

Service bulletin

Monthly Railway Carloadings

November 2012



Highlights

- Canadian railways carried 27.4 million tonnes of freight in November, a 0.8% rise from November 2011 and the third consecutive year-over-year increase for the month. The gain occurred almost entirely on the strength of international rail traffic shipments.
- Within Canada, combined loadings of intermodal traffic (i.e., freight moved via containers and trailers on flat cars) and non-intermodal traffic (i.e., freight moved via box cars or loaded in bulk) decreased 0.4% to 24.2 million tonnes. The drop in domestic loadings was the result of reduced loadings of non-intermodal traffic, which offset the gains in intermodal traffic.
- Domestic intermodal freight loadings rose 4.2% to 2.5 million tonnes, solely attributed to increased loadings of freight in containers as freight moved via trailers on flat cars dropped.
- Domestic non-intermodal freight loadings decreased 0.9% to 21.7 million tonnes. Loadings declined in 33 of the 64 commodity groups, led by iron ores and concentrates, potash, wheat and colza seeds (canola). The decline was partially offset by gains in a number of commodity groups, most notably, fuel oils and crude petroleum.
- The western division accounted for 57.7% of the domestic freight loadings, virtually unchanged from the same month in 2011. The remainder was loaded in the Eastern Division. For statistical purposes, cargo loadings from Thunder Bay, Ontario, to the Pacific Coast are classified to the Western Division while loadings from Armstrong, Ontario, to the Atlantic Coast are classified to the Eastern Division.
- Freight traffic received from United States connections advanced 10.9% to 3.2 million tonnes, driven by increases in both non-intermodal and intermodal traffic movements.

Statistical tables

Table 1

Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada — Total

	November 2012		November 2011	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	19,768	1,863,943	21,960	2,062,529
Other cereal grains	5,538	458,069	6,026	509,320
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	1,977	182,188	2,767	254,893
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	22	408	42	764
Colza seeds (canola)	9,198	754,163	11,363	930,810
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	5,326	482,645	3,103	281,833
Animal feed and products	2,880	256,497	2,657	226,273
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	3	53	4	70
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,112	83,607	1,274	96,718
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	4,665	402,760	4,974	417,351
Sugar	398	34,846	437	37,721
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	337	19,513	323	17,898
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	1,519	125,009	633	47,376
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	2,102	185,832	3,240	294,547
Salt	931	83,309	809	71,999
Phosphate rock	869	78,452	807	72,757
Sulphur	4,682	438,143	5,346	503,790
Gypsum	1,878	184,925	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	671	58,217	1,791	169,853
Iron ores and concentrates	31,187	2,846,732	34,426	3,252,599
Copper ores and concentrates	697	65,550	929	84,048
Nickel ores and concentrates	1,727	130,471	1,784	137,930
Lead ores and concentrates	329	23,756	211	14,960
Zinc ores and concentrates	912	75,242	882	70,573
Other metallic ores and concentrates	6,080	546,969	5,685	507,961
Coal	27,890	2,902,462	27,471	2,856,372
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,478	183,885	3,303	252,374
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	11,176	912,691	6,259	502,239
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	6,672	419,758	5,900	371,065
Coal coke and petroleum coke	3,238	262,042	2,029	145,757
Other refined petroleum and coal products	4,742	382,796	3,307	262,025
Sulphuric acid	2,595	233,684	2,474	222,768
Alumina	3,524	327,024	2,607	241,913
Other basic chemicals	7,429	630,283	7,532	632,286
Potash	10,122	973,750	13,144	1,303,050
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	5,009	412,979	4,512	377,549
Other chemical products and preparations	668	44,710	889	59,764
Plastic and rubber	3,739	306,697	3,549	285,709
Logs and other wood in the rough	514	32,636	705	41,908
Wood chips	3,405	198,686	3,651	215,990
Lumber	10,116	826,602	9,786	809,361
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	3,833	328,657	3,455	296,336
Wood pulp	8,432	723,765	8,164	693,751
Newsprint	2,391	162,109	2,033	137,080
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	2,909	199,232	3,269	218,600
Cement	2,056	202,416	2,209	216,209
Other non-metallic mineral products	200	16,531	155	11,228
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	3,747	323,009	4,620	393,027
Copper, primary or semi-finished	114	9,893	207	18,023
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,386	204,284	2,673	228,819
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	1,184	105,315	967	85,565
Articles of base metal	1,197	83,477	1,310	88,481
Machinery	535	8,448	247	4,638
Automobiles and mini-vans	13,056	238,355	11,075	192,362
Freight motor vehicles	7,135	126,503	7,165	126,602
Other vehicles	206	6,226	29	663
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	565	13,743	525	13,088
Other transportation equipment	609	22,315	1,055	34,676
Metallic waste and scrap	3,773	302,771	3,959	310,138
Non-metallic waste and scrap	970	58,991	935	48,074
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	330	13,595	158	7,047
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	2	67	10	164
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	7,898	115,578	8,182	120,606
Less than carload shipments	...	27	...	39
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	271,653	21,697,291	270,993	21,889,919

