

Playing the Sample Game

There is a Sample Game included on the CD-ROM, 'East1.dgc'. This is the fastest way to learn the basics of Crosscountry CANADA Platinum. The game starts in Labrador City and finishes in Halifax. There are 4 commodities to be picked up. This game may take you about 40 minutes to try.

- Insert the CD-ROM
- To play, double click on the CCAN Platinum 2.1 (truck) icon. The game will start and you should see a truck full-screen followed by two blasts of the horn.
- The "Set Up Your Game" dialog box appears. Click 'Open Scenario' then locate and click on the Scenario called 'East1.dgc' then click 'Open'.
- A "Dispatch Notice" appears showing a famous Canadian name (Samuel Hearne), your current location (Labrador City), the Delivery Destination (Halifax) and the First Commodity to pick up (Lumber). Click OK.
- When the truck's upper dash appears, click anywhere on the **Laptop computer**. Click on **Expense Report**. This will show you your expenses as they add up on your journey. The idea is to keep this total at a minimum. Click **OK**.
- Click on "**Inventory Report**". This will show what you have collected so far, the Destination City (Halifax) and the 'Next' Commodity (lumber). Use this screen in case you forget your destination city or the commodity you next have to collect.
It will also show you a "Bonus Commodity" which the computer selects randomly and will appear after your first commodity is loaded. You have the option of picking up this commodity for a credit of \$750.00. If there is a city that is near to your planned truck route with this bonus commodity, you may want to collect this.
The report also shows, that if while your were sleeping in your truck, one of the commodities that you have loaded has been **Stolen**. You will have to locate and re-load this commodity. Click **OK**.
- Click on "**Commodity**". This allows you to view any movie, which will provide information about the specific commodity clicked on. Click on one of the movies to watch now or click CANCEL to go back to the game.
- Click on "**Help**" for the more detailed strategies and details of the game. Click **OK** to exit it.

Under **MAPS**, you can look at any Province map (Alberta through Yukon Territory) at any time to help plan your journey.

- Click on the **CANADA** map to view the whole of Canada. Click on the **NEXT** button to see large red dots indicating the locations where you can pick up your commodity (Lumber in this case). You will need to use the 'Current' map to determine what the actual cities are (explained later).
Click on **SHOW ROUTES** button to see smaller red dots showing the cities you have already travelled . You can now make the decisions regarding the best route to take to pick up the first commodity, keeping in mind that your destination city is Halifax.
If when you have checked the "Inventory Report" you notice that one of your commodities has been stolen, you can click on the **STOLEN** button here to show you where to go to pick up this commodity. You must fit this it into your route plan.
After picking up your first commodity you will be told what "Bonus commodity" you will be offered to pick up. If you forget, check on the "Inventory Report". Click on the **BONUS** button on the CANADA map & you will see the locations that have the bonus commodity.

- Click on the **LAPTOP** button and then click on the **CURRENT LOCATION** map to decide your direction and click on the compass “point” on the direction that you need to go. Click on the **S** (south) point. The point will become highlighted to show it as selected. Click **DASH** button to get to the upper dash of the truck or click on the **gas pedal icon** to the right of the compass. Dash takes you to your driving screen & waits for you to select an icon or hit the space bar to begin driving. The truck must be turned on to move. The gas pedal icon will start the truck driving immediately and again the truck must already be running.
- Since this is our first trip, we need to click on the **UP/DOWN** arrow icon on the Toolbar to get to the lower dash. Click on the **left seatbelt** to buckle up. (Your tickets will cost more if you do not have your seat belt done up). Click on the **Lights lever** to turn on the lights if it is dark out. Click on the **Wiper lever** if it is raining or snowing. Click on the **Ignition On** to start the truck. Click on the **gas pedal** or hit the **space bar** to start to drive. (If you have chosen an incorrect direction or there is something you have not remembered to do, you will **see MESSAGES** in the left bottom bar. Keep an eye on these for instructions). If you hit the space bar again while moving, the truck will stop. It acts as a toggle switch.
- While driving you can:
 - a) click on the **radio display** and then the left button for music
 - b) click on the **clock display** to see the date (it is always July or Jan as a start date, depending on winter or summer scenario chosen)
 - c) click on the **speedometer** to speed but you may get a ticket when the police pull you over
 - d) get a flat tire and you will need to click on the **Maintenance icon** to fix it or call a tow truck
 - e) Have an accident and you will have to **call the tow truck** (click on the cell phone display to select who you are calling, then click on the red button to call-an operator will announce that the truck is on the way).
 - f) Run out of gas and have to call the tow truck to get gas
 - g) Have a commodity stolen and have to call the police to get it back
- When you arrive at each city, you should check the Health icon on the toolbar. It will give you advice on eating and sleeping. You should check your gas by clicking on the **Gas icon**. Choose an amount of gas to purchase or click on **Cancel** to not purchase any at this time. You will also have to watch your gas gage as you travel, for an indication of how much you have left. It is costly to run out of gas on the highway.
- Repeat steps 10 and 11 at each city to continue driving.
- Once you have picked up all the commodities, you have to deliver them to your destination city, Halifax. Once you arrive in your destination city, you will have completed the game. You will see the truck do a drive by and then you will get an ‘Congratulations’ message on the bottom left of the screen.
- Study your Trip Summary (Expense Report). Did you make good choices?
- Further strategies are found in the Inventory Report – Help section.
- To **quit** the game, click on the “**Open, Save & Volume icon** on the toolbar and select ‘Quit’.
- Drive Defensively and have a Safe Trip.