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Highlights:

- In February 2000, the freight loaded by railways in Canada (excluding intermodal traffic) totalled 21.0 million metric tonnes. This represented an increase of 15.2% compared to February 1999.
- The intermodal tonnage, represented by "container-on-flat-cars" (C.O.F.C.) and "trailer-on-flat-cars" (T.O.F.C.) increased by 17.3% compared to the same period in 1999, to reach 2.1 million metric tonnes.
- The five main loaded commodities were: coal (3.6million metric tonnes), iron ores and concentrates (2.8 million metric tonnes), wheat (1.9 million metric tonnes), potash (1.4 million metric tonnes) and lumber (0.9 million metric tonnes). Among the five main loaded commodities, wheat recorded strong increase of 76.3%.
- The cumulative freight loaded (excluding intermodal traffic) for January and February 2000 reached 40.7 million metric tonnes.

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TABLE 1. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Total¹

MRC code	Commodity	February 2000		February 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	21,347	1 910 215	12,142	1 083 223		
2	Other cereal grains	4,550	358 937	2,501	201 487		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	1,658	130 057	1,564	126 937		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	3,820	303 753	3,055	242 793		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	636	51 358	227	17 930		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	2,017	161 849	1,699	135 668		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	-	-	1	75		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	1,017	73 401	960	67 956		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,321	178 785	1,989	155 167		
11	Sugar	390	32 489	289	24 255		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	44	2 666	34	2 169		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	58	4 229	48	3 623		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,601	129 006	1,640	138 296		
15	Salt	1,199	117 097	1,284	120 172		
16	Phosphate rock	152	13 766	-	-		
17	Sulphur	6,763	637 709	6,075	571 504		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ³	4,965	430 816	4,265	353 424		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	29,733	2 761 581	25,981	2 354 118		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	1,194	105 201	1,281	114 209		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	3,311	239 814	4,653	337 690		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	1,001	85 351	495	39 703		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	1,151	101 191	378	32 952		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	73	6 543	58	5 151		
26	Coal	37,475	3 632 489	34,369	3 388 434		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,655	117 638	1,581	110 950		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	3,977	318 763	3,795	303 379		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	7,456	463 547	5,879	372 254		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,966	121 526	1,751	113 312		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	2,229	167 524	1,779	132 196		
32	Sulphuric acid	1,966	173 448	2,081	185 048		
33	Alumina	3,582	323 982	3,881	351 303		
34	Other basic chemicals	6,716	551 721	7,112	592 733		
35	Potash	14,946	1 413 198	14,363	1 310 637		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	5,058	422 593	4,610	384 087		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	1,010	84 151	627	52 373		
38	Plastic and rubber	3,337	270 764	2,891	232 526		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	5,913	356 959	4,963	296 905		
40	Wood chips	7,929	481 403	7,113	420 395		
41	Lumber	12,215	921 606	11,151	818 101		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	4,738	344 159	3,886	258 425		
43	Wood pulp	9,980	774 746	9,460	716 011		
44	Newsprint	6,526	398 106	6,269	374 841		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	4,174	256 771	4,234	269 061		
46	Cement	1,541	136 820	1,519	133 282		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	774	61 452	581	43 991		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	3,974	322 343	2,252	171 663		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	459	37 533	1,075	91 189		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	1,570	122 184	1,596	124 041		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	480	38 284	430	34 530		
52	Articles of base metal	1,113	76 333	1,384	99 662		
53	Machinery	178	8 881	102	4 785		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	8,550	152 158	8,092	139 997		
55	Freight motor vehicles	10,684	183 812	10,209	185 602		
56	Other vehicles	37	1 863	28	1 247		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,414	72 964	2,293	69 820		
58	Other transportation equipment	1,626	34 639	1,228	27 418		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	2,208	170 578	1,913	139 449		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	843	49 486	750	44 527		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	401	21 653	309	16 589		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	1,277	49 913	1,510	53 896		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	332	13 448	281	13 408		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	1 943		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded⁴		270,310	20 985 255	237,966	18 208 514		
		Units	TEUs⁵	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs⁵	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	117,704	237,519	1 941 591	102,199	203,723	1 672 806
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	7,443	...	141 008	5,255	...	101 925
	Traffic received from United States connections	1 279 438	1 640 693
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	24 347 292	21 623 938
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	3 571 148	3 745 223
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	9,491	18,564	125 328	13,762	26,701	178 971
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	2,738	...	42 913	2,463	...	40 663

See footnote(s) at the end of Chart 1.