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 2
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada — Eastern Division

	November 2012		November 2011	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	729	67,370	697	63,992
Other cereal grains	1,047	89,751	2,127	193,119
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	22	1,894	33	2,891
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	22	408	42	764
Colza seeds (canola)	6	528	1	29
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	3,335	307,239	2,310	212,050
Animal feed and products	808	67,223	828	63,475
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	3	53	4	70
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	279	14,647	254	13,362
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	882	70,575	863	66,159
Sugar	373	32,999	410	35,564
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	80	1,526	90	1,378
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	1,484	122,126	598	44,490
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	770	58,885	988	75,476
Salt	259	21,445	203	16,901
Phosphate rock	869	78,452	807	72,757
Sulphur	191	17,002	162	14,525
Gypsum	1,740	171,875	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	602	52,046	1,513	144,313
Iron ores and concentrates	31,187	2,846,732	34,426	3,252,599
Copper ores and concentrates	153	13,020	242	19,324
Nickel ores and concentrates	1,727	130,471	1,784	137,930
Lead ores and concentrates	329	23,756	211	14,960
Zinc ores and concentrates	814	66,581	828	66,158
Other metallic ores and concentrates	6,079	546,904	5,685	507,961
Coal	1,078	88,185	1,480	121,229
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,044	151,549	2,347	178,912
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	4,188	340,976	3,382	265,960
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	3,129	201,008	2,708	172,941
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,310	93,954	1,125	71,435
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,185	89,557	1,379	104,598
Sulphuric acid	2,224	201,027	2,037	184,670
Alumina	3,524	327,024	2,607	241,913
Other basic chemicals	3,331	271,185	3,492	277,546
Potash	75	7,480	569	57,264
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	422	35,730	398	34,090
Other chemical products and preparations	598	39,193	796	52,708
Plastic and rubber	1,480	103,655	1,242	81,210
Logs and other wood in the rough	272	16,680	458	27,457
Wood chips	999	61,608	946	59,996
Lumber	2,513	196,621	2,239	180,453
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	766	54,670	585	41,196
Wood pulp	2,205	187,198	1,933	159,456
Newsprint	2,108	143,381	1,827	123,841
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	2,183	143,281	2,563	165,308
Cement	911	89,584	841	82,687
Other non-metallic mineral products	73	5,350	91	5,654
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	3,427	294,895	4,077	344,363
Copper, primary or semi-finished	114	9,893	207	18,023
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,330	199,243	2,652	227,054
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	802	73,549	537	50,173
Articles of base metal	672	44,135	867	55,378
Machinery	526	7,902	239	4,119
Automobiles and mini-vans	11,417	215,933	9,223	167,223
Freight motor vehicles	6,886	122,776	6,848	122,360
Other vehicles	34	926	22	135
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	564	13,728	525	13,088
Other transportation equipment	108	6,465	433	15,903
Metallic waste and scrap	2,415	200,585	2,429	195,387
Non-metallic waste and scrap	621	48,163	397	31,478
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	315	12,477	138	5,837
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	0	0	1	37
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	7,889	114,736	8,178	120,447
Less than carload shipments	...	27	...	39
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	128,528	9,017,837	126,924	9,081,815

