.1 | 2,576 | 3,600 |
| Barre to E. Barre. . | 2.2 | 906 | 1,300 |
| E. Barre to Orange. | 2.0 | 654 | 910 |
| Orange to Wells River ${ }^{1}$ | 25.2 | 327 | 460 |
| St. Johnsbury to Jct. with State-aid Route 18. | 1.9 | 1,205 | 1,700 |
| Jct. with State-aid Route 18 to Lancaster. . | 21.8 | 518 | 720 |
| U. S. Route 4: |  |  |  |
| New York line to Fair Haven. | 1.6 | 1,330 | 1,900 |
| Fair Haven to West Rutland. | 10.4 | 1,302 | 1,800 |
| West Rutland to Rutland. | 2.0 | 2,648 | 3,700 |
| Rutland to Mendon. . | 2.4 | 1,109 | 1,600 |
| Mendon to Jct. with State-aid Route 100. | 6.4 | 541 | 760 |
| Jct. with State-aid Route 100 to W. Bridgewate | 6.1 | 432 | -600 |
| W. Bridgewater to Bridgewater............... | 5.7 | 450 | 630 |
| Bridgewater to White River Jct. | 19.8 | 727 | 1,000 |
| U. S. Route 5: , |  |  |  |
| Massachusetts line to Brattleboro........ | 8.0 | 1;203 | 1,700 |
| Brattleboro to Jct. with State-aid Route 9 | 2.1 | 1,492 | 2,100 |
| Jct. with Stateaid Route 9 to Putney. | 7.2 | 1,101 | 1,500 |
| Putney to Bellows Falls ${ }^{\text {a }}$. . . . | 13.6 | 898 | 1,300 |
| Jct. with State-aid Route 11 to Ascutneyville. | 10.7 | 567 | 790 |
| Ascutneyville to Windsor.. | 4.7 | 1,148 | 1,600 |
| Windsor to White River Jct. | 14.6 | 946 | 1,300 |
| White River Jct. to Jct. with road to Lewiston. | 4.7 | 671 | 940 |
| Jct. with road to:Lewiston to Norwich. | 0.8 | 495 | 690 |
| Norwich to Pompanoosuc. | 5.4 | 594 | 830 |
| Pompanoosuc to Fairlee. | 13.6 | 536 | 750 |
| Fairlee to Barnet Station. | 32.3 | 622 | 870 |
| Barnet Station to St. Johnsbury . | 9.0 | 1,046 | 1,400 |
| St. Johnsbury to Lyndonville. . | 7.1 | 1,557 | 2,200 |
| Lyndonville to Jct. with State-aid Route 114. | 1.4 | 1,124 | 1,600 |
| Jct. with State-aid Route 114 to W. Burke. . | 7.8 | 822 | 1,100 |
| West Burke to Barton. | 13.4 | 400 | 560 |
| Barton to Jet. with State-aid Route 12B. | 11.9 | 513 | 720 |
| Jct. with State-aid Route 12B to Newport. | 6.3 | 597 | 840 |
| Newport to Derby Line. . | 8.0 | 1,171 | 1,600 |
| U. S. Route 7: $\quad$, 1,171 |  |  |  |
| Massachusetts line to Pownal. | 2.6 | 1,645 | 2,300 |
| Pownal to Bennington. | 7.0 | 1,316 | 1,800 |
| Beanington to Jct. to N. Bennington. | 0.7 | 2,294 | 3,200 |
| Jct. to N. Beanington to S. Shaftsbury. | 3.5 | 1,134 | 1,600 |
| S. Shaftsbury to Manchester Center.. | 16.5 | 901 | 1,300 |
| Manchester Center to Wallingford. . | 23.7 | 748 | 1.000 |
| Wallingford to Jet. with State-aid Route 103. | 4.8 | 800 | 1,100 |
| Jct. with State-aid Route 103 to Rutland. . . | 3.8 | 1,016 | 1.400 |

State-aid Route 103 from Rutland through Ludlow and Proctorsville to Bellows Falls, and Stateaid Route 105 from St. Albans through Richford, Newport, and Derby to Bloomfield.

The variations in traffic on these routes-the traffic increasing in the vicinity of the larger cities and villages and decreasing with increase in distance from such population centers-indicate that even on these soutes the major part of the traffic is local in character.

The largest daily volume of traffic is found in the vicinity of the larger cities and villages on routes connecting these population centers.

## Traffic Sections of the State

On the basis of traffic the State is divided into six traffic sections, ${ }^{\text {b }}$ as shown in Figure 6, somewhat comparable with the distribution of population and industry. These sections, listed in order of traffic importance, and the area and population of each are shown in Table 6.

The mileage of Federal-aid and numbered State-aid highways by traffic classes in the six traffic sections is shown in Table 7.

The northwest and central section, including one-sixth of the area of the State and almost one-third of the population, has slightly more than

Table 6-Vermont traffic sections

| Traffic sections | Area | Per cent | Population ${ }^{1}$ | Per cent |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Square miles |  |  |  |
| Northwest and central.. . | 1,519.89 | 16.7 | 115,646 | ${ }^{*} 32.8$ |
| Southwestern... | 1,467.39 | 16.1 | 78,126 | 22.2 |
| Southeastern. | 930.96 | 10.2 | 51,489 | 14.6 |
| North-central. | 1,815.97 | 19.9 | 56,398 | 16.0 |
| South-central. | 2,556.60 | 28.0 | 40,427 | 11.5 |
| Northeastern. | 833.19 | 9.1 | 10,342 | 2.9 |
| Total. | 9,124.00 | 100.0 | 352,428 | 100.0 |

## ${ }^{1} 1920$ census.

'The following towns and cities are included in each section:
Northwest and central-Alburg, Barre City, Barre Berlin, Barnet, Bolton, Burke, Burlington City, Colchester, Cabot, Calais, Danville, Duxbury, East Montpelier, Essex, Georgia, Grand Isie, Groton, Highgate, Isle La Motte, Jericho, Iyndon, Marshfield, Middlesex, Milaon, Montpelier, Moretown, Northfield, North Hero, Peacham, Plainfield, Richmond, Ryegate, Shelburne, South Burlington, South Hero, St. Albans City, St. Albans, St. George, St. Johnsbury, Swanton, Waitsfield, Waterbury, Waterford, Williamstown and Williston
Southwestern.-Adison, Arlington, Bennington, Benson, Brandon, Bridport, Bristol, Castleton, Charlotte, Clarendon, Cornwall, Danby, Dorset, Ferrisburg. Fair Haven, Hubbardton, Ira, Leicester, Manchester, Middlebury, Middletown Springs, New Haven, Orwell, Panton, Pawlet, Pittsford, Poultrey, Pownal, Proctor, Rupert, Rutland, Rutland City, Salisbury, Sandgate, Shaftsbury, Shoreham, Sudbury, Tinmourth, Vergennes City, Wallingford, Waltharn, Well
bridge, and Whiting. Southeastern-Baltimore, Bradford, Brattleboro, Cav
Southeastern-Baltinoic, Bradford, Brattleboro, Cavendish, Chester, Dummerston, Fairlec, Guilford, Hartford. Hartland, Ludiow, Newbury, Norwich, Putney, Reading, Rockingham. Springfied, Thetiford, Vernon, Weathersfield, West Fairlee,
-na Windsar and Woodstock.

North-central-Albany, Avery's Gore, Bakersfield, Barton, Belvidere, Berkshire, Brownington, Cambridge, Coventry, Craftsbury, Derby, Eden, Elmore, Enosburg, Fairfax, Fairfield, Fletcher, Franklin, Glover, Greensboro, Hardwick, Hyde Park, Irashurg, Jay, Johnson, Lowell, Montgomery, Morristown, Newport, Newport City, Richford, Sheffield, Sheldon, Stannard, Stowe, Sutton, Troy, Underhill, Walden, Waterville, Westield Westford, Wheelock, Wolcott, Woodbury and Worcester. South-central--Andover, Athens, Barnard, Bethel, Braintree, Bridgewater, Brookfield, Brookline, Buel's Gore, Chelsea, Chittenden, Corinth, Dover, Fayston, Glastonbury, Goshen, Graiton, Granville, Halifax, Hancock, Hinesburg, Huntington, Jamaica, Landgrove, Lincoln, Londondery, Marbboro, Mendon, Monkton, Mount Holly, Mount Tabor, Newfanc, Orange, Peru, Pittsfield, Plymouth, Pomíret, Randolph, Readsboro, Ripton, Rochester, Roxbury, Royalton, Searsburg, Sharon, Sherburne, Shrewsbury, Somerset, Stamiord, Starksboro, Stockbridge, Strafford, Stratton, Sunderland, Topsham, Townsend, Tunbridge, Vershire, Wardsboro, Warren, Washington, Weston, Whitingham, Wilmington, Wind ham, Winhall and Woodford.
Northeastern-Averill, Avery's Gore, Bloomfield, Brighton. Brunswick, Canaan, Charleston, Concord. East Haven, Feedinand, Holland, Granby, Guildhall, Kirby, Lemingtow Lewis, Lumenburg, Maidstone, Morgan, New ark, Nortom, Victory, Warrens Gramt, Warrens Gore and


MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC ON THE, TE HIGHWAY SYSTEM WITH TRAFFIC CLASSIFICATION ANL
a fourth of the Federal-aid mileage of the State. In this section are 28 of the 37 miles of Federalaid nighway which carry over 1,500 motor vehicles per day, and one-half of the Federal-aid mileage in the section carries over 800 vehicles daily.

The southwestern section, including one-sixth of the area of the State and slightly more than a fifth of the population, has approximately oneseventh of the Federal-aid mileage. This section has 9 miles of Federal-aid highway carrying over $x, 500$ motor vehicles per day, 35 miles carrying between 1,200 and 1,500 , and 41 miles carrying between 800 and 1,200 daily motor vehicles. Approximately 60 per cent of the Federal-aid mileage in the section carries over 800 vehicles per day.

These two sections are the most important traffic areas of the State, and include the greatest industrial development and the largest population centers, among them the cities of Burlington, Barre, Montpelier, Rutland, St. Albans and Wi-
nooski, and the important villages of Bennington, Fair Haven, Proctor and St. Johnsbury, and a


The State Road between Sherburne and West Bridgenuter in Rutlaud County, improved wiff Fodergl aid as a gravel road
number of smaller villages which are traffic centers for their surrounding territory.

The southeastern section, with one-tenth of the area and one-seventh of the population of the State, has approximately one-fifth of the Federal-

Table 7-Mileage of Federal-aid and numbered State-aid highways by traffic classes in the six traffic sections

| Sections | Average daily traffic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total |  | 1,500 and over |  | 1,200-1,499 |  | 800-1,199 |  | 400-799 |  | 0-399 |  |
|  | Miles | Per cent | Miles | Per cent | Miles | Per cent | Miles | Per cent | Miles | Per cent | Miles | Per cent |
| Federal-aid highways: Northwest and central... | 273 | 26.1 | 28 | 2.7 | 19 | 1.8 | 91 | 8.7 | 91 | 8.7 | 44 | 4.2 |
| Southwestern. | 142 | 13.6 | 9 | 0.9 | 35 | 3.3 | 41 | 3.9 | 49 | 4.7 | 8 | 0.8 |
| Southeastern. | 201 | 19.3 |  |  | 10 | 1.0 | 61 | 5.8 | 104 | 10.0 | 26 | 2.5 |
| North-central | 202 | 19.4 |  |  |  |  | 12 | 1.2 | 124 | 11.9 | 66 | 6.3 |
| South-central | 174 | 16.7 |  |  |  |  | 2 | 0.2 | 123 | 11.8 | 49 | 4.7 |
| Northeastern. | 51 | 4.9 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 22 | 2.1 | 29 | 2.8 |
| Total | 1,043 | 100.0 | 37 | 3.6 | 64 | 6.1 | 207 | 19.8 | 513 | 49.2 | 222 | 21.3 |
| Numbered State-aid highways: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Southwestern. | 233 | 25.2 |  |  |  |  | 3 | 0.3 | 59 | 6.4 | 171 | 18.5 |
| Southeastern. | 85 | 9.2 |  |  |  |  | 7 | 0.8 | 14 | 1.5 | 64 | 6.9 |
| North-central. | 154 | 16.7 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 24 | 2.6 | 130 | 1.4 .1 |
| South-central. . . . . . foter $_{\text {at }}$ | \$44 | 26.0 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 37 | 4.0 | . 204 | 22.0 |
| Northeastern.. . . . . .n. | - 106 | 11.5 |  |  |  |  |  |  | 26 | 2.8 | . 80 | 8.7 |
| ' Total. | 925 | 100.0 |  |  |  |  | 30 | 1.1 | 190 | 20.5 | 225 | 78.4 |

aid mileage, of which 10 miles carries a daily traffic of between 1,200 and 1,500 vehicles and 61 miles carries between 800 and 1,200 vehicles, but it has no routes carrying over 1,500 vehicles per day.


Tederal aid Project No. 15, a bituminous macadam road constructed in 1921

This section is third in traffic importance and includes the important villages of Bellows Falls, Brattleboro, Springfield and Windsor as well as a number of smaller villages which are traffic centers for their surrounding territory.

The southwestern and southeastern sections include the villages on each side of the Green Mountains which are traversed by the most important through routes in the State-U. S. Routes 5 and 7.

The north-central section, with one-fifth of the area and one-sixth of the population of the State, has approximately one-fifth of the Federal-aid mileage, of which only 12 miles carry a daily traffic of over 800 vehicles. This section includes the city of Newport and a number of smaller
villages. It contains the most highly developed agricultural area in Vermont.

The south-central section, with over a fourth of the area of the State and slightly more than a tenth of the population, has approximately onesixth of the Federal-aid mileage, of which only 2 miles carry more than 800 motor vehicles per day. This section includes the mountainous area and has no important cities or villages. Except on the routes connecting the eastern and western valleys of the State, and on the routes from Barre and Montpelier to these valleys, traffic is very light.

The northeastern section, with slightly less than one-tenth of the area and only 3 per cent of the population of the State, has 51 miles, 4.9 per cent, of the Federal-aid. mileage, of which 29 miles carry less than 400 vehicles. It has no routes that carry over 800 vehicles a day. The section has no important cities or villages and is largely undeveloped.

The numbered State-aid routes, other than Fed-eral-aid, are distributed throughout all sections of the State. Only 10 miles of these highways, located in the southwestern and southeastern sections, carry over 800 vehicles daily, and over threefourths of their mileage carries less than 400 vehicles per day.

## Foreign Traffic on Vermont Highways

Foreign traffic, i. e., traffic of vehicles registered in other States, forms an important part of the total traffic on Vermont highways. The State is traversed by the main routes of tourist traffic between southern New England and Canada and between New York and the White Mountains and Maine coast resorts, and is in itself an important recreational area.

During the period of the survey, motor vehicles of foreign registration made up 35.6 per cent of the total traffic on the Federal-aid and numbered State-aid highways. Of the total passenger car traffic, 36.6 per cent was of foreign registration, and the corresponding percentage for truck traffic was 9.6 per cent.

Foreign truck traffic is small in volume, and largely limited to the areas adjacent to the State boundaries. In capacity and loading the foreign truck traffic is similar to Vermont truck traffic.


FOREIGN PASSENGER CAR TRAFFIC ON

Foreign passenger car traffic is distributed over the entire State and forms an important part of the total passenger car traffic on all main routes.

The distribution of foreign passenger car traffic on the Federal-aid system is shown in Figure 7. Comparison of this map with the map of total traffic (Fig. 6) indicates that the routes which carry the heaviest total traffic are also the prin-

On U. S. Route 5, from the Massachusetts line to Derby Line, foreign passenger car traffic was 46.7 per cent of the total passenger car traffic. The sections from the Massachusetts line to Bellows Falls, from Ascutneyville to White River Junction, and from St. Johnsbury to Lyndonville, approximately 58 miles, carried in excess of 500 foreign passenger cars per day. The


View of Lake Memphremagog from U. S. Route No. 5
cipal foreign-traffic routes. Foreign traffic, however, is more uniformly distributed over the principal routes than total traffic, the latter showing the greater influence of local traffic near the larger cities and villages.

Of the r,043 miles of Federal-aid highways, 114 miles carried foreign passenger car traffic in excess of 500 vehicles ciaily, 513 miles carried between 200 and 500 foreign vehicles, and 416 miles less than 200 foreign vehicles, as shown in Figure 8.
U. S. Route 7, from the Massachusetts line near Pownal to the Canadian border near Highgate Springs, carried the greatest volume of foreign passenger car traffic, such traffic being 43.3 per cent of the total passenger car traffic on the route. Foreign passenger car traffic exceeds 200 vehicles per day on the entire route, and exceeds 500 between the Massachusetts line and Manchester Center, and from Winooski to the junction with U. S. Route 2.
section between West Burke and Newport, 29 miles, carried less thán $200^{\circ}$ foreign passenger cars, and the rest of the route, approximately 89 miles, carried between 200 and 500 foreign passenger cars.