TABLE 2. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Eastern Division

MRC code	Commodity	February 2000		February 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	462	40 665	612	54 603		
2	Other cereal grains	359	32 242	413	35 796		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	54	4 474	34	2 358		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	154	13 041	33	2 758		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	77	6 570	11	935		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	740	59 480	673	54 209		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	-	-	1	75		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	35	2 437	52	3 852		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	124	9 335	202	15 197		
11	Sugar	353	29 091	280	23 482		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	7	385	4	239		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	25	1 467	18	1 117		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	967	72 700	638	49 932		
15	Salt	952	95 964	1,048	100 078		
16	Phosphate rock	152	13 766	-	-		
17	Sulphur	80	7 325	82	7 330		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ³	4,575	396 213	3,884	319 162		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	29,733	2 761 581	25,981	2 354 118		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	581	50 947	726	64 433		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	3,311	239 814	4,653	337 690		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	590	52 215	-	-		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	963	84 904	239	20 775		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	7	546	3	254		
26	Coal	4,120	315 673	2,163	191 714		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,264	89 997	1,206	84 441		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	1,617	138 990	1,972	162 257		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	3,854	241 663	3,554	227 056		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,311	71 116	1,139	66 491		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,534	112 446	1,244	90 331		
32	Sulphuric acid	1,693	149 598	1,807	160 477		
33	Alumina	3,581	323 884	3,881	351 303		
34	Other basic chemicals	2,867	217 920	2,695	212 632		
35	Potash	1,022	93 336	733	67 386		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	214	18 305	176	14 990		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	829	68 843	451	37 635		
38	Plastic and rubber	2,039	160 158	1,676	131 254		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	2,927	144 051	1,856	84 707		
40	Wood chips	1,412	83 089	1,284	70 392		
41	Lumber	4,686	341 250	4,297	308 741		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	2,125	158 198	1,964	130 288		
43	Wood pulp	3,855	284 134	3,830	270 597		
44	Newsprint	4,663	281 961	4,708	277 342		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	3,641	222 040	3,326	205 239		
46	Cement	699	62 036	825	71 430		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	534	41 774	281	19 481		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	3,331	273 253	1,924	146 655		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	346	29 465	969	83 559		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	1,498	117 043	1,487	116 461		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	317	27 565	268	23 456		
52	Articles of base metal	842	58 373	707	48 845		
53	Machinery	164	8 269	75	3 278		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	7,345	136 511	7,012	125 765		
55	Freight motor vehicles	10,471	180 693	9,975	182 356		
56	Other vehicles	16	954	2	25		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,414	72 964	2,293	69 820		
58	Other transportation equipment	1,305	24 545	1,024	21 598		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	1,377	111 948	1,124	88 992		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	395	24 036	375	22 192		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	185	11 469	95	5 607		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	1,273	49 805	1,507	53 857		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	258	10 792	248	11 967		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	1 943		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded⁴		126,325	8 733 314	113,740	7 690 954		
		Units	TEUs^o	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs^o	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	74,100	147,835	1 199 511	67,010	131,604	1 086 559
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	4,454	...	78 817	2,916	...	50 704
	Traffic received from United States connections	1 090 941	1 250 841
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	11 102 583	10 079 058
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	2 726 415	3 111 890
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	9,031	17,643	118 757	13,542	26,262	175 510
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	2,219	...	35 952	1,444	...	24 905

See footnote(s) at the end of Chart 1.