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 3
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada — Western Division

	November 2012		November 2011	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	19,039	1,796,573	21,263	1,998,537
Other cereal grains	4,491	368,318	3,899	316,201
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	1,955	180,294	2,734	252,002
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	9,192	753,635	11,362	930,781
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	1,991	175,406	793	69,783
Animal feed and products	2,072	189,274	1,829	162,798
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	833	68,960	1,020	83,356
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	3,783	332,185	4,111	351,192
Sugar	25	1,847	27	2,157
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	257	17,987	233	16,520
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	35	2,883	35	2,886
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,332	126,947	2,252	219,071
Salt	672	61,864	606	55,098
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	4,491	421,141	5,184	489,265
Gypsum	138	13,050	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	69	6,171	278	25,540
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	544	52,530	687	64,724
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	98	8,661	54	4,415
Other metallic ores and concentrates	1	65	0	0
Coal	26,812	2,814,277	25,991	2,735,143
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	434	32,336	956	73,462
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	6,988	571,715	2,877	236,279
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	3,543	218,750	3,192	198,124
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,928	168,088	904	74,322
Other refined petroleum and coal products	3,557	293,239	1,928	157,427
Sulphuric acid	371	32,657	437	38,098
Alumina	0	0	0	0
Other basic chemicals	4,098	359,098	4,040	354,740
Potash	10,047	966,270	12,575	1,245,786
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,587	377,249	4,114	343,459
Other chemical products and preparations	70	5,517	93	7,056
Plastic and rubber	2,259	203,042	2,307	204,499
Logs and other wood in the rough	242	15,956	247	14,451
Wood chips	2,406	137,078	2,705	155,994
Lumber	7,603	629,981	7,547	628,908
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	3,067	273,987	2,870	255,140
Wood pulp	6,227	536,567	6,231	534,295
Newsprint	283	18,728	206	13,239
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	726	55,951	706	53,292
Cement	1,145	112,832	1,368	133,522
Other non-metallic mineral products	127	11,181	64	5,574
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	320	28,114	543	48,664
Copper, primary or semi-finished	0	0	0	0
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	56	5,041	21	1,765
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	382	31,766	430	35,392
Articles of base metal	525	39,342	443	33,103
Machinery	9	546	8	519
Automobiles and mini-vans	1,639	22,422	1,852	25,139
Freight motor vehicles	249	3,727	317	4,242
Other vehicles	172	5,300	7	528
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	1	15	0	0
Other transportation equipment	501	15,850	622	18,773
Metallic waste and scrap	1,358	102,186	1,530	114,751
Non-metallic waste and scrap	349	10,828	538	16,596
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	15	1,118	20	1,210
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	2	67	9	127
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	9	842	4	159
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	143,125	12,679,454	144,069	12,808,104

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 4
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada (year to date) — Total