On U. S. Route 4, foreign passenger car traffic was 37.0 per cent of the total passengef car traffic. From West Rutland to Rutland, 3.2 miles, this route carried over 500 foreign passenger cars a day, and on other sections foreign passenger car traffic averaged between 200 and 500 vehicles daily.

On U. S. Route 2, from Rouses Point to the New Hampshire line near Lancaster, foreign passenger car traffic was 34.3 per cent of the total passenger car traffic. On this, route the sections between Montpelier and the junction with Stateaid Route 18, and between St. Johnsbury and the junction with the same route, carried over 500 foreign passenger cars daily. The sections from Rouses Point to Isle La Motte Station and from

Barre to Wells River carried less than 200 foreign passenger cars, and the balance of the route a daily average of between 200 and 500 foreign cars.


The Connectizut River Road, a gravel-surfaced highway, improved with Federal aid

State-aid Route 103, from Bellows Falls to the junction with U. S. Route 7 near Rutland, is an important foreign traffic route, the daily average being between 200 and 500 foreign passenger cars.
State-aid Route 9 carries over 500 foreign passenger cars daily between Bennington and the New York line, and between 200 and 500 foreign cars daily from Bennington to Brattleboro.

State-aid Route 14, from Hartford to North Royalton, and from Williamstown to Barre, carries from 200 to 500 foreign cars.

Route 18 carries from 200 to 500 foreign cars between the New Hampshire line and West Danville and also between Montpelier and East Montpelier.

The remainder of the State-aid routes included in the Federal-aid system, with few exceptions, carry less than 200 foreign vehicles daily, but some foreign traffic was found on all these routes.

The daily number of foreign passenger cars at each of the traffic survey stations is shown in Appendix III.


Fic. 8.-Classification of Federal-aid road mileage according to the mamber of forelgo passengor ears carried

The large volume of foreign traffic on Vermont highways adds considerably to the cost of providing highway service on the main routes of travel. This volume of foreign traffic, in addition to local Vermont traffic, results in increased maintenance costs on present improvements, which are loaded beyond their economic capacity, and makes necessary earlier improvement or reconstruction of these routes by the construction of surfaces superior to gravel. The present contribution of foreign traffic to Vermont highway revenue is limited very largely to that derived from the taxation of gasoline sold to operators of foreign cars and it is doubtful if this revenue is at all commensurate with the increased cost of providing highway service caused by foreign traffic.


MOTOR TRUCK TRAFFIC ON THE FEDERAL-AID
AND NUMBERED STATE-AID SYSTEMS

## MOTOR TRUCK TRAFFIG

EXCEPT on a comparatively small part of the highway mileage, motor truck traffic on the highways of the State is a minor part of total motor vehicle traffic. The construction of surfaces to carry passenger cars will in the majority of cases be adequate for such motor truck traffic as there is. There are, however, major traffic routes, particularly those near the larger cities and villages, on which the density of truck traffic is sufficiently great to require special consideration in highway planning.

Figure 9 shows the daily motor truck traffic on the Federal-aid and other numbered State-aid highways, and the average numbers of trucks passing each survey station daily are shown in Appendix II and Appendix IV. As indicated by the map (Fig. 9) and the Appendix tables, there is a large mileage that carries less than 50 trucks a day, even on the Federal-aid system, as shown by Figure 10. Of the 1,043 miles of the latter system, only 241 carry 50 or more trucks a day (Table 8 and Fig. 10) ; and of the 925 miles of numbered State-aid routes, only 48 miles carry truck traffic of that density.

As shown in Table 8, 35.9 per cent of the mileage of the Federal-aid and numbered State-aid highways carried less than 20 trucks per day, and 85.3 per cent less than 50 trucks. On 13.6 per cent of the mileage there was a density of from 50 to 99 trucks, and on I.I per cent 100 or more trucks per day.
In Table 9 are shown the sections of the Fed-
eral-aid system on which"truck traffic was 50 or more per day. State-aid Route 15, from Winooski to Essex Junction, 2.6 miles, cárried on an average day 287 trucks, the greatest density of truck traffic observed on any route in the State. U. S. Route 7 , from Bennington north to the


Fig. 10.-Classification of Federal-aid raad mileage according to the number of motor trucks carvied

Table 8-Mileage of Federal-aid and other numbered State-aid roads by truck traffic classes

| Daily truck traffic density | All numbered State-aid and Federal-aid roads |  | Federal-aid roads |  | Other numbered State-aid roads |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Miles | Per cent | Miles | Per cent | Miles | Per cent |
| Less than 20. | 707 | 35.9 | 209 | 20.0 | 498 | 53.8 |
| 20-49.. | 972 | 49.4 | 593 | 56.9 | 379 | 41:0" |
| 50-99.. | 267 | 13.6 | 219 | 21.0 | . 48 | 5.2 |
| 100 and over. | 22 | 1.1 | 22 | 2.1 |  |  |
| Total. | 1,968 | 100.0 | 1,043 | 100.0 | 925 | 100.0 |

Table 9-Sections of the Federal-aid system on which the density of motor truck traffic is 50 or more per day

| Highway section | Route * | Length of - . section | Average daily trucks-1926 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | * | Miles |  |
| Winooski to Essex Jct | 15 | 2.6 | 287 |
| Bennington to Jct. with road to N. Bennington. | U.S. 7 | 0.7 | 216 |
| Rutland to West Rutland. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | U. S. 4 | 2.0 | 164 |
| Montpelier to Barre. | U.S. 2 | 2.1 | 161 |
| Burlington to Shelburne. | U.S. 7 | 4.6 | 151 |
| Derby to Newport. . . | U.S. 5 | 4.0 | 120 |
| Fair Haven to New York line. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | U.S. 4 | 1.6 | 119 |
| Winooski to Jct. with State-aid Route 117. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | U.S. 7 | 3.7 | 106 |
| Burlington to Jct. with State-aid Route 116. . . . . . . . . . . | U.S. 2 | 1.0 | 105 |
| St. Albans to Jct. with State-aid Route 105. | U. S. 7 | 0.2 | 93 |
| Newport west to Jct. of State-aid Routes 100 and 105. | 100 and 105 | 2.7 | 89 |
| Brattleboro to Jet. of State-aid Route 9. | U.S. 5 | 2.1 | 88 |
| Springfield to Jct. with U. S. Route 5. . | 11 | 3.2 | 86 |
| Richford to Enosburg Falls. | 105 | 10.1 | 85 |
| Barre to Williamstown. | 14 | 4.8 | 84 |
| Bennington to New York line. | 9 | 3.2 | 84 |
| Lyndonville to Jct. with State-aid Route 114. | U.S. 5 | 1.4 | 83 |
| Rutiand to Mendon. | U.S. 4 | 2.4 | 83 |
| Fair Haven to West Rutland. | U. S. 4 | 10.4 | 79 |
| Waterbury to Stowe. | 100 | 9.6 | 76 |
| Shelburne to Charlotte. | U.S. 7 | 4.9 | 75 |
| St. Johnsbury to Lyndonville. | U.S. 5 | 7.1 | 75 |
| Rutland to Brandon. | U.S. 7 | 13.5 | 75 |
| Jct. with State-aid Route 117 to Jct. with U. Ş. Route 2. . . . | U. S. 2 and U. S. 7 | 3.2 | 73 |
| Bernington to Massachusetts line. | U.S. 7 | 9.6 | 72 |
| Barre to East Barre. | U.S. 2 | 2.2 | 68 |
| Derby to Derby Line... | U.S. 5 | 4.0 | 64 |
| Waterbury to Montpelier. | U.S. 2 | 11.6 | 64 |
| Ascutneyville to Windsor. | U.S. 5 | 4.7 | 63 |
| Hyde Park to Morrisville. | 15 and 100 | 2.4 | 61 |
| Waterbury to Jct. with State-aid Route 116. | U.S. 2 | 21.0 | 60 |
| Putney to Jct. with State-aid Route 9. | U.S. 5 | 7.2 | 60 |
| S. Shaftsbury to Jct. Rd. to N. Bennington. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | U. S. 7 | 3.5 | 59 |
| Essex Jct. to Jericho. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 15 | 6.4 | 58 |
| Enosburg Falls to N. Sheldon. | 105 | 5.4 | 58 |
| Springfield to Jct. E. of N. Springfield. | 106 | 2.8 | 58 |
| West Burke to Jct. with State-aid Route 114. . . . . . . . . . . . . . | U. S. 5 | 7.8 | 56 |
| Newport Center to Jct. with State-aid Route 100. . . . . . . . . . . | 105 | 1.7 | 54 |
| Cambridge to Jeffersonville . . : . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 15 | 2.5 | 54 |
| St. Albans to Milton. . | U.S. 7 | 11.1 | 53 |
| Troy to Jct. with State-aid Route 105. | 100 | 8.3 | 53 |
| Rutland to N. Clarendon. . | U.S. 7 | 2.3 | 53 |
| Marshfield to S. Cabot . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 18 | 4.5 | 52 |
| Windsor to Jct. with State-aid Route 12. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | U.S. 5 | 5.8 | 51 |
| Brattleboro to Massachusetts line. | U.S. 5 | 8.0 | 51 |
| E. Montpelier to Jct. with U. S. Route 2. | 12 and 18 | 5.0 | 50 |
| Brattleboro to West Brattleboro. | 9 | 1.9 | 50 |
| Total. |  | 240.8 |  |

intersection with the road to North Bennington, had an average daily density of 216 trucks. All the sections carrying over roo trucks are comparatively short, the longest being andy 4.6 miles and the average length of the wine sections only 2.5 miles.

1 No one route stands out as a main trucking route. There are short sections on practically every important highway route which carry a considerable number of trucks. These sections, as shown in Figure 9 and Table 9, are distributed throughout the State. The longest is on U.S. Route 2 from Burlington to East Barre; a distance of 37.9 miles, on which motor truck traffic varied from 60 to 161 trucks at vatious points:

Practically all of the important trucking routes in the State are included in the Federal-aid system; and of the Federal-aid mileage carrying 50 or more trucks per day, approximately two-thirds is on the U. S. routes.

Sections of the numbered State-aid routes other than Federal-aid which have a density of over 50 trucks per day are shown in Table io. Route 115 , Brandon to Forestdale, is the most important of these sections and it carried 84 trucks per day. The section next in importance is between Brattleboro and West Dummerston on Route ior. On this six-mile section there was a daily density of 75 trucks.

## Capacity and Loading of Motor Trucks

The provision of highway facilities for motor


The Brattleboro-Wilmington Road, a Federal-aid gravel road constructed in 1920. The photograph shows the excellent condition of the surface in 1924
truck traffic in Vermont involves varied problems according to the capacity and weight of trucks as

Table 10-Sections of the numbered State-aid system other than Federal-aid roads on which the density of motor truck traffic in 1926 was 50 or more per day

| Highway section | Route | Length of section | Average daily trucks- 1926 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Brandon to Forestdale. | 115 | 2.7 | 84 |
| Brattleboro to West Dummerston. | 101 | 6.0 | 75 |
| Massachusetts line to Readsboro Falls | 8 | 9.3 | 61 |
| Essex Jct. to Jct. with U. S. Route 7. | 117 | 5.6 | 60 |
| Poultney to Jct. with State-aid road to Granville, N. Y | 101 | 9.8 | 58 |
| E. Berkshire to Montgomery Center | 118 | - 6.8 | 56 |
| West Dummerston to Newfane. | 101 | 5.9 | 53 |
| Poultney north to New York line | 30 | - 0.7 | 52 |
| Fair Haven south to New York line | 30 | 1.3 | 52 |
| Total. |  | 48.1 | ................ |

well as the density of the traffic. On roads where few or no trucks of two tons or larger capacity were found, highway planning need make no other provision than that required for passenger car traffic. Trucks of less than two tons capacity, 97 per cent of which are equipped with pneumatic tires on their rear wheels, ${ }^{6}$ have much the same effect upon highway surfaces as passenger cars.

Where trucks of two tons or greater capacity occur in appreciable numbers they must be given consideration in highway planning.' These trucks carry considerably heavier loads than passenger cars and approximately 53 per cent of them are equipped with other than pneumatic tires on the rear axle.

Figure 1 I shows the distribution by capacity groups of loaded motor trucks observed on the highways of the State.

Motor trucks of 2 to $21 / 2$ tons capacity were approximately one-fifth of the observed trucks, those of less than 2 tons capacity 77.4 per cent,

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Interviewing the driver of a grocery aruck at a woigh. ing station
those of 3 to 4 tons capacity comprised only 3.3 per cent, while those of 5 tons or greater capacity, being only 0.4 per cent of the total number of trucks observed, were a negligible part of the total truck traffic. The distribution of loaded motor trucks by capacity groups at each survey station is shown in Appendix IV.

As shown in Table 11, loaded trucks of less than 2 tons capacity carry an average cargo of 1,800 pounds and have an average gross load of 5,140 pounds.

[^2]That motor truck traffic in Vermont is predominantly a movement of small trucks carrying light loads is further indicated by the faet that 72.8 per cent of the loaded trucks weigh less than 8,000 pounds gross and 87.4 per cent less than 12,000 pounds gross. Only 3.9 per cent weigh 16,000 or more pounds, as shown in Table 12.

Trucks of over 16,000 pounds gross weight carry an average cargo of 9,030 pounds and have an average gross weight of 18,280 pounds.

The average gross weight of loaded motor trucks by capacity classes at each traffic survey station where trucks were weighed is shown in Appendix V.


Fig. 11-Distribution of loaded motor aracks by capacily gromps

Table 11-Average weight per loaded truck by capacity classes

| Capacity class | Loaded trucks | Average net weight of cargo | Average groes weight |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tons |  | Pounds | Pounds |
| 1/2-11/2. | 2,523 | 1,800 | 5,140 |
| $2-21 / 2$ | 524 | 4,920 | 12,410 |
| -4 | 112 | 5,490. | 15,100 |
| $5-71 / 2$. | 4 | 8,200 | 20,300 |


| Gross weight | Loaded trucks |  | Average net weight of cargo | Average grobs weight |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Number | Percent |  |  |
| Thousand pounds |  | - | Pounds | Pounds |
| Less than 4... | 869 | 27.5 | 630 | 3,060 |
| 4-8.. | 1,431 | 45.3 | 2,000 | 5,640 |
| 8-12... | 463 | 14.6 | 3,600 | 9,580 |
| 12-16... | 276 | 8.7 | 5,680 | 13,800 |
| 16 and over... | 124 | 3.9 | 9,030 | 18,280 |
| Total.... | 3,163 | 100.0 | 2,450 | 6,710 |

Table 13-Mileage of Federal-aid and other numbered State-aid highways by density of traffic of 2-ton or larger trucks

| Two-ton and larger trucke per day | Federal-aid highways |  | Other numbered State-aid highways |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Miles | Per cent | Miles | Per cent |
| 0-9.. | 713 | 68.4 | 839 | 90.7 |
| 10-19.. | 284 | 27.2 | 59 | 6.4 |
| 20-29........ | 36 | 3.4 | 21 | 2.3 |
| 30 and over... | 10 | 1.0 | 6 | 0.6 |
| Total. | 1,043, | 100.0 | 925 | 100.0 |

Extensive use of trucks of 2 tons capacity or larger is limited to a relatively small mileage of the highways of the State. On Federal-aid highways, the principally travelled routes of the State, less than ten trucks of 2 tons or larger capacity are found on 68.4 per cent of the mileage as shown in Table'13 and Figure 12.

On other rumbered State-aid highways 90.7 per cent of the mileage carries less than ten 2 -ton or larger trucks per day. Approximately 27 per cent of the mileage of Federal-aid roads and 6 per cent of other numbered State-aid roads carry between 10 and 19 trucks of 2 tons or larger


Table 14-Sections of the Federal-aid system on which the number of 2-ton and larger trucks in 1926 was 10 or more per day

capacity per day. In this class are included 284 miles of Federal-aid and 59 miles of other numnumbered State-aid roads.

There are only 46 miles of Federal-aid roads and 27 miles of other numbered State-aid roads on which the 2 -ton or larger trucks number 20 or more daily.

In Table 14 are listed. the sections of the Fed-eral-aid system which have a density of ro or more 2 -ton and larger trucks.
U. S. Route 7, north of Bennington, carries, for seven-tenths of a mile, 53 trucks of 2 -ton or larger capacity per day. Three other sections carry more than 30 of these trucks a day. They are: Route 100 from Newport west to the junction with Route 105 ; U. S. Route 5 from Newport to Derby; and U. S. Route 4 from Rutland to Mendon.

Sections of the numbered State-aid system other than Federal-aid roads on which the number of 2 -ton and larger trucks is 10 or more per day are shown in Table 15 . The most important of these sections is Route ror from Brattleboro to West Dummerston, a distance of 6.0 miles, which has a density of $3^{1}$ trucks of 2 -ton capacity or larger. Route 100 and 100 B , between Middlesex and Waitsfield, carries 22 of these trucks per day; Route rox, from West Dummerston to Newfane, carries 2I; and Route

115, from Brandon to Forestdale, carries 20.
On the unnumbered State-aid roads and town roads the total truck traffic as well as the traffic of large-capacity trucks is of little significance. With the exception of a few short sections adjacent to the larger cities and villages, trucks of 2 -ton or larger capacity are rarely found on these roads and the total truck traffic is also small.