TABLE 3. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Western Division

MRC code	Commodity	February 2000		February 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	20,885	1 869 550	11,530	1 028 620		
2	Other cereal grains	4,191	326 695	2,088	165 691		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	1,604	125 583	1,530	124 579		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	3,666	290 712	3,022	240 035		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	559	44 788	216	16 995		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	1,277	102 369	1,026	81 459		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	-	-	-	-		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	982	70 964	908	64 104		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,197	169 450	1,787	139 970		
11	Sugar	37	3 398	9	773		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	37	2 281	30	1 930		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	33	2 762	30	2 506		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	634	56 306	1,002	88 364		
15	Salt	247	21 133	236	20 094		
16	Phosphate rock	-	-	-	-		
17	Sulphur	6,683	630 384	5,993	564 174		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ³	390	34 603	381	34 262		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	-	-	-	-		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	613	54 254	555	49 776		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	-	-	-	-		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	411	33 136	495	39 703		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	188	16 287	139	12 177		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	66	5 997	55	4 897		
26	Coal	33,355	3 316 816	32,206	3 196 720		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	391	27 641	375	26 509		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,360	179 773	1,823	141 122		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	3,602	221 884	2,325	145 198		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	655	50 410	612	46 821		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	695	55 078	535	41 865		
32	Sulphuric acid	273	23 850	274	24 571		
33	Alumina	1	98	-	-		
34	Other basic chemicals	3,849	333 801	4,417	380 101		
35	Potash	13,924	1 319 862	13,630	1 243 251		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,844	404 288	4,434	369 097		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	181	15 308	176	14 738		
38	Plastic and rubber	1,298	110 606	1,215	101 272		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	2,986	212 908	3,107	212 198		
40	Wood chips	6,517	398 314	5,829	350 003		
41	Lumber	7,529	580 356	6,854	509 360		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	2,613	185 961	1,922	128 137		
43	Wood pulp	6,125	490 612	5,630	445 414		
44	Newsprint	1,863	116 145	1,561	97 499		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	533	34 731	908	63 822		
46	Cement	842	74 784	694	61 852		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	240	19 678	300	24 510		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	643	49 090	328	25 008		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	113	8 068	106	7 630		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	72	5 141	109	7 580		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	163	10 719	162	11 074		
52	Articles of base metal	271	17 960	677	50 817		
53	Machinery	14	612	27	1 507		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	1,205	15 647	1,080	14 232		
55	Freight motor vehicles	213	3 119	234	3 246		
56	Other vehicles	21	909	26	1 222		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	-	-	-	-		
58	Other transportation equipment	321	10 094	204	5 820		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	831	58 630	789	50 457		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	448	25 450	375	22 335		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	216	10 184	214	10 982		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	4	108	3	39		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	74	2 656	33	1 441		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	-		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded⁴		143,985	12 251 941	124,226	10 517 560		
		Units	TEUs⁵	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs⁵	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	43,604	89,684	742 080	35,189	72,119	586 247
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	2,989	...	62 191	2,339	...	51 221
	Traffic received from United States connections	188 497	389 852
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	13 244 709	11 544 880
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	844 733	633 333
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	460	921	6 571	220	439	3 461
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	519	...	6 961	1,019	...	15 758

See footnote(s) at the end of Chart 1.