	January 2012 to November 2012		January 2011 to November 2011	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	209,042	19,631,643	198,320	18,576,921
Other cereal grains	51,621	4,268,848	51,225	4,258,458
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	26,776	2,477,557	34,833	3,243,961
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	203	3,531	156	2,730
Colza seeds (canola)	101,240	8,280,071	98,274	8,000,374
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	29,767	2,685,844	18,715	1,663,508
Animal feed and products	28,655	2,495,260	27,652	2,346,406
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	49	1,181	130	3,115
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	13,664	1,030,253	13,222	995,232
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	53,489	4,565,755	49,730	4,196,926
Sugar	4,618	397,699	4,796	410,381
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	3,513	181,202	3,125	161,591
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	13,624	1,102,062	10,151	778,850
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	39,605	3,703,398	39,486	3,669,261
Salt	7,648	694,039	7,660	680,592
Phosphate rock	8,062	727,613	8,841	798,313
Sulphur	52,624	4,942,471	59,084	5,580,291
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	20,531	1,924,168	21,859	2,064,166
Iron ores and concentrates	324,320	29,781,417	339,901	31,481,886
Copper ores and concentrates	8,647	798,254	10,810	980,580
Nickel ores and concentrates	12,167	935,971	16,485	1,279,377
Lead ores and concentrates	2,233	160,747	1,720	123,005
Zinc ores and concentrates	10,884	895,969	10,691	863,654
Other metallic ores and concentrates	59,514	5,365,230	60,962	5,474,299
Coal	319,264	33,422,119	313,118	32,500,263
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	32,091	2,498,348	40,158	3,099,528
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	100,625	8,143,879	60,959	4,939,326
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	61,841	3,894,943	56,576	3,561,852
Coal coke and petroleum coke	32,693	2,518,287	26,043	1,892,413
Other refined petroleum and coal products	52,265	4,187,187	36,503	2,856,597
Sulphuric acid	27,551	2,478,722	24,836	2,230,708
Alumina	31,084	2,893,812	30,738	2,853,221
Other basic chemicals	82,985	7,022,600	85,512	7,209,555
Potash	132,228	12,964,920	160,990	15,901,697
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	48,951	4,039,957	51,730	4,308,990
Other chemical products and preparations	9,813	616,112	10,742	738,679
Plastic and rubber	40,961	3,298,300	40,898	3,301,540
Logs and other wood in the rough	6,401	401,428	7,296	444,971
Wood chips	36,985	2,163,887	36,520	2,144,061
Lumber	110,089	9,067,734	103,168	8,507,960
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	43,617	3,723,167	37,752	3,172,674
Wood pulp	91,994	7,851,561	97,170	8,241,262
Newsprint	26,299	1,783,200	26,141	1,805,911
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	33,022	2,315,519	40,130	2,788,277
Cement	24,141	2,378,863	22,560	2,198,622
Other non-metallic mineral products	2,207	157,976	2,469	179,107
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	49,899	4,224,557	57,812	4,781,662
Copper, primary or semi-finished	1,360	118,730	1,830	158,960
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	23,950	2,058,489	27,404	2,322,221
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	10,210	896,349	8,892	772,049
Articles of base metal	12,372	817,781	13,976	928,565
Machinery	6,512	116,714	2,772	44,169
Automobiles and mini-vans	136,984	2,498,139	110,023	1,928,459
Freight motor vehicles	77,041	1,379,805	62,897	1,121,068
Other vehicles	1,018	25,914	523	9,967
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	6,655	163,064	6,765	166,384
Other transportation equipment	7,098	233,374	6,167	225,954
Metallic waste and scrap	39,214	3,106,933	39,842	3,142,600
Non-metallic waste and scrap	11,081	623,264	8,942	435,808
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	3,622	141,638	2,453	95,401
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	152	1,966	136	1,879
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	84,689	1,237,525	90,263	1,301,988
Less than carload shipments	...	471	...	912
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	2,903,338	232,702,342	2,840,534	229,949,138

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 5
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada (year to date) — Eastern Division