Applying seal coat on the Bermardstown Road

## Motor Truck Traffic in the Six Traffic Sèctions

Comparative highway mileage and truck traffic on the Federal-aid and other numbered State-aid routes in the six traffic sections into which the State is divided (Fig. 6) are shown in Table 16 and Figure 13.

Tabie 15-Sections of the numbered State-aid system other than Federal-aid roads on which the number of 2-ton and larger trucks in 1926 was 10 or more per day


Table 16-Highway mileage and motor truck density on Federal-aid and other numbered State-aid roads in the six traffic sections

| Traffic section | Federal-aid roads |  |  |  |  | Other numbered State-aid roads |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Highway mileage |  | Truck traffic density |  |  | Highway mileage |  | Truck traffic density |  |  |
|  | Miles | Per cent | Total | $\begin{gathered} 1 / 2-11 / 2 \\ \text { tons } \end{gathered}$ | 2 tons and <br> larger | Miles | Per cent | Total | $\begin{gathered} 1 / 2-11 / 2 \\ \text { tons } \end{gathered}$ | 2 tons and larger |
| Southwestern.. | 142.4 | 14 | 55 | 43 | 12 | 232.9 | 25 | 27 | 23 | 4 |
| Northwest and centra | 272.4 | 26 | 53 | 43 | 10 | 105.7 | 11 | 26 | 20 | 6 |
| Southeastern. | 201.2 | 19 | 39 | 29 | 10 | 85.1 | 9 | 19 | 14 | 5 |
| North-central. | 202.3 | 19 | 36 | 27 | 9 | 154.6 | 17 | 22 | 18 | 4 |
| Northeastern. | 50.9 | 5 | 24 | 20 | 4 | 106.3 | 12 | 15 | 12 | 3 |
| South-central. | 173.8 | 17 | 22 | 17 | 5 | 240.7 | 26 | 18 | 13 | 5 |
| Total.. | 1,043.0 | 100 | 41 | 32 | 9 | 925.3 | 100 | 22 | 17 | 5 |

The highest density of truck traffic on the Fed-eral-aid highways is found in the southwestern and northwest and central sections where the total trucks average 55 and 53 per day, respectively, and the traffic of trucks of 2 tons and larger capacity is 12 and 10 , respectively. These two sections include 40 per cent of the total mileage of Federal-aid roads. Truck traffic density on other numbered State-aid routes is also greatest in these two sections, being 27 in the southwestern and 26 in the northwest-central section. These sections include 36 per cent of the total mileage of other numbered State-aid routes.

The southeastern and north-central sections, as compared with the other sections, are of medium importance in respect to motor truck traffic; and the northeastern and south-central sections have the least amount of truck traffic on both the Fed-eral-aid and other numbered State-aid routes, as shown in Table 16.
The comparative importance of the several sections from the standpoint of motor truck traffic, as previously explained from the standpoint of passenger car traffic, is determined very largely by the location of centers of population. The southwestern and northwest-central sections in-


Fig. 13-Dewsity of motar bruck traffic ot Frderal-add routes in the six traffic sections of the State
clude seven of the nine cities and villages in the State having a population over 5,000 . The remaining two are in the southeastern section, which ranks third in motor truck traffic density.

## VARIATIONS IN TRAFFIC DENSITY

HIGHWAY traffic in Vermont shows a very pronounced seasonal variation. Foreign traffic is observed mainly in the late spring, summer and early fall months. Local traffic also shows the effects of severe winter conditions and heavy snowfall in the State.


Traffic on the roads of Vermont is megligible during the winser season

During the winter months, motor vehicle traffic, is largely confined to the more important routes and is limited principally to vehicles used for business purposes. The traffic density data used in the report are for an average 24 -hour day during the period of the survey, July 16 to October 15. They represent, therefore, the period of maximum traffic and greatly exceed the average for the entire year. The maximum traffic at each survey station is shown in Appendix II.

There is also a marked variation in traffic volume by days of the week and by hours of the day. Maximum traffic occurs on Sunday, when it is 51.6 per cent greater than the average day. Passenger car traffic remains quite uniform from Monday through Friday, increasing somewhat on Saturday and showing a very sharp increase on Sunday. Motor truck traffic also remains quite uniform from Monday through Friday, shows a marked decrease on Saturday and becomes very small on Sunday.

Traffic is largely concentrated in the_daylight hours, less than 20 per cent of the passenger car
traffic and less than 10 per cent of the truck traffic occurring between $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and $6 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Approximately 70 per cent of the passenger car traffic is concentrated in the hours between 10 a. m . and


An attractive pista os the ConsecNicut River Road. The road has an ailed gravel swrface

8 p. m. and approximately 35 per cent between 4 p. m. and $8 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

Motor truck traffic is more concentrated in the morning hours, approximately 75 per cent occurring between $6 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. and approximately 45 per cent between $10 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and $4 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. The hours between $6 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. and ro a. m. include approximately 30 per cent of truck traffic as compared with io per cent of passenger car traffic.

## MOTOR' BUS AND MOTOR TRUCK LINES

MOTOR bus traffic, although small in total volume, is important on certain of the Federal-aid and numbered State-aid routes, and on a few.of the unnumbered State-aid roads.

In 1926 there were 52 companies or individuals licensed by the Public Service Commission, engaged in intrastate and interstate bus transportation, operating on regular schedules over approx-


The Molley's Brook Road-A gravel road treated with calcium chloride
imately 671 miles of Federal-aid roads, 168 miles of numbered State-aid and 62 miles of unnumbered State-aid routes.

On portions of several of the main routes two or more bus lines operate, some being through
lines and others serving the local communities. Burlington, Rutland, Montpelier and White River Junction are the principal termini of motor bus. transportation lines.

The busses observed varied in capacity from 5 to 38 passengers each; approximately one-third had a capacity of less than ro, and one-half a capacity of 20 or more passengers.

Busses of small passenger capacity are similar to the ordinary passenger automobile and require no special consideration, but the large-capacity bus traveling at high speed may, when present in largé numbers, require special consideration both as to width of surface and design of pavement.

The routes on which regular bus lines operate and the number of bus lines on each route are shown in Figure 14. In addition to the routes shown on this map, special chartered and tourist busses also operate at irregular intervals on these and other highway routes. Such busses make frequent trips to the recreational areas and points of historic and scenic interest.

Figure 14 also shows the routes over which regular, licensed commercial trucking lines operate. Motor truck companies and individuals, operating under Public Service Commission certificates, furnish express and commodity transportation on several of the main routes and to a somewhat lesser extent on the numbered and unnumbered State-aid roads.

In 1926 there were sixteen licensed trucking concerns operating over fixed routes and on regular schedules. These routes covered approximately 346 miles of Federal-aid routes, 74 miles of numbered State-aid routes and 17 miles of unnumbered State-aid roads.

The capacities of trucks engaged in this form of common carrier transportation varied from 1 to $21 / 2$ tons.

While the tonnage hauled by companies operating for hire is small compared to the tonnage of the total truck traffic, it is of growing importance in those sections which have inadequate railroad transportation.


## HIGHWAY UTILIZATION

DURING the period of the survey, July 16 to October 15 , 1926, motor vehicle traffic on the highways of the State, of which there are $\mathbf{5 4 , 5 8 2}$ miles, was approximately $139,-$ 472,000 vehicle-miles, an average of $1,516,000$ vehicle-miles per day. The distribution of this traffic by classes of highway-Federal-aid, other numbered State-aid routes, unnumbered State-aid routes, and town roads-is shown in Table 17 and Figure 15 .

The Federal-aid highway system, 7 per cent of the certified highway mileage and 7.2 per cent of the mileage of traveled public roads, carried approximately one-half of the total traffic on all roads of the State. The present numbered routes, 13.5 per cent of the highway mileage, which includes the Federal-aid system, carried two-thirds of the total traffic. Town roads 69.4 per cent of the total highway mileage, carried only 12.8 per cent of the traffic.

Average daily traffic on the Federal-aid system was 702 vehicles, on other numbered routes 293 vehicles, on the unnumbered State-aid roads 128 vehicles, and on the town road system only 19 vehicles, as shown in Figure 16.
The predominating importance of the $\mathbf{1 , 9 6 8}$ miles of numbered routes is evident from the fact that these roads carry approximately two-thirds of the total traffic on all rural highways. Of the numbered routes, the Federal-aid system of 1,043 miles, slightly more than one-half of the mileage,
includes the most important highways, from the standpoint of traffic.

The distribution of traffic on various parts of the Federal-aid system is shown in Table 18.
The routes selected for uniform numbering by the American Association of State Highway Officials; including U. S. 2 from the New Hampshire State line opposite Lancaster, N. H., to

U. S. Route No. 5, near Hartland. The road is surfaced with gravel. Note the standard caution sign
Lake Champlain west of Alburg; U. S. 4 from White River Junction to the New York State line west of Fair Haven; U. S. 5 from the Massachusetts State line south of Brattleboro to the Canadiąn boundary at Derby Line; and U. S. 7 from the Massachusetts State line south of Pownal to the Canadian boundary north of Swánton; are the most important through traffic routes in

Table 17-Motor vehicle utilization and mileage of Vermont highways by systems


[^3]Table 18-Average daily traffic on the Federal-aid system


The principal traffic routes of the Federal-aid system, including sections of U.S. 2, 4, 5, and 7 adjacent to the cities and villages of Burlington, Rutland, Barre, Bennington, St. Johnsbury, Brattleboro, St. Albans, and Montpelier, and State-aid Routes 9 and 15 adjacent, respectively, to Bennington and Winooski, comprising 102 miles, or approximately 10 per cent of the Federal-aid system, carry over 20 per eent of the total traffic on this system.
The numbered State-aid roads, other than the Federal-aid routes, are secondary in importance to the Federal-aid highways but greatly exceed in importance the unnumbered State-aid roads and town roads. Included in the numbered Stateaid routes other than Federal-aid are approximately 266 miles, 28.8 per cent of the total mileage of this class, which carry a daily traffic of less than 200 vehicles per day. These routes carry only 13.8 per cent of the traffic on the routes of this system. Several of these routes are required as necessary comnections to form a continuous highway system secondary in importance to the Federal-aid system. On these sections traffic will increase with the improvement of present surfaces, but a considerable portion of their mileage will continue to be very low in traffic density.

The unnumbered State-aid roads, as a whole


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carry but a small volume of traffic. There are, however, between 30 and 40 miles of highways in this group which carried over 500 vehicles per day in 1926. These routes are short sections of connecting highways which could well be included in the State secondary system.

A number of town roads carry no traffic or are abandoned routes, and town roads carrying less than five vehicles per day are frequent. Traffic on the town-road system is, with few exceptions, extremely small in volume and local in nature, and these roads, therefore, present only minor problems as compared with the Federalaid system.

- The relative mileage and use of the several highway systems by sections of the State are shown in Table 19. These sections-the northwest and central, southwestern, southeastern, north-central, south-central and northeastern-are shown in Figure 6.'

A comparison of the total traffic on Federalaid highways in the six traffic sections is shown in Figure 17 and a comparison of the average traffic density on these roads in the several sections in Figure 18.

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Table 19-Motor vehicle utilization and mileage of Vermont highways in the six traffic sections

| Highway system and section | Highway mileage |  | Vehicle-mileage |  | Per cent of total area | Per cent of total population | Average daily traffic |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Miles | Per cent | Vehicle-miles | Per cent |  |  |  |
| Federal-aid system: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northwest and central... | 272.4 | 26.1 | 241,100 | 32.9 | 16.7 | 32.8 | 885 |
| Southwestern. | 142.4 | 13.6 | 133,500 | 18.3 | 16.1 | 22.2 | 938 |
| Southeastern. | 201.2 | 19.3 | 163,400 | 22.3 | 10.2 | 14.6 | 812 |
| North-central. | 202.3 | 19.4 | 89,400 | 12.2 | 19.9 | 16.0 | 442 |
| South-central. | 173.8 | 16.7 | 86,500 | 11.8 | 28.0 | 11.5 | 498 |
| Northeastern. | 50.9 | 4.9 | 18,100 | 2.5 | 9.1 | 2.9 | 356 |
| Total. | 1,043.0 | 100.0 | 732,000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 702 |
| Numbered State-aid roads: ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northwest and central. .. | 105.7 | 11.4 | 33,700 | 12.4 | 16.7 | 32.8 | 319 |
| Southwestern.. | 232.9 | 25.2 | 74.200 | 27.4 | 16.1 | 22.2 | 319 |
| Southeastern. | 85.1 | 9.2 | 28,300 | 10.4 | 10.2 | 14.6 | 333 |
| North-central. | 154.6 | 16.7 | 42,800 | 15.8 | 19.9 | 16.0 | 277 |
| South-central: | 240.7 | 26.0 | 64,700 | 23.9 | 28.0 | 11.5 | 269 |
| Northeastern. | 106.3 | 11.5 | 27,300 | 10.1 | 9.1 | 2.9 | 257 |
| Total. | 925.3 | 100.0 | 271,000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 293 |
| Unnumbered State-aid roads: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Southwestern. | 471.7 | 18.9 | 79,800 | 25.1 | 16.1 | 22.2 | 169 |
| Southeastern. | 216.7 | 8.7 | 31,600 | 9.9 | 10.2 | 14.6 | 146 |
| North-central. | 469.1 | 18.8 | 66,700 | 21.0 | 19.9 | 16.0 | 142 |
| South-central. | 645.5 | 25.9 | 44,600 | 14.0 | 28.0 | 11.5 | 69 |
| Northeastern. | 79.8 | 3.2 | 4,300 | 1.4 | 9.1 | 2.9 | 54 |
| Total. | 2,493.7 | 100.0 | 318,000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 128 |
| Town roads: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northwest and central... | 1,766 | 17.4 | 47,700 | 24.5 | 16.7 | 32.8 | 27 |
| Southwestern. | 1,573 | 15.5 | 37,800 | 19.4 | 16.1 | 22.2 | 24 |
| Southeastern. | 1,412 | 14.0 | 32,500 | 16.7 | 10.2 | 14.6 | 23 |
| North-central. | 2,092 | 20.7 | 41,900 | 21.5 | 19.9 | 16.0 | 20 |
| South-central. | 2,810 | 27.8 | 30,900 | 15.8 | 28.0 | 11.5 | 11 |
| Northeastern. | 467 | 4.6 | 4,200 | 2.1 | 9.1 | 2.9 | 9 |
| Total.. | 10,120 | 100.0 | 195,000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 19 |
| All rural roads:        <br> Northwest and central. 2,755 18.9 413,500 27.3 16.7 32.8 150 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Southwestern.. | 2,420 | 16.6 | 325,300 | 21.5 | 16.1 | 22.2 | 134 |
| Southeastern. | 1,915 | 13.1 | 255,800 | 16.9 | 10.2 | 14.6 | 134 |
| North-central. | 2,918 | 20.0 | 240,800 | 15.9 | 19.9 | 16.0 | 83 |
| South-central. | 3,870 | 26.6 | 226,700 | 14.9 | 28.0 | 11.5 | 59 |
| Northeastern. | 704 | 4.8 | 53,900 | 3.5 | 9.1 | 2.9 | 77 |
| State total........... | 14,582 | 100.0 | 1,516,000 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 104 |

[^5]Table 20-Motor truck and passenger car utilization of Vermont highways by systems

| Highway system | Motor truck miles |  | Passenger car miles |  | Total | Ratio truck miles to total vehicle-milea |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Vehicle-miles | Per cent | Vehicle-miles | Percent | Vehicle-miles: |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Per cent |
| Federal-aid system... | 42,400 | 39.6 | 689,600 | $49.0{ }^{\circ}$ | 732,000 | 5.8 |
| Numbered State-aid roads.... | 20,000 | 18.7 | 251,000 | 17.8 | 271,000 | 7.4 |
| Unnumbered State-aid roads. . | 24,400 | 22.8 | 293,600 | 20.8 | 318,000 | 7.7 |
| Town roads. | 20,300 | 18.9 | 174,700 | 12.4 | 195,000 | 10.4 |
| Total. | 107,100 | 100.0 | 1,408,900 | 100.0 | 1,516,000 | 7.1 |

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Fic. 18.-Average daily traffic demsity on Foderal-aid roads in the six trafic sections of the State

Three sections, the northwest and central, the southwestern, and the southeastern, include 69.6 per cent of the population in 43.0 per cent of the area. These three sections, with 59.0 per cent of the Federal-aid system mileage, have 73.5 per cent of the traffic on this system. The same sections have 45.8 per cent of the other numbered State-aid routes and 50.2 per cent of the traffic on these routes; 52.1 per cent of the unnumbered State-aid routes and 63.6 per cent of the traffic on these routes; 46.9 per cent of the town roads and 60.6 per cent of the traffic on town roads. The distribution of mileage in the various classes of highway varies considerably, but in each case the percentage of the total rural traffic which is found in these sections considerably exceeds the

- percentage of the total highway mileage and area included in them.
In the south-central and northeastern sections, which are the most sparsely populated areashaving but 14.4 per cent of the population in 37.1 per cent of the area-traffic is correspondingly low. Of the Federal-aid highways, these sections have 21.6 per cent of the mileage and 14.3 per cent of the traffic; of the other numbered Stateaid routes, 37.5 per cent of the mileage and 35.0 per cent of the traffic; of the unnumbered Stateaid routes, 29.1 per cent of the mileage and 15.4 per cent of the traffic ; and of the town roads, 32.4 per cent of the mileage and 17.9 per cent of the traffic.
The level of traffic in the northwest and central, the southwestern, and the southeastern sections is considerably above the State average on all classes of highway. The greatest variation is found on the Federal-aid system which includes in these sections the major part of the principal through routes that carry a large volume of foreign traffic in addition to the traffic produced in the area.
Passenger car traffic is of predominant importance on all highway systems, as shown in Table 20.
The importance of long distance and foreign passenger car traffic on the Federal-aid system is indicated by the lower ratio of trucks to total traffic on these routes. The greater proportion of trucks on the town roads is explained by the absence of foreign passenger car traffic rather than any important truck traffic, since the average total traffic is only 19 vehicles per day.