TABLE 4. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Total¹

MRC code	Commodity	January 2000 to February 2000		January 1999 to February 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	39,468	3 531 329	24,730	2 200 527		
2	Other cereal grains	8,067	635 480	5,264	425 122		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	3,491	274 897	3,345	271 894		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	8,024	636 407	6,940	552 902		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	862	69 565	662	53 883		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	3,986	320 779	3,249	260 082		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	1	74	5	336		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	1,920	139 184	2,019	145 225		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	4,762	367 727	4,283	331 119		
11	Sugar	662	54 500	559	46 990		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	87	5 206	82	5 249		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	93	6 891	94	6 921		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	4,373	361 566	3,098	263 495		
15	Salt	2,394	229 290	2,597	242 892		
16	Phosphate rock	305	27 298	-	-		
17	Sulphur	13,538	1 277 026	12,468	1 174 263		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ³	9,793	848 881	9,092	764 091		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	59,801	5 526 030	46,839	4 221 729		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	2,301	202 827	2,553	226 823		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	6,653	482 359	8,419	611 393		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	1,953	166 994	1,167	93 664		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	2,206	193 913	682	59 636		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	155	13 654	210	13 854		
26	Coal	68,931	6 720 046	68,105	6 689 832		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,926	210 064	3,364	237 293		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	7,762	623 230	7,919	628 726		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	15,502	963 254	13,271	835 188		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	3,776	230 963	3,295	213 692		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	3,978	297 552	3,104	229 624		
32	Sulphuric acid	4,100	362 197	3,903	346 151		
33	Alumina	6,207	554 291	6,501	581 931		
34	Other basic chemicals	13,942	1 150 217	14,351	1 200 259		
35	Potash	29,383	2 768 245	28,127	2 563 675		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	10,238	858 165	8,996	750 276		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	1,765	147 960	1,224	102 233		
38	Plastic and rubber	6,371	516 491	5,738	467 090		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	10,795	637 980	9,268	592 889		
40	Wood chips	14,381	870 398	13,857	821 196		
41	Lumber	23,425	1 768 260	21,777	1 607 478		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	9,713	708 548	7,624	517 545		
43	Wood pulp	19,613	1 541 850	19,012	1 421 204		
44	Newsprint	13,022	791 604	12,718	756 089		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	8,090	495 629	8,386	532 087		
46	Cement	2,955	263 176	2,658	234 230		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	1,636	130 303	1,056	81 335		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	7,663	625 567	4,711	355 648		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	1,107	90 060	2,320	196 344		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	3,135	244 087	3,175	248 405		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	962	77 193	878	69 634		
52	Articles of base metal	2,450	169 898	2,701	192 777		
53	Machinery	399	20 876	237	11 747		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	17,492	309 875	14,260	243 917		
55	Freight motor vehicles	20,123	350 791	18,402	330 404		
56	Other vehicles	62	3 457	63	2 766		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	4,712	145 883	4,195	131 824		
58	Other transportation equipment	2,978	60 496	2,118	53 431		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	4,324	331 383	3,607	262 917		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	1,789	103 760	1,567	89 976		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	707	38 996	762	36 222		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	2,380	93 098	2,986	108 848		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	650	26 297	520	25 987		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	5 345		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded⁴		524,339	40 674 032	465,113	35 748 302		
		Units	TEUs⁵	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs⁵	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	223,605	450,479	3 692 361	192,837	424,493	3 197 709
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	13,816	...	261 384	10,001	...	193 036
	Traffic received from United States connections	2 511 675	3 172 849
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	47 139 452	42 311 896
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	7 741 817	7 491 505
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	18,638	36,434	248 779	26,158	50,793	341 985
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	5,086	...	80 577	4,711	...	76 580

See footnote(s) at the end of Chart 1.