	January 2012 to November 2012		January 2011 to November 2011	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	12,002	1,101,366	12,950	1,177,642
Other cereal grains	11,144	982,397	15,398	1,380,313
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	475	42,765	336	27,296
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	203	3,531	156	2,730
Colza seeds (canola)	411	32,457	7	473
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	22,213	2,033,154	12,802	1,163,035
Animal feed and products	11,017	904,887	10,863	877,136
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	45	824	120	2,475
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	3,131	169,965	2,480	126,556
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	8,035	635,390	6,926	543,312
Sugar	4,266	371,558	4,431	382,149
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	1,242	22,522	1,066	17,186
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	13,224	1,069,984	9,556	730,363
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	7,083	581,509	8,514	690,346
Salt	2,465	213,688	2,687	226,953
Phosphate rock	8,061	727,575	8,836	797,872
Sulphur	2,077	174,236	2,086	186,598
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	17,917	1,681,125	18,863	1,785,396
Iron ores and concentrates	324,320	29,781,417	339,901	31,481,886
Copper ores and concentrates	2,220	184,261	3,464	287,959
Nickel ores and concentrates	12,167	935,971	16,485	1,279,377
Lead ores and concentrates	2,233	160,747	1,720	123,005
Zinc ores and concentrates	9,758	797,411	10,205	822,661
Other metallic ores and concentrates	59,509	5,364,941	60,952	5,473,552
Coal	11,881	986,839	15,539	1,257,679
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	27,176	2,119,093	29,375	2,273,226
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	42,854	3,409,506	29,621	2,336,672
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	33,556	2,135,234	30,264	1,922,511
Coal coke and petroleum coke	11,682	717,752	12,820	769,483
Other refined petroleum and coal products	17,496	1,347,134	16,573	1,257,292
Sulphuric acid	23,146	2,094,187	20,469	1,850,154
Alumina	31,082	2,893,632	30,737	2,853,134
Other basic chemicals	38,380	3,128,081	40,136	3,238,962
Potash	6,366	639,514	6,394	643,633
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,106	349,027	4,634	399,970
Other chemical products and preparations	8,854	543,018	9,784	664,742
Plastic and rubber	18,009	1,241,520	15,497	1,047,077
Logs and other wood in the rough	4,044	252,454	5,260	317,924
Wood chips	9,693	602,760	9,295	589,176
Lumber	24,842	1,993,912	24,026	1,950,906
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	8,480	595,422	7,750	534,136
Wood pulp	22,032	1,839,872	27,027	2,248,854
Newsprint	23,119	1,572,383	23,375	1,619,338
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	24,416	1,645,212	31,793	2,143,871
Cement	10,649	1,046,970	9,919	973,848
Other non-metallic mineral products	1,302	78,547	1,471	93,210
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	44,685	3,762,802	53,144	4,366,409
Copper, primary or semi-finished	1,360	118,730	1,830	158,960
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	23,401	2,011,011	27,283	2,312,638
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	5,727	527,170	4,353	396,991
Articles of base metal	7,202	435,987	7,577	466,170
Machinery	6,180	100,735	2,657	37,064
Automobiles and mini-vans	112,974	2,171,330	93,727	1,699,617
Freight motor vehicles	74,555	1,342,428	60,774	1,087,476
Other vehicles	824	19,493	488	7,936
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	6,652	162,997	6,760	166,285
Other transportation equipment	1,569	57,886	1,583	81,735
Metallic waste and scrap	21,714	1,782,472	24,335	1,967,922
Non-metallic waste and scrap	5,503	433,054	3,812	285,327
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	3,043	111,492	2,156	77,497
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	8	205	7	288
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	84,598	1,230,292	89,976	1,288,105
Less than carload shipments	...	471	...	912
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	1,340,118	93,646,180	1,333,025	94,973,404

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 6
Railway carloading statistics for non-intermodal traffic by commodity in Canada (year to date) — Western Division