Table 21-Passenger car miles and motor truck miles on the Federal-aid system and on all highways of
Vermont in the six traffic sections

| Highway system and section | Motor truck miles |  | Pasaenger car miles |  | Total | Ratio truck-milea to total vehicle-miles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Vehicle-miles | Per cent | Vehicle-miles | Per cent | Vehicle-milea |  |
| Federal-aid system: |  |  |  |  |  | Per cent |
| Northwest and central. | 14,400 | 34.0 | 226,700 | 32.9 | 241,100 | 6.0 |
| Southwestern. | 7,800 | 18.4 | 125,700 | 18.2 | 133,500 | 5.8 |
| Southeastern.. | 7,900 | 18.6 | 155,500 | 22.5 | 163,400 | 4.8 |
| North-central. | 7,300 | 17.2 | 82,100 | 11.9 | 89,400 | 8.2 |
| South-central. | 3,800 | 9.0 | 82,700 | 12.0 | 86,500 | 4.4 |
| Northeastern. | 1,200 | ; 2.8 | 16,900 | 2.5 | 18,100 | 6.6 |
| Total. | 42,400 | 100.0 | 689,600 | 100.0 | 732,000 | 5.8 |
| All highways: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northwest and central. | 30,400 | 28.4 | 383,100 | 27.2 | 413,500 | 7.4 |
| Southwestern. . | 24,500 | 22.9 | 300,800 | 21.3 | 325,300 | 7.5 |
| Southeastern... | 14,000 | 13.1 | 241,800 | 17.2 | 255,800 | 5.5 |
| North-central. | 21,000 | 19.6 | 219,800 | 15.6 | 240,800 | 8.7 |
| South-central. | 13,500 | 12.6 | 213,200 | 15.1 | 226,700 | 6.0 |
| Northeastern. | 3,700 | 3.4 | 50,200 | 3.6 | 53,900 | 6.9 |
| Total. | 107,100 | 100.0 | 1,408,900 | 100.0 | 1,516,000 | 7.1 |

The composition of motor vehicle traffic also varies considerably by sections of the State, as indicated by Table 2I, which shows passenger car miles and truck miles on the Federal-aid system and the total for all highways by sections of the State.
On the Federal-aid system the ratio of truck traffic to total traffic varies from 4.4 per cent in the south-central section to 8.2 per cent in the north-central section. The lowest proportion of trucking is found in the mountainous and sparsely populated south-central area, the highest in the north-central section which is less rugged and more highly developed agriculturally. The effect of long distance and foreign passenger car traffic is also evident. The south-central section includes parts of the important east-west through traffic
routes. The southeastern section, with trucks forming 4.8 per cent of the total traffic, includes a part of U.S. Route 5 as well as the eastern part of the through east-west routes. The northwest and central and the southwestern sections also carry a large volume of through passenger car traffic, but this traffic is in part offset by the motor truck traffic developed in the area.
The distribution of traffic on all roads as between passenger cars and trucks is similar to the distribution on the Federal-aid system. The proportion of trucks is slightly greater due to the inclusion of the local traffic found on the minor routes. The highest ratio of trucking to total traffic is found in the north-central section and the lowest in the southeastern and south-central sections.

## COMPOSITION OF TRAFFIC

## Passenger Cars

TTHE comparative use of the highways of the State by vehicles of Vermont and foreign registration, by city and farm-owned vehicles, and by various other types of vehicles can be expressed accurately in vehicles-miles. ${ }^{\text {B }}$

The total passenger car use of the Federalaid and numbered State-aid roads on an average day, during the transportation survey, was 940,600 passenger car miles. The distribution of this traffic according to registration, ownership, type of trip, and type of usage of cars is shown in Table 22.

Foreign traffic ${ }^{\circ}$ amounts to 344,300 passengercar miles per day, or 36.6 per cent of the total passenger-car mileage, as shown in Figure 19.

The traffic of farm-owned passenger cars comprises io.i per cent and of city-owned passenger cars, 89.9 per cent of the total passenger car traffic on the Federal-aid and numbered State-aid routes as shown in Figure 20.

The volume of farm-owned passenger car traffic varies with the agricultural development of the area served by the routes but is more nearly uniform on all routes than is the case with cityowned traffic. On heavy-traffic routes, farmowned traffic forms a very small part of the total. On light-traffic routes off the main routes of

[^6]travel and not adjacent to centers of population, farm-owned traffic forms a much larger part of total traffic.


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The importance of long distance touring traffic on Vermont highways is indicated by the fact that 14.3 per cent of the total passenger car traffic, measured in vehicle miles, is made up of touring trips. This traffic is largely of foreign registration and limited to the main through routes and routes leading to points of historic or scenic interest.

Approximately two-thirds of the passenger car traffic, measured in vehicle-miles, on the Federalaid and other numbered State-aid routes is made up of cars used for pleasure or recreational purposes. This traffic is limited largely to the main routes of travel, the scenic routes, and routes in the summer resort areas.

The different types of passenger car traffic vary greatly in length of trip as shown in Table 23.

Of the total passenger car traffic over one-half is made up of cars traveling less than 30 miles per trip, and approximately 20 per cent of cars traveling over 200 miles per trip. Of traffic of cars registered in Vermont almost two-thirds Table 22-Composition of passenger car traffic
on the Federal-aid and numbered State-aid on the Federal-aid and numbered State-aid

| Type of passenger car traffic | Daily passenger car-miles | Percentage of daily passenger car-miles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| State of registration: |  | + |
| Vermont. | 596,300 | 63.4 |
| Foreign. | 344,300 | 36.6 |
| Place of ownership: |  |  |
| City....... | 845,600 | $89{ }^{\circ}$ |
| Farm....... | 95,000 | 10.1 |
| Typer of trip: |  |  |
| Touring.... | 134,500 | 14.3 |
| Non-touring. . | 806,100 | 85.7 |
| Type of usage: |  |  |
| Business. | 317,000 | 33.7 |
| Pleasure. | 623,600 | 66.3 |
| All types. | 940,600 | 100.0 . |



Ftg. 19.-R elation of Vermonst and forcigm passenger car and motor truck traffic on Federal-aid and other nume bered State-aid routes

Table 23-Distribution of passenger car traffic by length of trip ${ }^{1}$

| Length of trip | Type of passenger car traffic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Vermont | Foreign | City | Farm | Touring | Nontouring | Business | Pleasure |
| Miles | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent |
| Less than 10. . | 29.8 | 42.0 | 10.8 | 28.1 | 75.6 | 0.0 | 36.3 | 43.0 | 23.1 |
| 10-19.. | 16.1 | 21.9 | 6.9 | 16.1 | 15.0 | 0.0 | 19.6 | 21.6 | 13.3 |
| 20-29... | 6.9 | 8.7 | 4.1 | 7.0 | 3.7 | 0.0 | 8.4 | 7.9 | 6.4 |
| 30-39.. | 5.0 | 6.1 | 3.1 | 5.1 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 6.1 | 5.0 | 5.0 |
| 40-49.. | 3.8 | 4.5 | 2.7 | 3.9 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 4.6 | 3.8 | 3.8 |
| 50-59.. | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 0.0 | 0.4 | 2.8 | 1.7 | 2.7 |
| 60-69.. | 1.9 | 2.1 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 2.2 | 2.1 | 1.8 |
| 70-79.. | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 1.6 | 1.8 |
| 80-89. | 1.5 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.6 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| 90-99. | 1.4 | 1.2 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 0.9 | 1.7 |
| 100-149. | 5.3 | 3.6 | 8.1 | 5.5 | 1.0 | 4.2 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 5.7 |
| 150-199. | 4.0 | 1.4 | 8.1 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 6.4 | 3.5 | 2.4 | 4.8 |
| 200-299.. | 8.4 | 1.8 | 18.8 | 8.8 | 0.0 | 27.6 | . 4.3 | 2.8 | 11.3 |
| 300 \& over | 11.7 | 1.0 | 28.5 | 12.2 | 0.0 | 58.0 | -1.6 | 1.3 | 17.0 |
| Total. | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |

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Fig. 20.-Relation of city and farm passengor car and motar truck traffic on the Federal-aid and other sumbered State-aid routes
cover less than 30 miles per trip and less than three per cent over 200 miles; of the traffic of farm-owned cars, 94.3 per cent cover less than 30 miles per trip and there is no traffic of more than $\mathbf{2 0 0}$ miles per trip; of business traffic over 70 per cent is made up of vehicles traveling less than 30 miles per trip and less than 5 per cent over 200 miles.

Approximately 50 per cent of foreign traffic is made up-of vehicles traveling over 200 miles per trip; of touring traffic, 85.6 per cent is of this character; and of pleasure or recreational traffic, 28.3 per cent is by vehicles making over 200 miles per trip.

The distribution by length of trip, as shown in Table 23, is based on the entire trip from point of origin to point of destination, which-particularly for long-distance traffic-includes a considerable mileage on highways of adjacent States. The average total trip mileage and trip mileage on highways of Vermont for each type of passenger car traffic are shown in Table 24.

The average mileage on Vermont highways traveled per trip by cars of foreign registration
is approximately three times as great as that of Vermont cars. City-owned cars travel four times as far on Vermont highways as farm-owned cars; and pleasure or recreational cars use the Vermont highways for distances that average twice as great as the trips of business cars on the highways of the State. The number of passengers per car also varies considerably with the various types of


A dangerous railroad grade crossing elimisated by the construction of Federal-aid Project No. 58, an improvement of the Summit Road between Gassetss and North Claresdon. The new road is surfaced with gravel.

Tab́le 24-Average mileage per trip and average passengers per car for various types of passenger car traffic

| Type of traffic | Average mileage per trip ${ }^{1}$ |  | Average number of passengers per car |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | $\xrightarrow{\text { On }}$ highways |  |
| State of registration: |  |  |  |
| Vermont. | 31 | 24 | 2.7 |
| Foreign. | 199 | 75 | 3.0 |
| Place of ownership: |  |  |  |
| City......... | 102 | 46 | 2.8 |
| Farm. . . . . . . . | 12 | 11 | 2.4 |
| Type of trip: |  |  |  |
| Touring. . . . . . | 348 | 118 | 3.3 |
| - Non-touring.... | 47 | 30 | 2.7 |
| 'Type of usage: |  |  |  |
| Business........ | 38 | 25 | 1.9 |
| Pleasure. | 123 | 52 | 3.2 |

${ }^{1}$ Averages shown are the arithmetic mean of the tripmileage of cars observed. This average is influenced greatly b̀y exceptionally long trips, but provides a reliable basis of comparing the various types of traffic.
traffic. Business cars average 1.9 persons per car as compared with 3.2 persons per car for pleasure or recreational cars; other variations are largely the result of variations in the proportion of business cars in each group.

## Motor Trucks

Average daily motor truck use of the Federalaid and other State-aid highways during the period of the survey was 62,400 vehicle-miles. The distribution of this traffic by place of registration,

The use of the Federal-aid and numbered State-aid roads by trucks for hire totals 13,900 truck-miles per day, or 22.2 per cent of the total truck use of these highways. These trucks are engaged principally in the hauling of clay, gravel, sand, stone, milk, lumber, used household furniture, and general freight. Approximately 70 per cent of the trucks operating for hire are engaged in the transportation of these commodities. The average net cargo of trucks operated for hire is


A section of comcrete pavement constructed with Federal aid on U. S. Route No. 7, wear Pownal
ownership and type of trucking is shown in Table 25.

The proportionate use of highways in the State by trucks of foreign registration is considerably less than the use by foreign passenger cars. As shown in Table 25 and Figure 19, only 9.6 per cent of the total motor truck miles is produced by foreign trucks.

Foreign trucks operate primarily upon the principally traveled routes near the State boundaries. Used household furniture, fresh fruits, groceries, gasoline, and bakery goods are the principal commodities hauled by them.

Little difference was found in the average net cargo hauled by Vermont and foreign trucks, that of the former being 2,460 pounds and of the latter 2,360 pounds.

Table 25-Composition of motor truck traffic on the Federal-aid and numbered State-aid roads

| Type of truck traffic | Average daily truck-miles | Per cent of total daily truck-miles |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| State of registration: |  |  |
| Vermont. | 56,400 | 90.4 |
| Foreign. | 6,000 | 9.6 |
| Type of trucking: |  |  |
| For hire... . . | 13,900 | 22.2 |
| Other than for hire. | 48,500 | 77.8 |
| Place of ownership: |  |  |
| City. . . . . . . | 50,600 | 81.1 |
| Farm. | 11,800 | 18.9 |
| Total. | 62,400 | 100.0 |


| Table 26-Distribution of motor truck traffic by |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| length of trip |

${ }^{1}$ Based upon 3,163 loaded trucks.
3,300 pounds as compared with 2,240 pounds for other trucks.
City-owned trucks comprise 81.1 per cent of the motor truck use of the same systems as shown in Table 25 and Figure 20. The loads carried by city-owned trucks are considerably greater than those hauled by farm-owned trucks. The average net cargo hauled by city trucks is 2,710 pounds as compared with 1,270 pounds for farm-owned trucks. This small cargo bauled by farm-owned trucks and a correspondingly low gross weight indicate that the use of the highways of the State by farm-owned trucks is mainly by small-capacity trucks, hauling light loads.

That motor truck traffic is primarily a local and short-haul movement is shown by Table 26. Of the loaded trucks observed on the principal highways of the State, 45.2 per cent were traveling less than 10 miles per trip, and 78.4 per cent less than 30 miles. Of the net tonnage of commodities transported 42.7 per cent was being hauled less than 10 miles, and 78.0 per cent less -

Table 27-Average mileage per trip and average weight per truck for various types of motor truck trafic

| Type of truck traffic | Average mileage per trip ${ }^{1}$ |  | Average weight |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | On <br> Vermont highways | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Net } \\ & \text { cargo } \end{aligned}$ | Gross |
| State of registration: |  |  | Pounds | Pounds |
| Vermont. | 19 | 16 | 2,460 | 6,660 |
| Foreiga. . . . . . . | 59 | 30 | 2,360 | 7,260 |
| Type of trucking: |  |  |  |  |
| For hire. . . . . | 24 | 18 | 3,300 | 8,040 |
| hire. . . . . . | 23 | 18 | 2,240 | 6,380 |
| Place of ownership: |  |  |  |  |
| City........... | 26 | 20 | 2,710 | 7,200 |
| Farm. . | 12 | 11 | 1,270 | 4,440 |

${ }^{1}$ Averages shown are the arithmetic miean of trip mileage of trucks observed. This average is influenced by the relatively small number of long trips but provides a reliable basis of comparing the various types of traffic.
than 30 miles. Only 7.8 per cent of the net tonnage hauled by loaded trucks was transported 60 miles or more.

The distribution by fengths of trip, as shown in Table 26, is based on the total trip from point of origin to point of destination, which-particularly for the longer trips-includes the mileage traveled on highways of adjacent States. The average total trip mileage, the trip mileage on the highways of Vermont, the average net cargo weight and the average gross weight per truck for each type of truck traffic are shown in Table 27.

The average distance traveled on Vermont highways per trip by foreign trucks is almost double that of Vermont trucks. The length of trips by 'trucks operated for hire and other trucks is uniform; but city-owned trucks travel almost twice as far as farm-owned trucks per trip.

Table 28-Comparison of area, population, highway mileage, and traffic in the six traffic sections


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## HIGHWAY TRAFFIC AND POPULATION

HIGHWAY traffic is primarily a means of local transportation. The daily volume in any given area is generally dependent quite largely upon the population of the area, since population reflects motor vehicle registration and highway use.