TABLE 5. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Eastern Division

MRC code	Commodity	January 2000 to February 2000		January 1999 to February 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	992	88 730	1,012	90 813		
2	Other cereal grains	636	56 988	752	65 394		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	123	9 818	72	5 451		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	306	25 905	111	9 587		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	138	11 856	46	4 103		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	1,447	115 627	1,319	105 810		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	1	74	5	336		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	71	4 921	119	8 974		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	270	20 354	378	28 466		
11	Sugar	624	51 013	542	45 528		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	17	874	10	619		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	32	1 778	37	2 144		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	2,027	153 816	1,122	89 121		
15	Salt	1,842	181 638	2,084	198 928		
16	Phosphate rock	305	27 298	-	-		
17	Sulphur	142	12 974	165	14 865		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ³	9,054	783 806	8,403	702 113		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	59,801	5 526 030	46,839	4 221 729		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	1,210	105 959	1,459	129 029		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	6,653	482 359	8,419	611 393		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	1,163	102 961	68	4 964		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	1,909	168 023	470	40 999		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	19	1 462	98	3 879		
26	Coal	6,320	488 570	5,447	466 225		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,118	152 792	2,576	179 980		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	3,303	283 116	4,156	336 245		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	8,174	508 601	7,548	481 484		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	2,488	132 579	2,093	121 959		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	2,709	196 801	2,182	157 755		
32	Sulphuric acid	3,556	314 520	3,343	296 037		
33	Alumina	6,205	554 102	6,501	581 931		
34	Other basic chemicals	5,760	441 874	5,107	405 475		
35	Potash	1,996	182 256	1,765	162 059		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	400	34 088	324	27 662		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	1,366	113 760	929	77 480		
38	Plastic and rubber	3,856	302 242	3,343	265 976		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	5,515	262 708	3,194	172 922		
40	Wood chips	2,728	160 535	2,420	132 189		
41	Lumber	8,892	645 170	7,841	563 437		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	4,416	330 807	3,860	264 650		
43	Wood pulp	7,512	553 514	7,689	546 603		
44	Newsprint	9,477	571 185	9,422	549 465		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	7,146	434 837	6,601	409 092		
46	Cement	1,447	128 834	1,328	114 891		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	1,073	84 134	456	32 273		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	6,502	536 373	3,918	296 367		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	876	73 552	2,128	182 708		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	2,972	232 208	3,005	236 061		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	650	56 295	533	46 066		
52	Articles of base metal	1,414	98 564	1,442	100 646		
53	Machinery	345	17 806	151	6 115		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	15,114	278 693	12,330	218 681		
55	Freight motor vehicles	19,745	345 380	17,959	324 236		
56	Other vehicles	35	2 269	8	127		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	4,712	145 883	4,195	131 824		
58	Other transportation equipment	2,513	45 729	1,761	42 070		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	2,599	212 305	2,112	168 433		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	936	56 365	682	40 466		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	311	21 035	358	16 341		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	2,373	92 862	2,981	108 747		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	495	20 782	484	24 374		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	5 345		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded⁴		246,831	17 047 399	215,702	14 678 643		
		Units	TEUs⁵	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs⁵	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	140,043	278,907	2 269 877	124,082	283,367	2 034 071
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	7,890	...	141 627	5,565	...	96 164
	Traffic received from United States connections	2 132 716	2 464 925
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	21 591 619	19 273 803
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	6 225 234	6 154 883
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	17,761	34,683	236 141	25,766	50,006	336 190
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	4,109	...	67 385	2,922	...	49 651