	January 2012 to November 2012		January 2011 to November 2011	
	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes	Number of rail cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	197,040	18,530,277	185,370	17,399,279
Other cereal grains	40,477	3,286,451	35,827	2,878,145
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	26,301	2,434,792	34,497	3,216,665
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	100,829	8,247,614	98,267	7,999,901
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	7,554	652,690	5,913	500,473
Animal feed and products	17,638	1,590,373	16,789	1,469,270
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	4	357	10	640
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	10,533	860,288	10,742	868,676
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	45,454	3,930,365	42,804	3,653,614
Sugar	352	26,141	365	28,232
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	2,271	158,680	2,059	144,405
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	400	32,078	595	48,487
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	32,522	3,121,889	30,972	2,978,915
Salt	5,183	480,351	4,973	453,639
Phosphate rock	1	38	5	441
Sulphur	50,547	4,768,235	56,998	5,393,693
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ¹	2,614	243,043	2,996	278,770
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	6,427	613,993	7,346	692,621
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Zinc ores and concentrates	1,126	98,558	486	40,993
Other metallic ores and concentrates	5	289	10	747
Coal	307,383	32,435,280	297,579	31,242,584
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	4,915	379,255	10,783	826,302
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	57,771	4,734,373	31,338	2,602,654
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	28,285	1,759,709	26,312	1,639,341
Coal coke and petroleum coke	21,011	1,800,535	13,223	1,122,930
Other refined petroleum and coal products	34,769	2,840,053	19,930	1,599,305
Sulphuric acid	4,405	384,535	4,367	380,554
Alumina	2	180	1	87
Other basic chemicals	44,605	3,894,519	45,376	3,970,593
Potash	125,862	12,325,406	154,596	15,258,064
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	44,845	3,690,930	47,096	3,909,020
Other chemical products and preparations	959	73,094	958	73,937
Plastic and rubber	22,952	2,056,780	25,401	2,254,463
Logs and other wood in the rough	2,357	148,974	2,036	127,047
Wood chips	27,292	1,561,127	27,225	1,554,885
Lumber	85,247	7,073,822	79,142	6,557,054
Other wood products (plywood, veneer)	35,137	3,127,745	30,002	2,638,538
Wood pulp	69,962	6,011,689	70,143	5,992,408
Newsprint	3,180	210,817	2,766	186,573
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	8,606	670,307	8,337	644,406
Cement	13,492	1,331,893	12,641	1,224,774
Other non-metallic mineral products	905	79,429	998	85,897
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	5,214	461,755	4,668	415,253
Copper, primary or semi-finished	0	0	0	0
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	549	47,478	121	9,583
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	4,483	369,179	4,539	375,058
Articles of base metal	5,170	381,794	6,399	462,395
Machinery	332	15,979	115	7,105
Automobiles and mini-vans	24,010	326,809	16,296	228,842
Freight motor vehicles	2,486	37,377	2,123	33,592
Other vehicles	194	6,421	35	2,031
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	3	67	5	99
Other transportation equipment	5,529	175,488	4,584	144,219
Metallic waste and scrap	17,500	1,324,461	15,507	1,174,678
Non-metallic waste and scrap	5,578	190,210	5,130	150,481
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	579	30,146	297	17,904
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	144	1,761	129	1,591
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	91	7,233	287	13,883
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ²	1,563,220	139,056,162	1,507,509	134,975,734

1. Includes loadings of gypsum.

2. Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Table 7
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada — Total

	November 2012			November 2011		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	21,697,291	.	.	21,889,919
Container-on-flat-car	158,873	300,475	2,441,168	152,335	287,667	2,338,568
Trailer-on-flat-car	4,175	.	58,118	4,306	.	60,422
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	3,244,271	.	.	2,924,251
Total traffic carried	.	.	27,440,848	.	.	27,213,160
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	11,167	22,685	161,077	10,178	20,831	151,994
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,771	.	24,973	1,760	.	25,271
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	2,560,877	.	.	2,510,354

1. Estimated numbers.

Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Table 8
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada — Eastern Division

	November 2012			November 2011		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	9,017,837	.	.	9,081,815
Container-on-flat-car	72,529	141,907	1,165,665	71,259	138,371	1,140,857
Trailer-on-flat-car	3,980	.	54,262	3,942	.	52,538
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	795,978	.	.	754,037
Total traffic carried	.	.	11,033,742	.	.	11,029,247
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	5,286	11,340	68,020	4,583	9,848	65,683
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	10	.	155	4	.	36
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	1,988,004	.	.	1,955,374