In Vermont, however, an important part of the passenger car traffic is made up of tourist_and recreational traffic originating in other States, and such traffic is mainly a comparatively long distance movement which has little relationship to the population of the area. Excluding foreign passenger car traffic, only 27.4 per cent of passenger car traffic and 20.7 per cent of total truck traffic is made up of vehicles traveling 30 miles or more per trip. Approximately three-fourths of the traffic of vehicles registered in the State is produced in any given area in Vermont within a radius of 30 miles.

The relationship between traffic and population in the State is shown in Figure 6. The greater density of traffic in and adjacent to the areas of densest population is evident.

A comparison of area, population; highway mileage, and highway traffic in the six traffic sections of the State is shown in Table 28.
The northwest and central section is the most densely populated area of the State, having a density almost double the State average. In the
southwestern and southeastern sections, population density is approximately one-third higher than the State average. The remaining sections are below the State average in population density, that of the south-central section being less than one-half, and of the northeastern section less than one-third of the State average.
A more detailed analysis of the distribution of population is shown in Table 29.
Approximately 5 per cent of the area of the State has a population density of 100 persons per square mile or over, and in this area nearly 40 per cent of the total population resides. Over half of the State has a population of less than 25 persons per square mile, and in this area resides approximately one-fifth of the population.

The areas having a population density of 100 or more persons per square mile are limited to the northwest and central, the southwestern and the southeastern sections.

Analysis of the data presented for each section in Tables 28 and 29 indicates the characteristics of each section which are important in determining present and future highway requirements.

The northwest and central section is the most important traffic area in the State, has the greatest density of population, the greatest volume of traffic per mile of highway, and is exceeded only by the southwestern section in traffic per mile on

Table 29-Area and population in the six traffic sections of the State classified by density of population

| Section | Per cent of area having a population per square mile of |  |  | Per cent of population residing in areas having a population per square mile of |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 0-24 | 25-99 | 100 \& over | 0-24 | 25-99 | 100 \% over |
|  | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent | Per cent |
| Northwest and central. | 25.6 | 65.7 | 8.7 | 5.8 | 36.5 | 57.7 |
| Southwestern. | 39.9 | 53.8 | 6.3 | 13.2 | 41.7 | 45.1 |
| Southeastern. | 37.5 | 42.8 | 19.7 | 13.4 | 28.0 | 58.6 |
| North-central. | 50.9 | 48.6 | 0.5 | 29.2 | 62.0 | 8.8 |
| South-central. | 87.9 | 12.1 |  | 70.7 | 29.3 |  |
| Northeastera. | 86.5 . | 13.5 |  | 58.3 | 41.7 |  |
| Total. | 57.2 | 38.2 | 4.6 | 21.3 | 39.8 | 38.9 |

the Federal-aid highway system. Its population is slowly increasing, and 57.7 per cent resides in 8.7 per cent of its area. In this section a large volume of traffic may be expected on the principal routes connecting the centers of population. Since a large part of the population is concentrated in a small area, the demand for highway service on the minor traffic roads-the unnumbered. State-aid and town roads-will continue to be small. The highway needs of this area during the immediate future can only be served by the construction of surfaces adequate for the increasing traffic on the principal traffic routes.

The more important present traffic routes will require improvement to meet future traffic needs. Traffic on the minor routes will remain small.

The southeastern section, occupying the narrow valley between the Green Mountains and the Connecticut River, is small in area and ranks second in population density. Almost 20 per cent of its area has a population of 100 or more persons per square mile. It is increasing in population more rapidly than any other section of the State, but the increase is limited to the more important villages. This section ranks first in traffic on the Federal-aid system per square mile of area and


Placing riprap on the Sand Bar highway, between South Hero and Nufton

The southwestern section is third in population density and second in density of traffic on the highway system as a whole, but in traffic density on the Federal-aid system it ranks first. Of its total population, 45.1 per cent resides in 6.3 per cent of the area, and 39.9 per cent of the area has a population of less than 25 persons per square mile. Population of the section decreased between 1910 and 1920, but the more important cities and villages are increasing in population. Traffic is largely concentrated on the Federal-aid highways and the more important numbered Stateaid routes. This section includes a part of U.S. Route 7 and other important through routes on which foreign traffic may be expected to increase.
per person, indicating the comparatively large mileage of Federal-aid highways in the area. It also exceeds the State average in total traffic per person, indicating the importance of foreign traffic in the area. Its highway needs are similar to those of the northwest and central and southwestern sections, and traffic on the important highways is similar in its characteristics to the traffic in the above sections. The main routes will require further improvement, but on the minor routes traffic will remain small, and will not demand much improvement.

The north-central section has a population density slightly below the State average and its population is more uniformly distributed than that of
the other sections of the State. It is primarily an agricultural region and traffic is more widely diffused than in the sections previously discussed. Traffic on the Federal-aid system is, therefore, lower in proportion to total traffic than in the other sections of the State. Foreign traffic is of less importance and highway requirements are primarily the need for improved medium and minor traffic routes. Population is decreasing slowly, hut the section is developing agriculturally.

The south-central section, comprising the rugged Green Mountain area, has a very small and decreasing population. It has no centers of population, and 87.9 per cent of its area has a population density of less than 25 persons per square mile. Traffic is correspondingly small, although traffic on the Federal-aid highways is similar to
that in the north-central section Traffic per person on the Federal-aid highways is equal to the State average and total traffic per person greatly exceeds the State average, indicating the importance of traffic originating in other areas. The principal through and connecting routes will carry a medium volume of traffic, while the traffic* on other routes will remain very small.

The northeastern section is a relatively undeveloped part of the State. Population is very small and decreasing. Traffic per mile of highway is small and highway mileage also low in proportion to area. Highway needs in this area will be met by providing service for traffic of medium density on a very limited mileage of highways. Traffic on the remaining highways will be very small.

## FORECAST OF HIGHWAY TRAFFIC

S
VINCE no adequate historical series of traffic records are available in Vermont, it is impossible to make a forecast based directly upon past trends. In States where historical series of traffic records are available, highway traffic and motor vehicle registration have heen found to increase at equal rates. A comparison of highway traffic and motor vehicle registration in Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan and Wiscon$\sin$ is shown in Figure ar. ${ }^{10}$

Vermont varies from these States with respect to traffic growth principally in the volume of foreign traffic on the more important highways and in the rate of population increase. The proportion of foreign traffic on Vermont highways was recorded at 33 points during a traffic count conducted by the State Highway Department in August, 1924. At 32 of these points, which were similar in location to stations of the 1926 survey, it was found that 38.1 per cent of the cars were of foreign registration. At the 32 similarly located stations during the 1926 survey it wias found

[^9]that 38.6 per cent of the traffic was foreign. In New Hampshire, which also has a large volume of foreign traffic, traffic counts obtained in 1918, 1922. and 1926 indicate that foreign traffic at corresponding points was 4 I per cent of the total in 1918; 40 per cent in 1922; and 48 per cent in 1926.


Pig. 21.-Trends of highway traffic and motor pehicle registration in Massachusetts, Marylawd, Maine, Wiscomsin and Michigas.

These data indicate that foreign traffic in these States is increasing slightly more rapidly than local traffic and that a forecast of total traffic on Vermont highways based on motor vehicle registration in the State would be conservative, but for a short period of years would represent total traffic with reasonable accuracy
Motor vehicle registration can be predicted on the basis of exact records available since 1913. T The increase in motor vehicle registration is a function of two variables, (I) increase in population, and (2) the increase in ownership and use of motor vehicles in proportion to population, measured by the number of persons per motor vehicle.

Population, motor vehicle registration, and persons per car from 1913 to 1926 and extended to 1936 are shown in Table 30.
The persons per car for each year from 1913 to 1925 and the extension of the trend to 1936 are shown in Figure 22.
The trend of motor vehicle registration in Vermont from 1913 to 1926, inclusive, indicates an increase in registration of 39.8 per cent between 1926 and 1931, and of 24.5 per cent between 1931
and 1936, or an increase of 74.0 per cent for the ro-year period from 1926 to $1936 .{ }^{12}$ Assuming a uniform rate of increase in traffic and motor vehicle registration, traffic may be expected to increase in the same ratio as the registration.

This rate of increase in highway traffic will apply for the State as a whole. Traffic originating in the areas of the State which are rapidly increasing or decreasing in population will increase more or less rapidly than the average. Such areas, however, are small and, considering the volume of traffic on the principal highways which originates outside of the immediate local areas, the application of a uniform rate of traffic increase to the entire State is justified. ${ }^{12}$
The expected traffic in 1931 was obtained by applying the rates of motor vehicle registration
${ }^{14}$ Based on actual registration in 1926, which is the measure of traffic for this year, and estimated registration in 1931 and 1936.
${ }^{12}$ The validity of this assumption is substantiated by an analysis of registration increase by towns in New Hampshire for the years 1922 to 1925 , inclusive. Notwithstanding variations in population density, population trends and present persons per car, the rate of decrease in persons per car in the different areas was very uniform.


Fig. 22.-Number of parsoms per motor pohiclo in Vemmont by years
and traffic increase to the 1926 traffic at each survey station. The resulting forecast of traffic at each station is shown in Appendix II.

Industrial or recreational resort development, as well as changes affecting the present highway system as to location of routes, routing of traffic, detours, and condition of improvement, will influence traffic on short sections of highway, and it is not expected that the estimates of traffic for 1931 and 1936 will in all cases reflect the actual traffic on each section of highway in these years, but it is believed that the estimates will reflect, with reasonable accuracy, highway traffic on the Federal-aid and numbered State-aid highway systems.


A stone base under construction morth of St. Albans

Table 30-Comparison of population and the number of motor vehicles in the State of Vermont

|  | Year | Population ${ }^{1}$ (hundreds) | Registration of motor vehicles" (hundreds) |  | Persons per car |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Actual | Estimated | Actual | Estimated |
| 1913. |  | 3,548 | 59 | 62 | 60.0 | 57.6 |
| 1914. |  | 3,544 | 85 | 85 | 41.8 | 41.6 |
| 1915. |  | 3,541 | 115 | 114 | 30.8 | 31.1 |
| 1916. |  | 3,537 | 157 | 149 | 22.6 | 23.8 |
| 1917. |  | 3,533 | 216 | 188 | 16.3 | 18.8 |
| 1918. |  | 3,530 | 226 | 233 | 15.6 | 15.1 |
| 1919. |  | 3,526 | 268 | 284 | 13.2 | 12.4 |
| 1920. |  | 3,524 | 316 | 339 | 11.1 | 10.4 |
| 1921. |  | 3,524 | 373 | 397 | 9.46 | 8.87 |
| 1922. |  | 3,524, | 439 | 459 | 8.03 | 7.68 |
| 1923. |  | 3,524 | 528 . | 523 | 6.68 | 6.74 |
| 1924. |  | 3,524 | 612 | 589 | 5.76 | 5.99 |
| 1925. |  | 3,524 | 696 | 655 | 5.07 | 5.38 |
| 1926. |  | 3,524 | 741 | 722 | 4.76 | 4.88 |
| 1927. |  | 3,524 |  | 788 |  | 4,47 |
| 1928. |  | 3,524 |  | 853 |  | 4.13 |
| 1929. |  | 3,524 |  | 916 |  | 3.85 |
| 1930. |  | - 3,524 |  | 977 |  | 3.61 |
| 1931. |  | 3,524 |  | 1,036 |  | 3.40 |
| 1936. |  | 3,524 | . . . . . . . . | . 1,290 |  | 2.73 |

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## TRAFFIC CLASSIFICATION OF VERMONT HIGHWAYS

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VHE fundamental purpose of any highway improvement is the provision of adequate service for the volume and type of traffic which is using and will use each section of highway, and the guiding economic principle is the selection of the class of improvement which will provide naximum traffic service at a minimum total cost includimg capital costs, maintenance and repair costs, salvage value, and vehicle operating costs.
The proper selection of highway improvements suitable for the various conditions to be met during the life of the improvement should be based on the principal physical and traffic factors dominating each section of highway requiring improvement.
The serviceability of a given type of improvement is influenced greatly by soil, subgrade, drainage, climatic and other physical conditions as well as by the design, quality of materials, construction methods, and characteristics of the traffic, particularly heavy motor truck wheel loads. The type of surface and the design selected for a given improvement should be the type and design which will most economically serve present and expected traffic, under existing soil, subgrade, drainage, climatic and other physical characteristics.
To provide a basis for the establishment of a balanced program of highway improvement to meet traffic needs in Vermont a traffic classification of Vermont highways has been established on the basis of the principal traffic data, which are (1) total present motor vehicle traffic and estimated traffic in 1931 and 1936, (2) total truck traffic, and (3) traffic of large capacity trucks. The highways are classified in three groups, designated as major, medium and minor traffic routes or sections of routes, according to their average daily present and estimated future traffic.

Routes or sections of routes carrying 1,500 or more motor vehicles are classed as major routes; those carrying from 800 to $\mathrm{r}, 500$ vehicles medium routes; and those carrying less than 800 vehicles minor routes. The routes or sections of routes are classified on the basis of the observed 1926
traffic, and the estimated traffic in 1931. The estimated traffic in 1936 is employed to indicate the probable classification in that year.

Highways classed as major traffic sections include the routes carrying $\mathrm{x}, 500$ or more vehicles in 1926, termed Major I sections, and also those routes or sections carrying less than 1,500 vehicles in 1926 but which are expected to carry 1,500 or more vehicles by 193I. This latter group, termed Major 2 sections, and included in the major classification since any proposed construction on these sections will carry in excess of 1,500 vehicles during all or a substantial part of the expected life of the improvement.

Highways classed as medium traffic sections include all sections carrying between 800 and 1,500 vehicles in 1926, exclusive of the sections that are expected to carry 1,500 or more vehicles by 1931 . The Medium I group includes those sections which are expected to carry 1,500 or more vehicles by 1936 and the Medium 2 group those sections carrying between 800 and 1,500 vehicles in 1926 which are expected to carry less than 1,500 vehicles by 1936.

Included in the medium traffic group are also those sections carrying less than 800 vehicles in 1926 but which are expected to carry between 800 and 1,500 vehicles by 1931. This group, termed Medium 3, is included in the medium classification on the theory that improvements made on these routes should be designed to carry in excess of 800 vehicles. Such improvements, however, are not urgently required at the present time and the improvement of these routes should normally be deferred until the completion of the more urgently needed improvement in the higher classification.

Highways expected to carry less than 800 vehicles in 1931 are included in the minor classification. The Minor I group includes those sections expected to carry more than 800 vehicles by 1936 and the Minor 2 group those sections expected to carry less than 800 vehicles in 1936.

These classes and the traffic limits of each class are summarized in the following tabulation:


TRAFFIC CLASSIFICATION OF THE FEDERAL-AID SYSTEM

| Traffic classification ${ }^{1}$ | Average daily motor vehicles |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1926 | 1931 | 1936 |
| Major 1 | 1,500 or iover | 1,500 or ov | 500 or over |
| Major 2. | 800-1,500 | 1,500 or aver | 1,500 or ower |
| Medium 1 | 800-1,500 | 800-1,500 | 1,500 or over |
| Medium 2 | 800-1,500 | 800-1,500 | 800-1,500 |
| Medium 3 | lese tham 800 | 800-4,500 | 800-1,500 |
| Minor 1. | less than 800 | less thax 800 | 800-1,500 |
| Minor 2. | less than 800 | less than 800 | less than 800 |

${ }^{1}$ The traffic classification for 1931 and 1936 is based on average traffic in 1926.

| Table 31-Traffic classification of Vermont highways ${ }^{\text {l }}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Traffic classification | Miles | Per cent of total miles |
| Major 1. | 49.1 | 2.2 |
| Major 2. | 129.5 | 5.9 |
| Total major. | 178.6 | 8.1 |
| Medium 1. | 88.9 | 4.1 |
| Medium 2. | 84.1 | , 3.8 |
| Medium 3. | 342.7 | - 15.6 |
| Total medium. | 515.7 | 23.5 |
| Minor 1. | 215.4 | 9.8 |
| Minar 2. | 1,284.4. | 58.6 |
| Total minor. | 1.499.5 | 68.4 |
| Total all routes | 2,193.8 | 100.0 |

${ }^{1}$ Highways classified include all routes carrying any appreciable density of traffie in 1926.

The above traffic limits are based primarily upon experience and present practices in Vermont. The upper limit of the minor group is higher than that commonly accepted in many States, but is in accordance with Vermont traffic conditions, particularly the very limited use of trucks of over $2 \frac{1 / 2}{2}$ tons capacity, and the resulting absence of heavy wheel loads, the fact that observed traffic represents traffic during the period of greatest traffic
density, and the serviceable type of gravel available for construction of gravel roads in Vermont. The more important routes included in the minor classification, and classified as requiring gravel surfaces, should be surface treated.
All highways upon which traffic was observed are classified, including the entire Federal-aid system, practically all of the other numbered Stateaid routes and approximately one-tenth of the unnumbered State-aid routes. The higftways classified include, therefore, all routes which carry any considerable volume of present and expected future traffic. The traffic elassification ${ }^{18}$ for each section is shown in Appemdix VI.