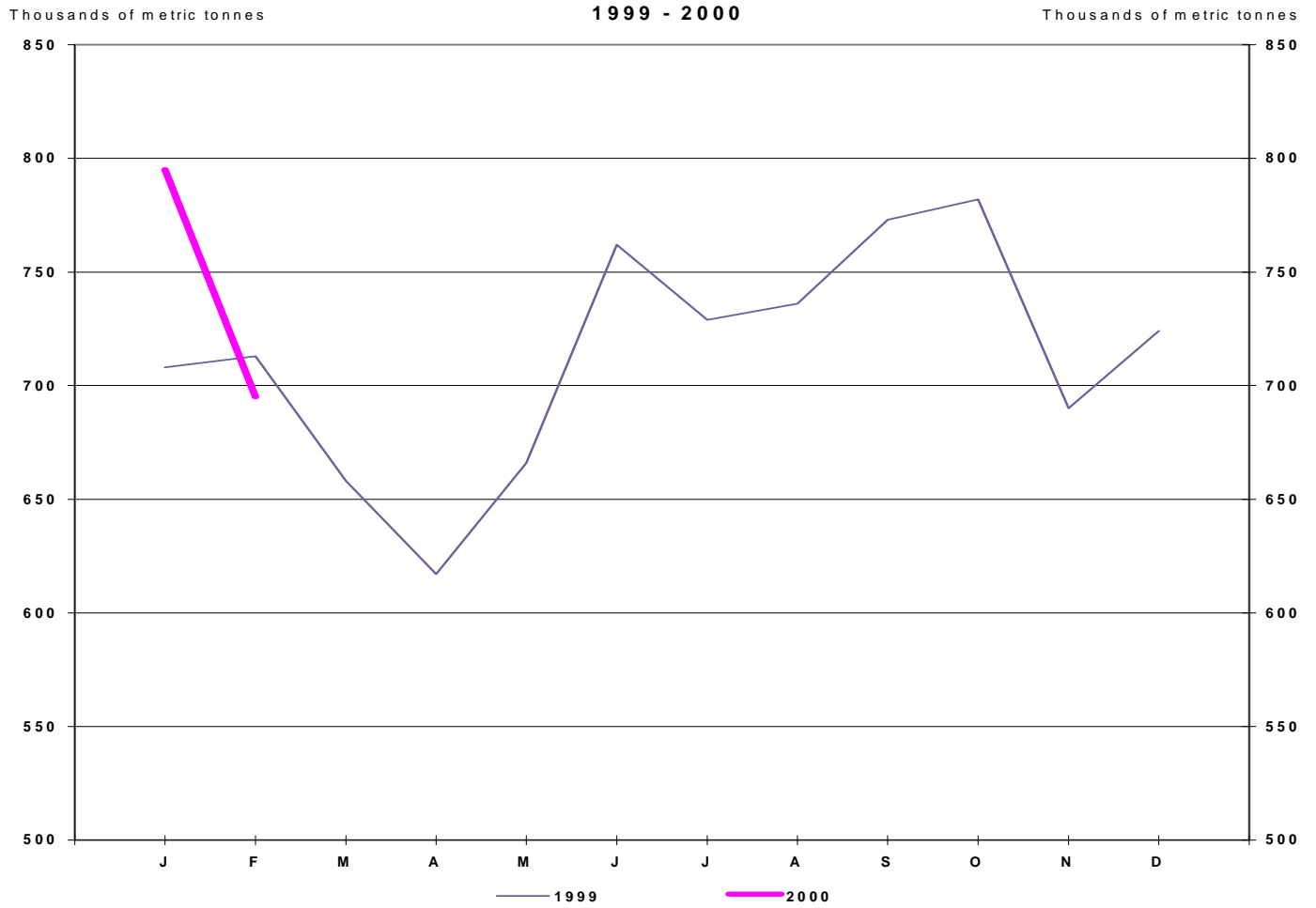
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TABLE 6. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Western Division