1. Estimated numbers.

Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Table 9

Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada — Western Division

	November 2012			November 2011		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	12,679,454	.	.	12,808,104
Container-on-flat-car	86,344	158,568	1,275,503	81,076	149,296	1,197,711
Trailer-on-flat-car	195	.	3,856	364	.	7,884
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	2,448,293	.	.	2,170,214
Total traffic carried	.	.	16,407,106	.	.	16,183,913
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	5,881	11,345	93,057	5,595	10,983	86,311
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,761	.	24,818	1,756	.	25,235
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	572,873	.	.	554,980

1. Estimated numbers.

Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Table 10

Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada (year to date) — Total

	January 2012 to November 2012			January 2011 to November 2011		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	232,702,342	.	.	229,949,138
Container-on-flat-car	1,733,277	3,286,470	26,230,483	1,615,226	3,050,956	24,594,085
Trailer-on-flat-car	42,152	.	613,778	50,165	.	731,008
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	36,295,398	.	.	32,846,267
Total traffic carried	.	.	295,842,001	.	.	288,120,498
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	125,598	257,762	1,841,077	104,503	215,001	1,486,235
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	22,905	.	325,838	21,589	.	312,054
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	32,156,366	.	.	26,996,859

1. Estimated numbers.

Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Table 11
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada (year to date) — Eastern Division

	January 2012 to November 2012			January 2011 to November 2011		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	93,646,180	.	.	94,973,404
Container-on-flat-car	751,153	1,472,539	12,002,058	758,373	1,463,970	12,154,751
Trailer-on-flat-car	38,991	.	548,109	45,957	.	635,959
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	8,900,930	.	.	8,612,080
Total traffic carried	.	.	115,097,277	.	.	116,376,194
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	60,207	129,262	790,336	53,666	114,165	703,575
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	30	.	359	8	.	74
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	25,344,508	.	.	19,694,290

1. Estimated numbers.

Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Table 12
Railway carloading statistics for intermodal and non-intermodal traffic in Canada (year to date) — Western Division

	January 2012 to November 2012			January 2011 to November 2011		
	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ¹	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded	.	.	139,056,162	.	.	134,975,734
Container-on-flat-car	982,124	1,813,931	14,228,425	856,853	1,586,986	12,439,334
Trailer-on-flat-car	3,161	.	65,669	4,208	.	95,049
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	27,394,468	.	.	24,234,187
Total traffic carried	.	.	180,744,724	.	.	171,744,304
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	65,391	128,500	1,050,741	50,837	100,836	782,660
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	22,875	.	325,479	21,581	.	311,980
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	6,811,858	.	.	7,302,569

1. Estimated numbers.

Note(s): Unit of measure "TEUs" means: twenty-foot equivalent units.

Methodology and concepts

The **Railway Carloadings (Monthly)** publication presents essential data for timely analysis of the Rail Transport Industry and its contribution to the Canadian economy. Approximately 40 rail carriers report each month on their total intermodal¹ and non-intermodal² traffic. For non-intermodal traffic, the carriers report the number of cars and tonnes by commodity of revenue-generating freight that they have loaded in Canada. For intermodal freight, the carriers report the number of units and tonnes for containers-on-flat-cars (C.O.F.C.) and trailers-on-flat-cars (T.O.F.C.), with no commodity detail. The carriers also report the total tonnage of revenue freight received from United States connections.

The total quantity of freight carried in Canada is the sum of the non-intermodal and intermodal freight loaded and the traffic received from U.S. connections. Additional information provided includes the number of units and tonnes of C.O.F.C. and T.O.F.C. received from U.S. connections and the total tonnes of cargo that the carriers received from other Canadian connections. This freight that is exchanged among Canadian based carriers is counted only once in the total quantity of freight moved as it is counted only when loaded. For intermodal freight, twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) are derived from the dimensions of the freight-laden containers. Empty containers are not included in these statistics.

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