The mileage so classified in each of the classification groups is shown in Table 3 I

The major classification mileage of 178.6 miles is limited almost exclusively to the Federal-aid highway system. Major classification mileage on the other numbered and unnumbered State-aid routes is limited to 3 miles in the Major 2 group. The Medium I classification includes but 4 miles of routes other than Federal-aid, and the Medium 2 group but 9 miles of routes not included in the Federal-aid system.

The traffic classification of the Federal-aid highway system is shown in Figure 23 and the mileage in each class in Table 32 and Figure 24

The distribution of major, medium and minor classification routes of the Federal-aid highway system in the six traffic sections is shown in Table 33 and Figure 25.

A comparison of the mileage in each class within these sections indicates the importance of the northwest and central, the southwestern and the southeastern sections. Approximately 70 per cent of the Major I mileage is in the morthwest and central section. In the southwestern section the Major I mileage is small, but this section has 35 per cent of the total major classification mileage and over 40 per cent of the total Federal-aid mileage in the section is in the major classification.
The southeastern section has a small mileage. of Major I highways and one-eighth of the total
${ }^{3}$ On sections where the volume of traffic in 1926 was abnormal because of construction, detours, or condition abnormal because of construction, detours, or condition of present improvement, normal traffic was estimated
the traffic classification was based on this estimate.


Fig. 24.-Traffic elassification of Federal-aid road mileage

major classification routes. It has, however, a large mileage of medium classification routes, including more than one-half of the Medium 1 mileage and approximately one-third of the total
medium classification mileage. Major and medium classification mileage constitutes 78 per cent of the total Federal-aid system in the northwest and central sections, 93 per cent in the southwestern and 8I per cent in the southeastern, as compared with 19 per cent in the north-central, 33 per cent in the south-central, and no mileage in the northeastern section.

Experience in Vermont indicates that when traffic exceeds approximately 800 vehicles per day, under average physical conditions, ordinary gravel and similar surfaces, even though surface treated, cannot be economically maintained. Above that traffic density the type and design of surface required is largely a function of the volume and type of traffic and the frequency of heavy wheel loads, the choice of types including bituminous-treated types for the lower densities and the several pavement types for the greater densities.

If, on the basis of this experience, those sections of Vermont Federal-aid highways which carry a traffic in excess of 800 vehicles per day in 1926 be considered as requiring a type of surface superior to gravel, plain or surface treated, it is found that approximately one-third of the 1,043 miles of the Federal-aid system, or 335.5 miles require such surfaces.

Comparison of this mileage with present improvements superior to gravel indicates the need for an extensive construction program. Of the 335.5 miles of Federal-aid highway carrying more than 800 vehicles in 1926 only 60 miles are now inproved with surfaces superior to gravel, leaving 275 miles to be improved.

By 1931, 278.5 miles of Federal-aid highways now carrying less than 800 vehicles are expected, on the basis of the traffic forecast, to carry between 800 and 1,500 vehicles. As traffic on these routes increases surfaces superior to gravel will also be required on these routes.

Normal development of this highway system requires giving first consideration to the 275 miles carrying over 800 vehicles in 1926, which are not already constructed, followed by the improvement of the 278.5 miles which are expected to carry over 800 vehicles by 1931 .



## THE PLAN OF HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT

THE proposed plan of improvement, based upon the analysis of the Vermont Federalaid highway system, ${ }^{14}$ considering present improvements and traffic, shows that 275.5 miles of new construction superior to gravel surfaces will be necessary to meet traffic requirements during the five-year period from January $x$, 1927 to December 3I, 1931.

Of such improvements on the Federal-aid system in 1926 there were approximately 60 miles, and a construction program of 275.5 miles during the five-year period will result in a total improved mileage of surfaces superior to gravel of
proximately one-half will carry by 1931 traffic of over 1,500 vehicles per day, and approximately one-half will carry traffic betweer 800 and 1,500 . vehicles per day. The cost of improving these highways with surfaces adequate to serve present and expected future traffic as estimated by the Vermont State Highway Department will be approximately $\$ 12,000,000$. This estimate includes the cost of bridges and structures, grading, and surface costs.

The remainder of the Federal-aid system can be maintained in serviceable condition for the traffic using these routes by present maintenance


Construction in progress on the Summit Road, between Gassetts and North Claresson
335.5 miles in 1931. With the completion of this program all routes which carried in 1926 daily traffic of 800 or more motor vehicles will be improved with surfaces adequate to carry such traffic.

The location of the projects included in the proposed five-year construction program and the present condition of improvement of the Federalaid system is shown in Figure 26.

Of the mileage proposed for improvement, ap-

[^11]methods, during the period 1927 to 193r. Traffic on these routes is also increasing and difficulties may be encountered in maintaining the more important sections during the latter part of the fiveyear period.

By 1931, because of the normal increase in traffic, 278.5 additional miles of Federal-aid highways are expected to carry 800 or more vehicles and will require surfaces superior to gravel. To serve the traffic on these routes adequately, construction of surfaces superior to gravel on this mileage will be required between 1932 and 1936. Since the major part of this mileage will be on medium traffic routes, the total cost of im-
proving the 278.5 miles included in this group should be considerably less.than the required expenditures during the period 1927 to 193 I . This decrease, however, will be partially offset by the need for improvement of a comparatively small mileage of routes, approximately 80 miles, not included in the Federal-aid system, with surfaces superior to gravel between 1926 and 1936.

Construction of surfaces superior to gravel on 275.5 miles of the Federal-aid system during the five-year period 1927 to 1931 , and on 278.5 miles of the Federal-aid system and approximately 80 miles not included in that system, during the fiveyear period 1932 to 1936 , will substantially complete the Vermont program of new hard-surface construction.
Based on the expected growth of traffic on present minor traffic routes, it is believed that for a considerable period subsequent to 1936 but a comparatively small mileage of highways, other than the routes specified to be improved between 1927 and 1936, will carry sufficient traffic to justify their improvement with surfaces superior to gravel. ${ }^{13}$
It is believed that the proposed plan of highway improvements will provide satisfactory service for the increasing volume of traffic using Vermont highways and that it is at the same time commensurate with the dictates of financial economy which must always govern the expenditure of public funds.

It is also believed that a construction program more limited in scope than the proposed five-year program will result in increased total highway expenditures, because of the higher maintenance costs which may be expected to result from postponement of adequate improvement; and that it will also result in inadequate highway service and increased motor vehicle operating costs.

For the most economical accomplishment of the proposed improvement plan it is recommended that substantially the present Federal-aid highway system be established as a primary or State highway system under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Department as to construction, maintenance and control.
It is also recommended that a secondary highway system be established. This system should include the more important traffic routes not included in the primary system.
The establishment of these systems and their improvement in accordance with the foregoing plan will insure a systematic and scientific development of Vermont State highways.


## APPENDIX I

## TRANSPORTATION OF COMMODITIES BY MOTOR TRUCK

The nature of the commodities transported by highway shows the influence of cities and towns upon motor trucking on the principal routes of Vermont. Manufactured products produced in the cities and villages and distributed by motor truck from these centers of population, comprise approximately one-half the tonnage of goods hauled over the highways.
Products of animals and products of agriculture, which includè' 'all the commoditiès produced on farms, were found on only 22.9 per cent of the loaded trucks obfound on only 22.9 per cent of the loaded trucks observed, and a considerable part of the haulage of these
two classes of commodities represents the distribution of two classes of commodities represents the distribution of
goods to consumers rather than the marketing of goods goods to consumn
from the farms.

## from the farms.

The several classes of commodities hauled, the percentage of the total cargo tonnage which they represent and the average length of haul are shown in Table 1.

The principal commodities included in the classification of manufactured products are bread and bakery goods. ice cream, groceries, gasoline. cans, cement, household goods, and bottles, these comprising approximately twothirds of the net tonnage of manufactured products.
Products of animals transported by highway in the State consist mainly of milk, meat and packing house State consist mainly of milk, meat and packing house
products, these comprising approximately two-thirds of products, these comprising approximately two-thirds of
the net tonnage of this class of commodities. Products the net tonnage of this class of commodities. Products
of this class, although second in importance in respect to of this class, although second in importance in respect to
the number of trucks hauling them, include only 8.7 per cent of the total net tonnage transported. They are hauled an average distance of 19 miles.
In the remaining three classes, products of agriculture. mines and forests, there are approximately 10 per cent of the loaded trucks in each class. Although the percentages of trucks are similar, the percentage of net ton-


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${ }^{2}$ Based upon 3,163 loaded trucks
nage varies considerably. Products of agricultures constitute 8.4 per cent of total net tonnage, forests 16.9 per cent, and mines 19.9 per cent. The fact that both products of forests and products of mines include twice as much net tonnage as products of agriculture is accounted for, in large part, by the hauling of rough lumber and gravel. These two items, the former a part of products of forest and the latter of products of mines, are usually

Table 2-Principal commodities transported by

| Commodity clasa | Per cent of total number of loaded tructan | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Per cent } \\ \text { of total } \\ \text { cargo } \\ \text { tonnage } \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { Average } \\ \text { nett } \\ \text { cargo } \\ \text { pert } \\ \text { truck } \end{array}$ | Average length of haul |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | M |
| Bakery goods. | 6.5 | 2.2 | 835 | 27 |
|  | 6.0 | 4.5 | 1,830 | 15 |
| Gravel. . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 5.8 | 12.2 | 5.190 | 4 |
| Cans. | 5.7 | 2.9 | $\frac{1}{3} 260$ | 14 |
| Gaboline. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . | 4.8 | 7.3 | 3,760 | 13. |
| Greah iruith. . . . . . . . . . . | 4.5 | 4.1 | 2.220 <br> 3.100 | 36 |
| Lumber, rough. | 3.3 | 6.5 | 4,800 | 20 |
| Freah vegetablee | 3.2 | 2.0 | 1,577 | 20 |
| Wood, atove and kinding. | 3.2 | 3.8 | 2,926 | 10 |
| Household goods, used | 3.1 | 3.3 | 2,640 | 100 |
| Cerment... | 2.9 | 3.9 | 3,240 1,660 | $3{ }^{3}$ |
| Botules. | 2.5 | 1.1 | 1,080 | 10 |
|  | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1,840 | 11 |
| mircoducts ................ | 2.2 37.3 | $36.4$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,170 \\ & 2,390 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 18 \\ & 28 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total. | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |  |

hauled on the larger trucks and comprise the heavier loads.

The principal commodities included in products of agriculture are fresh fruits, fresh vegetables and feed, these representing 94 per cent of the loads of trucks hauling this class of goods.
The principal commodities transported, their relative importance as measured by the number of trucks carrying them and the tonnage transported, the average weight of cargo for each commodity, and the length of haul are shown in Table 2.

Considering the percentages of the total number of loaded trucks and of total cargo tonnage for each of the commodities listed in Table 2, gravel, gasoline, milk, lum ber, groceries, bakery goods, and fresh fruits are the most important commodities transported on Vermont highways.

Gravel is the most important commodity from the standpoint of net tonnage and one of the most important in respect to number of trucks engaged. The average net cargo of 5,190 pounds is heavier than that of any other principal commodity, hut its comparative importance other principal commodity, but its comparative importance as an element in highway transportation is materially
lessened by the fact that the average length of haul is lessened by the fact that the average length of haul is
only four miles. Gravel is used principally in road and building construction, and, together with other building material, may be expected to form a large part of the net tonnage over roads in the vicinity of construction projects, but completion of the projects is followed by 2 rapid decrease in the hauling of gravel and like commodities upon nearby roads. When improvement of the State highway system approaches completion the number of heavily loaded trucks hauling sand, gravel, stone ber of heavily loaded trucks hauling sand, gravel, sto
The average length of haul for used household goods was 100 miles, for fresh fruits 36 miles, ice cream 31 miles, bakery goods 27 miles, and groceries 22 miles.
Manufacturing companies are the principal type of origin and retail establishments the principal type of destination of motor truck loads, 17.0 per cent of the truck loads originating at the former and 30.4 per cent being destined to the latter. In Table 3 are shown the percentages of loaded trucks originating at and destined to the several types of origins and destinations.
Manufacturing companies and retail and wholesale establishments are the origin of 48.8 per cent and the destitablishments are the origin of 48.8 per cent and the destination of 44.8 per cent of the loaded trucks observed on the principal State highways. Original sources of sup-
ply, consisting mainly of pits, quarries, and forests, were the origin of 13.5 per cent of the truck loads and the destination of only 0.3 per cent. Farms were the origin of II.I per cent and the destination of 10.4 per cent of the loads. ${ }^{\text {. }}$ Consumers, including residences, institutions, hotels, and restaurants, are more important as a type of destination than as a type of origin. Construction and repair jobs are the destination for 17.3 per cent of the loads, the majority of these loads originating at pits and quarries.
Under miscellaneous types are included the points of origin and destination of trucks hauling general express and merchandise which is picked up and delivered at a series of two or more types of origin and destination. Garages and supply yards are also included in the miscellaneous class.

Table 3-Types of origin and destination of loaded trucks

| Type of origia or deatination | Loaded truck typea of |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Per count | Per ceant |
| Manufacturing companier. | 17.0 | 11.9 |
| Wholesale establiahments. | 15.2 | 2.5 |
| Original souroes of sup | 13.5 | 0.3 |
| ¢агпи. ............. | 11.1 | 10.4 |
| Connumers. | 8.4 | 16.7 |
| Terminals....... | 6.2 | \%.8 |
| Construction and repair job |  | 17.3 |
| Storage............... | 1.6 | 1.1 |
| Total. | 100.0 | 100.0 |

APPENDIX II
Motor Vehicle Traffic at Vermont Traffic Survey Stations Motor Vehicle Trafmic at Vermont Tramic Survey Stations
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## APPENDIX III

FOREIGN MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC AT VERMONT TRAFFIC SURVEY STATIONS ${ }^{1}$ Average Daily Passenger Cars and Trucks, July 16 to October 15, 1926

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Motor Truck Traffic at Vermont Traffic Survey Stations
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## APPENDIX V

Average Gross Weight of Loaded Motor Trucks by Capacity Classes at Vermont Traffic Survey Weight Stations


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| N. Bennington to Jot mith | s. | 3.0 7.1 | (1,284 | ${ }_{68}^{162}$ | 45 | 1,800 | 220 90 | 60 | $c2200 c200 c200$ | 230 <br> 120 |  |
|  | US. ${ }^{\text {U }}$ | 1:9 | - | ${ }_{3}^{47}$ | ii ${ }^{\text {² }}$ | 1,700 | 65 <br> 0 | is |  | ${ }^{85}$ | ${ }^{8}$ |
| Newport to Derty tine. | US. 3 (F) | 8.0 | 1,1712 | 88 | 28 | 1,600 | 120 | 40 | 2,000 | 150 | ${ }^{8}$ |
| S. Shattebury to Jct with R | U.S. 5 (F) | 4.7 | 1,148 | ${ }^{6}$ | 12 | 1,600 | 85 | 15 | 2,000 | 110 |  |
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| W. Danvilie 20 St John | $\mathrm{c}_{15} 15$ | 8. 5 |  |  | 21 <br> 12 <br> 15 <br> 15 | - | 100 100 | 15 | 1.900 | ${ }_{1}^{130}$ | ${ }_{8}^{8}$ |
| Waterbury to jec mith | U.S. 2 | 21.0 | i, 101 | ( ${ }_{60}^{3}$ | 19 | c.i. | 758080 | -25 | 1, 1.9000 | ${ }^{95}$ | ${ }_{8}^{8}$ |
| Putney to Jet with 9 diol | ${ }^{\text {U.S. }}$ | 7.2 |  | ${ }_{6}^{60}$ |  |  |  |  | 1,900 | ${ }_{70}^{100}$ |  |
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| Rutuand te Jot with 1036 | U. ${ }^{5}$ | 3.8 |  |  |  |  | 70 |  | ${ }^{1.800}$ | ${ }_{70}^{90}$ | $\stackrel{\text { B }}{\text { c }}$ |
|  | 12 | 8.7 <br> 9.4 | 1,016 | 33 |  | 1,400 <br> 1.400 | 55 55 5 |  |  | 70 |  |
| Brandon 2 Jict with worn rrad N | U. ${ }^{7}$ | .1.0 |  | 484040 |  | c.1.400 <br> 1.300 <br> 1.300 | 65 |  | ${ }_{1}^{1.600}$ | 80 <br> 8 <br> 85 | c. |
| Weat Bratuboro Lo Bratueboro.. | U.s. ${ }_{9}$ | ${ }_{14}^{1.9}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Granville N. Y. to Jot with 101.......... | $\mathrm{u}^{\text {S.R. }}$. | - | 939 | \%98 | is | ¢ | 909 | cor | 1.600 | $\begin{aligned} & 120 \\ & 1100 \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | US ${ }^{\text {U }}$ | - |  |  | 14 | coli, 1,300 | $\stackrel{55}{55}$ | 20 | 1.600 | $\begin{aligned} & 100 \\ & \mathbf{6 5} \\ & 60 \end{aligned}$ |  |
| 隹 | U.S ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | (13.6 | 898 877 808 | -34 |  |  | 4 |  |  | 60 60 | C |
| Brimal to Jot with Rd. .o Beldens. | Us ${ }^{16}$ | 3.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 88595 \\ & 8823 \\ & 8820 \end{aligned}$ | 808575 |  | 1.200 |  | $\cdots$ | - 1,450 | 140 |  |
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| W. Burke to Jct Wituh $114 . \ldots$ | ${ }_{11}{ }^{5}(\underline{1}$ | 3.2 | $\begin{aligned} & 882 \\ & 882 \\ & 8828 \\ & 808 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 56 \\ & 86 \\ & 86 \\ & 86 \end{aligned}$ | ${ }^{23}$ | litiol | 75 120 | 30 |  |  | D |
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| Hartford to Jct. with town road Co - Nor - |  |  | 808 | $\begin{aligned} & 50 \\ & \hline 98 \\ & \hline 9 \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | U. $\mathrm{S}^{14}{ }^{(18)}$ | 14 | ${ }_{802}^{803}$ | 36 38 |  | 1,100 | ${ }_{50}^{50}$ | ...... | 1.400 1.400 | . 70 |  |
| ${ }^{1}$ The trafic clamafiention includes the entire Federalaid mystem of 1,043 miles, 913 of the 925 miles of nambered State-aid ronteis, and 238 milen of unumbered State-ald roads. <br>  tyatem. The initial F. before a route number indicatea routea connecting with ferriea zcroea Laks Champlain <br> Average daily motor vehicie traffic for the period July 16 to Oetober 15 of each year. <br> - Clasalication bamed on following clasp limite except me indicated in footnote. 6. <br> Clamification of these sectiona on which irafic an ahowi tis lower than or in eroese of classification fimits is based upon consideration of total traffic, total motor truck traffic, number of largercapecity trucke, connections with other routes, and abnormality of 1926 traffic due to construction, ${ }^{3}$ Entimated eraffic. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Traffic Classification of Vermont Highways-Continued