MRC code	Commodity	January 2000 to February 2000		January 1999 to February 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	38,476	3 442 599	23,718	2 109 714		
2	Other cereal grains	7,431	578 492	4,512	359 728		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	3,368	265 079	3,273	266 443		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	7,718	610 502	6,829	543 315		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	724	57 709	616	49 780		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	2,539	205 152	1,930	154 272		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	-	-	-	-		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	1,849	134 263	1,900	136 251		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	4,492	347 373	3,905	302 653		
11	Sugar	38	3 487	17	1 462		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	70	4 332	72	4 630		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	61	5 113	57	4 777		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	2,346	207 750	1,976	174 374		
15	Salt	552	47 652	513	43 964		
16	Phosphate rock	-	-	-	-		
17	Sulphur	13,396	1 264 052	12,303	1 159 398		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ³	739	65 075	689	61 978		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	-	-	-	-		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	1,091	96 868	1,094	97 794		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	-	-	-	-		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	790	64 033	1,099	88 700		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	297	25 890	212	18 637		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	136	12 192	112	9 975		
26	Coal	62,611	6 231 476	62,658	6 223 607		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	808	57 272	788	57 313		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	4,459	340 114	3,763	292 481		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	7,328	454 653	5,723	353 704		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,288	98 384	1,202	91 733		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,269	100 751	922	71 869		
32	Sulphuric acid	544	47 677	560	50 114		
33	Alumina	2	189	-	-		
34	Other basic chemicals	8,182	708 343	9,244	794 784		
35	Potash	27,387	2 585 989	26,362	2 401 616		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	9,838	824 077	8,672	722 614		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	399	34 200	295	24 753		
38	Plastic and rubber	2,515	214 249	2,395	201 114		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	5,280	375 272	6,074	419 967		
40	Wood chips	11,653	709 863	11,437	689 007		
41	Lumber	14,533	1 123 090	13,936	1 044 041		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	5,297	377 741	3,764	252 895		
43	Wood pulp	12,101	988 336	11,323	874 601		
44	Newsprint	3,545	220 419	3,296	206 624		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	944	60 792	1,785	122 995		
46	Cement	1,508	134 342	1,330	119 339		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	563	46 169	600	49 062		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	1,161	89 194	793	59 281		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	231	16 508	192	13 636		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	163	11 879	170	12 344		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	312	20 898	345	23 568		
52	Articles of base metal	1,036	71 334	1,259	92 131		
53	Machinery	54	3 070	86	5 632		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	2,378	31 182	1,930	25 236		
55	Freight motor vehicles	378	5 411	443	6 168		
56	Other vehicles	27	1 188	55	2 639		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	-	-	-	-		
58	Other transportation equipment	465	14 767	357	11 361		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	1,725	119 078	1,495	94 484		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	853	47 395	885	49 510		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	396	17 961	404	19 881		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	7	236	5	101		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	155	5 515	36	1 613		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	-		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded⁴		277,508	23 626 633	249,411	21 069 659		
		Units	TEUs⁵	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs⁵	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	83,562	171,572	1 422 484	68,755	141,126	1 163 638
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	5,926	...	119 757	4,436	...	96 872
	Traffic received from United States connections	378 959	707 924
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	25 547 833	23 038 093
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	1 516 583	1 336 622
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	877	1,751	12 638	392	787	5 795
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	977	...	13 192	1,789	...	26 929

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Freight Loaded - Daily Average¹



¹ Daily average calculated by dividing total freight loaded by the number of days in the month.

Methodology and concepts

The *Monthly Carloadings* publication is published monthly to collect data which is essential for the analysis of the Railway Transport Industry and the assessment of its contribution to the Canadian economy. The data is also used by various Government Departments to develop policy and to monitor the industry. Close to 40 carriers participate in this survey. These carriers must report the number of cars and tonnes of revenue freight for: non-intermodal traffic loaded, traffic received from other rail carriers, intermodal traffic loaded and intermodal traffic received from U.S. connections. The twenty equivalent units (TEUs) are estimated using the dimension of containers used for the intermodal transport of freight. The empty containers returned, are not included.

The data is collected through the use of a questionnaire, which has to be returned to Statistics Canada on or before the eighth working day following the reference month. Manual and automated edits are performed on the received data. Afterwards, carriers' data are aggregated and presented in the different tables of the publication. These tables show data for: Canada, Eastern and Western divisions¹. The cumulative data are contained in tables 4, 5 and 6 as well as the revised data of the previous months.

In 1999, the monthly Railway Carloadings survey was affected by the implementation of SCTG. The categories of the current publication consist of an aggregation of the SCTG categories. Comparison of the new and old series of goods is not necessarily appropriate. The impact on bulk commodities such as wheat, potash and coal are negligible. However, the comparison of residual categories or of manufactured products categories is not appropriate. It is also worth noting that, starting in January 1999, the number of carriers surveyed has more than doubled from the eighteen carriers surveyed previously.

A list of goods included in each of the new categories used in the monthly Railway Carloadings survey is available on demand. For further information, please contact Francesca Thibeault, Transportation Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0T6, (Telephone : 613-951-0123, fax : 613-951-0009, Internet : thibfra@statcan.ca).

¹ The Eastern and Western Divisions, for statistical purposes, are separated by an imaginary line running from Thunder Bay to Armstrong, Ontario. Freight loaded at Thunder Bay is included in the Western Division while loadings at Armstrong are reported in the Eastern Division.

Footnotes:

- ¹ Data included in table 1 and 4 represent about 40 railway carriers.
- ² Includes carloadings of gypsum.
- ³ Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

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