| Highway section | Route number ${ }^{\text {: }}$ | Miles | Average daily traffic 1926 |  |  | Average daily traffic 1931: |  |  | Average dally traffic $1936^{\circ}$ |  |  |
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|  |  |  | Total motwor vehiclea | Total motor trucke | Total trucke of 2 to 73/-ton capach ty $^{2}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { motor } \\ & \text { mehiclea } \end{aligned}$ | Total motor trucks | Total trucks of 2 to 714-ton capaci ty | $\underset{\substack{\text { Total } \\ \text { motor }}}{ }$ vehiclet | Total motar trucke |  |
| Wallingford to Jct. with 103 | U.S. 7 (F) | 4.8 | 800 | 45 |  | 1,100 | 60 |  | 1,400 | 75 |  |
| Stowe to Waterbury. | 100 (F) | 9.6 | 795 | 76 | 1 | 1,100 | 100 | 15 | 1.400 <br> 100 | -130 | ${ }_{\text {E }}$ |
| Ascutneyville to New Hampehire line ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | S.R. | 0.3 | 779 778 | 48 |  | 1,100 | 65 55 |  | 1.400 1.400 | 85 70 | D |
| Chester to Springfield. | 11 | 5.7 | 776 | 46 |  | 1,100 | 65 | ….... | 1.400 | 80 | E |
| Hartford to White River Jet ${ }^{\text {1 }}$ \% | 14 (F) | 1.7 | 767 | 36 |  | 1,100 | 50 |  | 1,300 | 60 | D |
|  | 12 (F) | 5.0 | 762 | 50 | 10 | 1.100 | 70 | is | 1,300 1.300 | 85 35 | D |
|  | S.R. (F) | 4.0 23.7 | 750 748 | ${ }_{36}^{20}$ | $\cdots 10 \cdot$ | 1,000 | 25 50 | is. ${ }^{\text {] }}$ | 1,300 1,300 | ${ }_{0}^{35}$ | E |
| N. Royalton to Jet. Fith town road $\%$ Norwich.. | U.4. | 22.3 | 735 | 25 |  | 1.000 | 35 |  | 1,300 | 45 | ${ }_{\text {E }}$ |
| Bridgewaver to White River Jct........... | U.S. 4 (F) | 19.8 | 727 | 59 |  | 1.000 | 40 |  | 1,300 1300 1 | 50 100 | ${ }^{\mathbf{E}}$ |
| Essex Jct. 20 Jericho.....ith 100 | -153 (F) | 6.45 | 720 | 58 25 |  | 1.000 1.000 | 80 35 |  | 1,300 1,200 | 100 40 | ${ }_{\text {E }}$ |
| Salisbury to Jct. near E. Middlebury | U.S. 7 (F) | 6.6 | 710 | 20 |  | 1,000 | 25 |  | 1,200 | 35 | ${ }_{\mathbf{E}}$ |
| Brandon to Forestdal | 115 | 2.7 | 708 | 84 | 20 | 1,000 | 110 | 25 | 1.200 | 140 | E |
| Newport to Jct. with 10 | 100 ( 7 | 2.7 | 706 | 89 | 41 | 1.000 | 120 | 55 | 1,200 | ${ }^{150}$ | ${ }_{\text {E }}$ |
| Hyde Park to Morrisville | 15 (F) | 2.4 | 703 | 61 | 17 | 1:000 | 80 | 20 | 1.200 | 100 | E |
| E. Montpelier to W. Danville | 18 (F) | 19.7 | 693 | 50 | 18 | 1,000 | 70 | 25 | 1,209 | 85 | E |
| Jct with U.S.S. 2 to New Hampehire line.- | 18 (F) | 10.1 | 681 | 21 |  | 1,000 | 30 |  | 1,200 | 35 | E |
|  | 15 (F) | 0.7 2.5 | 672 671 | 55 |  | 940 940 | 65 |  | 1.200 1.200 | 85 95 | E |
| White River Jct to Jct, to Lewiaton | U.S. 5 (F) | 4.7 | 671 | 43 |  | 940 | 60 |  | 1,200 | 75 | E |
| W. Bratieboro to Jch with ke. to Marl. | 9 (F) | 5.8 | 671 |  |  | 940 | 35 |  | 1,200 |  | ${ }^{\text {E }}$ |
| Canaan to Colebrook | 102 | 8.1 | 659 | 34 |  | 920 | 45 | .... | 1.100 | 60 | F |
|  | U.S. 2 (F) | 2.0 | 654 | 60 |  | 910 | 80 |  | 1,100 | 100 | E |
| brook)4. | S.R. | 0.2 | 654 | 39 |  | 910 | 55 |  | 1.100 | 65 | F |
| E. Montpelier to Bar | S.R. | 4.0 | 652 | 34 | ........ | 910 | 45 | ...... | 1,100 | 60 | E |
| E. Montpelier to N. Montp | ${ }^{12}$ | 3.0 | 648 | 24 |  | 910 | 30 |  | 1.100 | 40 | ${ }_{8}$ |
| Vergennes to Chariotte ${ }^{\text {Hady }}$ | U.S. 72 | 9.2 2.3 | 644 | $\stackrel{44}{39}$ |  | 900 890 | 60 50 |  | 1.100 1.100 | 65 | E |
| Swanton to Canadian line. | U.S. 7 (5) | 8.4 | 632 | 54 |  | 880 | 75 |  | 1,100 | 90 | E |
|  | 15 (F) | 1.0 | 631 | 49 | 19 | 880 | 65 | 25 | 1,100 | 85 | E |
| N. Y. | us ${ }^{101}$ | 9.8 | 626 | 53 | 10 | 880 | 70 | 15 | 1,100 | 90 | ${ }^{\mathbf{E}}$ |
| Proctorsville to Cave | U.S.R. | 32.3 1.6 | 613 | 23 32 | …… | 870 860 | 30 45 |  |  |  | ${ }_{\mathbf{E}}$ |
| Fair Haven to New York lin | 30 | 1.3 | 605 | 52 | ....... | 850 | 70 |  | 1,100 | 90 | E |
| Richford to Enobburg Falls. | 105 (F) | 10.1 | 604 | 85 | i2 | 840 | 120 | is | i,100 | 140 | E |
| Hubbardton to Castleton Corn |  | 7.5 | 604 | 36 | ... | 840 | 50 | \% | 1,100 | 60 | ${ }^{\text {E }}$ |
|  | U.S. 5 S (7) | 9.5 | 598 597 | ${ }_{40}^{68}$ | 14 | 840 840 | 90 | 20 | 1.000 1.000 | 20 70 | ${ }_{\text {E }}^{\text {E }}$ |
| Norwich to Pompanoosuc. | U.S. 5 (F) | 5.4 | 594 | 14 |  | 830 | 35 |  | 1,000 | 40 | E |
|  | 100 (5) | 8.2 | 582 | 28 |  | 810 | 40 |  | 1,000 | 50 | E |
| Ascutneyville to Jct. with i10.. | U.S. 5 ( ${ }^{\text {U }}$ | 10.7 | 567 | 24 23 |  | 790 790 | 35 30 |  | 990 | 40 | E |
| Dorset to Manchester Center. | 101 | 6.4 | 565 | 46 | ii | 790 | 65 | is | 980 | 80 | F |
| Perlinsvile to Jct. at N. Sprin | 106 | 33.1 | ${ }_{563}^{563}$ | 38 |  | 790 | 50 |  | 980 | 65 | ${ }^{\mathbf{F}}$ |
|  | $12{ }^{12}{ }^{(6)}$ | 23.0 5.9 | 562 <br> 555 <br> 5 | ${ }_{53}^{25}$ |  | 790 | 35 |  | 989 | ${ }_{90}^{45}$ | F |
| Jct. with 2 to Jet. with U.S. 5 | 105 (F) | 7.0 | 555 | 39 |  | 780 | 55 |  | 970 | 65 | F |
| Bristol to New Haven Jc | S.R. | 4.8 | 548 | 48 | 'is ${ }^{\prime}$ | 370 | 65 | ${ }^{25}$ | 950 | ${ }^{5}$ | ${ }_{5}$ |
| Pompanoosuc to Fairlee | U.S. 5 | 13.6 | 541 | 17 |  | 760 | 40 |  | 930 | 45 | F |
| Newport Center to Jtt with 100 | 105 (F) | 1.7 | 533 | 54 | 27 | 740 | 75 | 35 | 930 | 95 | F |
| Bristol to JCt. with U. | 116 | 27.9 | 533 | 4 |  | 740 | 60 |  | 930 | 75 | ${ }_{5}$ |
| Sct with U.S. 2 to Jct with U. ${ }_{\text {S }}$ | S.R.17 | 8.0 13.6 | 528 527 | 4 |  | 740 | 60 |  | 920 | 75 | F |
| Plymouth Union to Jct with 103. | 100 | 8.2 | 522 | 26 |  | 730 | 35 |  | 910 | 45 | F |
| Jct. with 18 to Jct with 102 W. of Lafcester. | U.S. 2 (F) | 21.8 | 518 | 22 |  |  |  |  |  |  | F |
| Jericho to Cambridge. | 15 (F) | 12.6 | 517 | 42 |  | 720 | 55 |  | 900 | 70 | F |
| W. Burke to Rd. to Newart | ${ }^{2}$ | 0.5 | 515 | 19 |  | 720 | 25 | …..... | 000 | 35 | F |
|  | Us ${ }^{12}$ (5) | 2.9 | 514 | 16 |  | 720 | 20 |  | 890 | 30 | F |
|  | U.S. 5 (F) | 11.9 | 513 | 29 |  | 720 | 40 |  | 890 | 50 | F |
|  | S.R. | 1.6 | 512 | 47 |  | 720 |  |  |  |  | ${ }^{\mathbf{F}}$ |
|  | US. 7 (F) | 13.8 11.0 | 509 | 40 |  | 700 | 55 |  | 870 | 70 | ${ }_{5}$ |
| Forwich to Jet to lewiston. | US. 5 (F) | 0.8 | 495 | 3 |  | 690 | 45 |  | 860 | 60 | F |
| Benmington to Wibmington... | S. ${ }^{(5)}$ | 18.9 | 494 | 37 | 19 | 690 | 50 | 25 | 800 | 65 | ${ }^{8}$ |
| Shew haven Jct to Jet with U.S. 7 | 105 | 10.1 | 484 | 32 36 |  | ${ }_{680}^{680}$ | 45 |  | 850 | 53 | $\stackrel{F}{F}$ |
| Vergennea to Jct $S$. E of Verge | US. 7 (F) | 0.3 | 477 | 37 |  | 670 | 50 |  | 330 | 65 | D |
| Chester to Peaseriile Jct | 11 (1) | 4.0 | 472 | 30 |  | 660 | 40 |  | 820 | 50 | F |
|  | USS ${ }^{2}\left(\mathrm{~F}^{2}\right.$ | 11.4 | 471 | ${ }_{25}^{12}$ |  | 060 630 | 13 35 |  | 820 780 | 20 40 | $\underset{\mathbf{F}}{\mathbf{F}}$ |
| Morrisille to Jct. with 12 B . | 15 (F) | 12.7 | 443 | 40 | 20 | 630 620 | 35 55 | is. | 780 770 | 70 | ${ }_{G}$ |
| N. Rogralion to Jct. S. of Bethel. | 107 (F) | 3.0 | 439 | 18 |  | 610 | 25 |  | 760 | 30 |  |


| Traffic Classification of Vermont Eighways-Continued |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { montor } \\ & \text { mehicte } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline \text { Total } \\ \text { Hotor } \\ \text { Houctis } \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { wothr } \\ \text { vehlcle } \end{gathered}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { motor } \\ & \text { tuche } \end{aligned}\right.$ |  |  | Total 2rucks |  |
| W. Bridgewater to Ict. with 100 ....... $\dddot{y}$. D. Desecto Jct. with Rd. to Granville, N. Y. Barron to Jet with 15 E <br> Charlotte to Jee with U.S 7 (vin ixeach | $\begin{gathered} \text { U.S. } 4(F) \\ \substack{101 \\ 15 \\ 12 \\ 12} \end{gathered}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} 6.1 \\ 13.1 \\ 10.1 \\ 20.1 \end{array}\right\|$ | 432 431 431 421 421 | $\begin{aligned} & 25 \\ & 32 \\ & 31 \\ & 34 \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 600 \\ & \hline 000 \\ & \hline 000 \\ & 510 \\ & 510 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35 \\ & \mathbf{4 5} \\ & \mathbf{3 0} \\ & \hline \mathbf{5} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} 750 \\ 750 \\ 750 \\ 730 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 15 \\ & 85 \\ & 35 \\ & 50 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{G} \\ & \mathbf{G} \end{aligned}$ |
| Enoverury Fralio | SR. | 5.0 | 419 | 46 |  | 590 | 55 |  | 730 | 70 |  |
|  | ${ }_{12}^{12-4}$ | ${ }^{10.3}$ | 410 | 12 12 |  | 580 570 50 | 75 <br> 15 |  | 770 710 | 95 20 20 | ${ }_{6}$ |
| Beether Falls to Conamal...... | 102 | 23.8 | 409 | ${ }_{37}^{10}$ |  | 570 570 | ${ }_{50}^{15}$ |  | 710 | 15 | c |
| Jct Rd. to Rarton to Jet with 105. | ${ }_{3}^{2}$ | \% 7.5 | 401 | 17 |  | 560 | 25 |  | 7800 |  | ${ }_{6}$ |
| Barton Lo W. Burke? <br> Sudbury to Jct. with Rd . s . w. of Middele- | USS. 5 | 13.4 | 400 | ${ }_{20}$ |  | 560 560 | ${ }_{25}$ |  | 7800 | ${ }_{3}^{35}$ | ${ }_{G}^{G}$ |
| siddlebary to jet with Rd. S. W. of tomn Wilmington to N 保 with Rd io Mat | 30 | 13.7 <br> 3.2 | 386 | 31 32 |  | 540 | ${ }_{4}^{4}$ |  | 670 | ${ }_{35}$ | ${ }_{\mathbf{G}}$ |
| Manchester ceinter to Pe.acev | 9 | 2.8 | 373 3 | 12 |  | ${ }_{520}$ | 15 |  |  |  |  |
| Rousee Point Lunding to Grand | 2 |  |  |  |  | 510 | ${ }_{20}^{20}$ |  | 640 | 30 | $\underline{G}$ |
| Newport Center to Capadian ine........ |  | 8. 8.6 | 359 357 | 31 <br> 31 <br> 4 |  | 500 <br> 500 | 40 |  | -20 | 50 | ${ }_{6}$ |
|  | 100-8 | 8.0 | 350 | 43 | $\cdots{ }^{20}$ | 400 | ${ }_{65}^{60}$ | 25 | 620 610 | $\begin{aligned} & 75 \\ & 80 \\ & 80 \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{G}{G}$ |
| Brandonto Sudbury ${ }^{\text {a }}$. | ${ }_{\text {STiO }}$ | ${ }^{6.0}$ | 350 <br> 350 <br> 50 | ${ }_{12}^{12}$ |  | 490 | $\stackrel{15}{15}$ |  | 610 | 20 | ${ }_{\mathbf{G}}$ |
| Etockbridre to Jet with 12. | ${ }_{118}^{107}$ (5) | -8.0. | 338 | 148 | ${ }^{16}$ | 40 | 20 | ${ }^{20}$ | 590 | 25 | ${ }_{6}$ |
| Pownal to Nep Y Yortilinet... |  | 6.8 <br> 3.2 | -339 | 15 | 16 | 4.40 | 75 | 20 | 590 570 | 950 | ${ }_{G}$ |
| N. Montpelizers 0 Hardmick | U.S. ${ }_{12}\left({ }^{(8)}\right.$ | 25.2 15.8 | 332 <br> 310 | ${ }^{2}$ |  | 200 | 10 |  | 570 | 10 | ${ }_{G}$ |
| Chariote to Cedar Eeach. | F-5 | 25.8 | 310 | 39 |  | 430 | 60 |  | S40 | ${ }_{75}$ | G |
| Richiord to Canatian line. | s. $\mathrm{R}^{2}$ | 1.5 | 304 | 26 | ....... | 4 | ${ }_{35}^{10}$ |  | 530 | 40 | ${ }_{6}$ |
| Srids | $100{ }^{8}$ | 21.1. | 301 <br> 300 | 35 | ...... | ${ }_{420}^{420}$ | 30 25 |  | 520 | 55 50 30 | ${ }_{\mathbf{G}}$ |
| W. Rutland to Prawlet ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 22.0 | 300 | ${ }^{12}$ |  | 420 | 15 |  | 520 | 30 20 | ${ }_{G}^{G}$ |
| Jefferonville to scowe 7 . | 108 | 16.5 | 288 | ${ }_{8}^{20}$ |  | 400 | 25 |  | 520 | 35 | ${ }_{\text {G }}$ |
|  | S.R. | 4.8 5.6 | ${ }_{268}^{278}$ | 124 |  | 380 380 | $\xrightarrow{35}$ |  | 480 | $4{ }^{4}$ | ${ }_{\text {G }}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | - | 470 |  |  |
|  |  | 3.2 6.0 | 268 | 10 |  | 380 370 | 10 |  | 70 |  | ${ }_{\text {G }}$ |
| Enobburg Falk to Jeffersonvilic. | F.108 | ${ }_{21}^{21.6}$ | ${ }_{263}^{264}$ | 25 40 40 | … | 3370 | 35 <br> 35 <br> 5 |  | 460 | 40 | ${ }_{G}$ |
| Becher'r Falle to Canadian line Nori | Sir | 0.1 | 261 | 39 |  | 360 360 | 50 |  | 450 | ${ }^{70}$ | ${ }_{G}$ |
| Vergennes to Farat Haven. | 30 A | 29.6 | ${ }_{250}^{250}$ | 发 | …. | 360 | ${ }^{20}$ | ...... | 450 | 30 | G |
|  | ${ }^{113}$ | 5.6 | 258 | 6 |  | 360 360 | 10 |  | 450 | 10 |  |
| Gordana Landing to jot wit | F. ${ }^{122}$ | 15.5 | 250 | 10 |  | 350 <br> 350 <br> 350 | 15 |  | 440 | 15 | G |
|  | S.R. | 3.2 <br> 3.7 | 248 | 17 4 3 | 16 | $\begin{array}{r}350 \\ 350 \\ 350 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 15 <br> 5 <br> 5 | is ${ }^{\circ}$ | 430 |  | ${ }_{G}^{\text {G }}$ |
| Bradford do Jtw with U. ${ }^{\text {S }}$ | 105 | 3.7 17.6 17 | 248 | 36 20 | 16 | 350 <br> 340 | 50 | 20 | 430 | ${ }^{60}$ | ${ }_{6}$ |
| Horrong Milla to Canadian | 1009 | 10.2 <br> 33.4 | 242 | 9 | $\ldots$ | 340 | 10 |  | 430 | 15 | ${ }_{6}$ |
| 3 Marthfield to Lower Cabot | S.R. | 3.2 | 239 | 21 |  | 340 <br> 330 <br> 30 | $3{ }_{30}$ |  | 420 | 35 | ${ }_{G}^{G}$ |
| Taftuhnle to Herland. | S.R. | 4.8 <br> 8.0 | 239 | 17 | $\ldots$ | 330 330 330 | 25 |  | ${ }_{420}$ | 30 | ${ }_{\text {G }}$ |
|  | S.R. | 0.1 | 237 | 48 |  | -330 | 15 |  | 410 410 | 20 85 | ${ }_{G}$ |
| Sc. Albana to Cambridge | 104 (F) | ${ }_{17}{ }^{2} .3$ | 232 | 18 |  | 330 <br> 320 <br> 3 | 25 |  | 410 | 30 | G |
| ${ }_{\text {Whitione }}$ Midebury | ${ }^{116}$ | ${ }_{6} 8.8$ | ${ }_{221}^{231}$ | 15 |  | 320 320 | 20 |  | 400 | 25 | G |
| Tct with U.S. 5 to Jct with | ${ }^{12} 8$ | 29.4 | 224 | 21 |  | 310 | 30 |  | 390 | 30 | ${ }_{6}$ |
| E. Barte to S . Royation. | 110 | 26.0 | ${ }_{220}^{221}$ | ${ }_{22}^{18}$ |  | 310 <br> 310 | 250 |  | 380 | 30 | ${ }_{6}$ |
| Colebroot to Jct mith Uis i | ${ }_{102}^{100}$ | 44.0 | 229 | 18 |  | 310 | 20 |  | 380 | 25 | ${ }_{6}$ |
| Woodmock to Pertinavile. | 106 | 12.8 | 216 | 12 |  | 300 | 15 |  | 380 380 | ${ }^{30}$ | $\underset{\mathbf{G}}{ }$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E. Mididebary to fot mithou | 100 | 5.4 | 200 | 15 |  | 280 | 20 |  |  |  |  |
| Braturboro to Mame muett tine. <br> Newfane to Jet with 11 | 1101 | 9.8. | 200 | 18 | ....... | 280 <br> 280 <br> 280 <br> 180 | ${ }_{20}^{15}$ |  | 350 350 350 | 15 30 | ${ }_{6}$ |
| W. Berfabire to manadian inio. | S.R. | 27.0. | 1984 | $1{ }_{19}^{16}$ |  | 280 270 270 | 20 25 |  | 340 | 30 30 | ${ }_{6}$ |
| Montgomery Cur to Eden | 1188 | 14.3 | 189 | 5 |  | 270 | 5 |  | 330 | 10 | ${ }_{6}$ |
| Cornwall to Jtit with 30 A | F.9A | 3, | 180 | 10 |  | 250 <br> 250 <br> 20 | 15 |  | 310 | 50 15 | ${ }_{G}^{G}$ |
| Brownerile to Jct. with 106 | S. R . | 12.0 | ${ }_{178}^{178}$ | ${ }_{10}^{27}$ |  | 250 250 | ${ }_{15} 15$ |  | 310 310 | ${ }_{15}$ | $\underset{G}{G}$ |

Traffic Classification of Vermont Highways-Continued

| Highway section | Routenumber | Milea |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Yotal } \\ \text { Yotar } \\ \text { retioctes } \end{gathered}$ | Total $\underset{\text { motor }}{\text { trucks }}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { motor } \\ \text { vehicles } \end{gathered}$ | Total motor trucks |  | Total vehiclet | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Total } \\ & \text { motor } \\ & \text { motucks } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| E. Pituford to Jct. with U.S. 7 Jacksonville to S . Halliax. Norton Mills to Ieland Pond Addison to Chimney Point. ${ }^{\text {In }}$. Jct winh 105 to Jct. with U.S. Stock tridge to Jct. With U.S. 4. Derby to Morgan Ctri. Starksboro to Jontaville ${ }^{7}$...... Beiows Calister io Jet with 114. Montgomery Ctr. Weybridge Hill to t Addison. St. Abang to 4 mid. E. of Biakeraieid. Alburg Center to swanton. <br> Ret with U.S. 5 to Conecticuit iniver (near Haverhill, N. H.)................ w. Rerkshire to Enosburg Faila.: Foreatdale to Talcville. Ryegate to E. Ryegate.... Cheisea to Post Milis ${ }^{7}$. <br> Poultney to Castielon Corners Eseex Jct. to Jct. with $116^{7}$ ork line Middlebury to Weybridge Hilit Mo Jocow to Jct. with U.S. 2. Weston to Jct. With 11 . Ti S. Washington to Jet with iio. Charlotencer wo Wedrar town line. Swanton to W, Swanton. <br> Brockway's Mills to Saxton's River. 10 well to Jet with 12 B ........ Middlebury to Rd. West of Mididiebury'. Bridport to Rd. Weat of Mlddebury? Whiting to Jct. with U.S. 77 . Vergennes to Lake Champlaini. <br> Larabee' Point to Jct with $30 \mathrm{~A}^{\prime}$. <br> Troy to N. Mroy. ${ }^{\text {Brididport }}$ to <br> Weybridge Hill S to Jet. with 30 . <br>  <br> W. Halifax to Jct. with 130 Rockingham to Jct. with |  |  | 178 |  |  | 230 | 10 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 158 | 11 |  | 230 220 220 | 50 15 |  | 280 270 | 160 | ${ }_{\mathbf{G}}$ |
|  |  |  | 157 | 110 |  | 220 220 220 | 15 |  | 270 <br> 270 <br> 20 | 15 15 | $\underset{\text { g }}{ }$ |
|  |  |  | 155 | 15 |  | 220 <br> 220 <br> 10 | ${ }_{15}^{20}$ |  | 270 <br> 270 | 25 | ${ }_{G}$ |
|  |  |  | 153 | 13 |  | 210 |  |  | 270 | 20 | ${ }_{\text {G }}$ |
|  |  |  | 150 | ${ }_{10}^{10}$ |  | 210 210 | 15 |  | 250 200 | 15 | ${ }_{\text {G }}$ |
|  |  |  | 150 | 8 | ..... | 210 | 10 |  | ${ }_{200}^{200}$ | 15 | $\underset{G}{6}$ |
|  |  |  | 150 146 | ${ }_{10}^{8}$ | …. | 210 200 | 15 |  | 250 <br> 250 <br> 10 | 15 | ${ }_{G}$ |
|  |  |  | 141 | ${ }^{9}$ | :........: | 200 | 10 |  | 240 | 15 | ${ }_{6}$ |
|  |  |  | 136 | 11 |  | 190 | 15 |  | 240 | ${ }_{20}$ | ${ }_{6}$ |
|  |  |  | ${ }_{124}^{130}$ | 21 <br> 13 |  | 180 170 170 | 30 |  | 230 220 220 | 込 | ${ }_{6}$ |
|  |  |  | 121 | 11 |  | 170 | 15 |  | 210 | ${ }_{20}^{20}$ | ${ }_{6}$ |
|  |  |  | 121 | , |  | 170 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | ${ }_{117}^{117}$ | 14 |  | 1160 | 20 |  | ${ }_{200}^{200}$ | ${ }_{25}$ |  |
|  |  |  | ${ }_{113}^{117}$ | 8 | $\cdots$ | 160 160 | 10 | ... | 200 <br> 200 <br> 10 | 15 | $\underset{G}{G}$ |
|  |  |  | 101 <br> 100 | 5 | … | 140 140 | 15 | ... | 180 <br> 170 <br> 10 | 15 | ${ }_{G}$ |
|  |  |  | 100 | 7 |  | 140 | 10 |  | 170 | 10 | G |
|  |  |  | 100 | 7 |  | 140 |  |  | 170 | 15 | ${ }_{6}$ |
|  |  |  | 100 100 | 10 |  | 140 140 140 | 15 | - | 170 170 | 10 | ${ }_{\mathbf{G}}$ |
|  |  |  | ${ }_{96}^{96}$ | 5 | ... | 140 | 15 |  | 170 | 10 | ${ }_{6}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 170 | 33 | ${ }_{\mathbf{G}}$ |
|  |  |  | 74 | 5 |  | 100 | 5 |  | 130 | 10 | G |
|  |  |  | ${ }_{69}^{70}$ | ${ }_{13}^{2}$ |  | ${ }_{100}^{100}$ | 5 |  | ${ }_{120}^{120}$ | ${ }^{5}$ | ${ }_{G}$ |
|  |  |  | 68 | 14 |  | 100 | 20 |  | 120 | 25 | ${ }_{\text {G }}$ |
|  |  |  |  | 12 |  |  |  |  | 120 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 59 | ${ }_{3}$ |  | 80 | 5 |  | 100 | 5 |  |
|  |  |  | 57 51 | 5 |  | 80 | 5 |  | \%00 | 100 | G |
|  |  |  | 50 | 3 |  | 70 | 5 |  | 90 | 5 | G |
|  |  |  | 50 50 | 3 3 3 |  | ${ }_{70}^{70}$ | ${ }_{5}^{5}$ |  | \% | 5 | ${ }_{6}$ |
|  |  |  | 50 50 50 | 4 |  | 70 | 5 |  | 90 | 5 | $\underline{G}$ |
|  |  |  | 43 | 3 |  | 60 | 5 |  | 80 |  | ${ }_{6}$ |
|  |  |  | 34 32 32 | 2 |  | 50 40 | 5 |  | 60 | 5 | ${ }_{\mathbf{G}}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 30 | 5 |  | 40 | 5 | ${ }_{\text {G }}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 20 | 5 |  | 20 | ${ }_{5}$ | ${ }_{\mathbf{G}}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |


[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ The grand list represents one per cent of the assessed valuation of real and personal property.

[^1]:    -The Federal-aid system is 7 per cent of the certified mileage of 14,900 miles.

    - In this report certain terms, frequently used, have invariably the same meaning. These terms and their definitions are as follows:

    Vehicles refers only to motor vehicles (passenger teits and trucks), exclusive of horse-drawn conveyances.
    Traffic is defined as the movernent to and iro of hicles over a highway.

    Demsity of traffic is defined as the number of motor vehicles passing any given point on a highway in a unit of time. For example, on Route U. S. a between Montpelier and Barre the average daily density of traffic was 2,576 vehicles, which means that during an average 24 hour period 2,576 vehicles passed any given poit on this two miles of bighway. Unles a dierent unit of tim is specifically stated, densing io tracic refers the himm ber of vehicles passing any given point on the highway during a day of 24 hours.
    The accuracy of the determination of density of traffic is influenced by the distance between the survey stations. Exach poss of method would require a density record for each point on the highway system where traffic varies The cost anolos does rot justify the remal servation points at close interrals. The density computed servation points at close intervals. The density computed for each station on the Vermont highway system is ap plied to the short sections of highway reasonably adjacent to each station on which there is but little variation in traffic.

[^2]:    - The rear axle of a truck delivers a greater impact to the road surface because it carries, on an average in Vermont, 69 per cent of the total gross load.

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ Numbered State-aid, routes other than Federal-aid routes. The numbered State-aid routes in 1926 included the Federal-aid system of 1,043 miles, and other numbered routes, 925 miles, a total of 1,968 miles.

[^4]:    'The area included in each section is described on page 26.

[^5]:    ${ }^{1}$ Numbered State-aid routes other than Federal-aid routes.

[^6]:    The various types of traffic as used in this and the following section are defined as follows:
    State of registration:
    Vermont includes all motor vehicles registered in Vermont.
    Foreign includes all motor vehicles not registered in Vermont.
    Place of ownership:
    Farm includes all motor vehicles owned by persons residing on farms.
    City includes all motor vehicles owned by persons residing in cities, villages, or urban areas.

    ## Type of usage:

    Busimess indicates that the car on the trip recorded was being used for business purposes.
    Pleaswre indicates that the car on the trip recorded was being used for pleasure or recreational purposes.
    Type of trip :
    Touring includes all trips of more than one day's duration taken primarily for recreation.
    Non-towring includes all other trips.
    Type of trucking:
    For hire includes all trucks engaged in hauling commodities either on a contract or tariff basis.

    - For a discussion of the distribution of foreign traffic see pages 28 to 30 and Figure 7 .

[^7]:    ${ }^{1}$ Based upon a total of 8,262 cars.

[^8]:    ${ }^{1}$ Minus ( - ) indicates decrease.

[^9]:    ${ }^{*}$ For a detaited presentation of highway traffic and motor vehicle registration data in each of these States see motor vehicie registration data in each of these States see "eport of a Survey of Transportation on the State High-
    way System of Connecticut," 1926 ; "The Maine Highway System of Connecticut," 1926; The Maine Highway Transportation "Rurvey," Public Roads, Vol. 6, No. tion on the State Highway System of Ohio," 1927.

[^10]:    ${ }^{1}$ Population as of July 1, each year. For the years 1913 to 1923, inclusive, the populations given are Bureau of Census estimates. Those for the years 1924 to 1936, inclusive, are extensions by the method used by the Bureau of the Census, which assumes an unchanging population.

[^11]:    ${ }^{16}$ The Vermont plan of highway improvement is limited to the Federal-aid system since less than twenty miles not included in the Federal-aid system carried sufficient traffic to justify their inclusion in the five-year plan of improvement.

