



# Monthly Railway Carloadings

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### Highlights

- In February 2002, the freight loaded by railways in Canada (excluding intermodal traffic) totaled 17.5 million metric tonnes. This represented a decrease of 7.7% compared to February 2002.
- The intermodal tonnage, represented by “container-on-flat-cars” (C.O.F.C.) and “trailer-on-flat-cars” (T.O.F.C.) increased by 8.6% compared to the same period in 2001, to reach 1.8 million metric tonnes.
- The five main loaded commodities were: coal (2.3 million metric tonnes), iron ores and concentrates (1.9 million metric tonnes), wheat (1.3 million metric tonnes), potash (1.0 million metric tonnes) and lumber (1.0 million metric tonnes).
- The cumulative freight loaded (excluding intermodal traffic) for the twelve months of 2001 reached 35.8 million metric tonnes.

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**Table 1**  
**Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada - Total<sup>1</sup>**

| Commodity  | February 2002  |                   | February 2001  |                   |
|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|  | Cars           | Metric tonnes     | Cars           | Metric tonnes     |
| Wheat  | 14,241         | 1,273,470         | 17,555         | 1,569,736         |
| Other cereal grains  | 2,876          | 233,869           | 4,947          | 386,776           |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables                           | 1,224          | 100,466           | 2,008          | 165,062           |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts                       | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                 |
| Colza seeds (canola)   | 2,847          | 221,830           | 5,261          | 409,656           |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product         | 263            | 21,971            | 177            | 14,501            |
| Animal feed and products                                     | 1,102          | 88,412            | 1,462          | 116,418           |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations                         | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                 |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products    | 996            | 73,930            | 953            | 70,655            |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours                    | 1,642          | 132,586           | 2,143          | 168,018           |
| Sugar  | 343            | 28,559            | 217            | 18,818            |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified               | 144            | 8,663             | 92             | 4,921             |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages                        | 104            | 7,351             | 59             | 4,627             |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone                               | 2,944          | 254,550           | 1,614          | 144,552           |
| Salt   | 964            | 88,502            | 1,387          | 130,038           |
| Phosphate rock   | 708            | 63,996            | 708            | 63,996            |
| Sulphur  | 5,924          | 571,730           | 5,634          | 543,916           |
| Gypsum   | x              | x                 | x              | x                 |
| Other non-metallic minerals <sup>2</sup>                     | 5,006          | 397,841           | 4,345          | 350,222           |
| Iron ores and concentrates                                   | 20,778         | 1,925,459         | 24,004         | 2,284,423         |
| Copper ores and concentrates                                 | 1,595          | 169,905           | 1,781          | 155,962           |
| Nickel ores and concentrates                                 | 2,760          | 200,102           | 3,073          | 166,623           |
| Lead ores and concentrates                                   | 509            | 45,317            | 674            | 56,180            |
| Zinc ores and concentrates                                   | 890            | 79,133            | 940            | 83,428            |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates                         | 173            | 15,638            | 149            | 13,356            |
| Coal   | 23,200         | 2,345,172         | 31,866         | 3,139,074         |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel                           | 2,089          | 157,996           | 1,580          | 115,978           |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum                                | 4,270          | 331,160           | 4,556          | 365,929           |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 6,276          | 408,100           | 6,099          | 387,445           |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke                                 | 1,327          | 93,743            | 1,697          | 108,992           |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products                    | 2,482          | 187,900           | 1,941          | 146,635           |
| Sulphuric acid   | 2,194          | 193,425           | 1,924          | 170,569           |
| Alumina  | 4,350          | 394,855           | 3,601          | 324,818           |
| Other basic chemicals  | 6,579          | 554,718           | 6,482          | 545,350           |
| Potash   | 11,031         | 1,051,556         | 11,107         | 1,061,326         |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash)                               | 4,469          | 377,682           | 4,533          | 379,747           |
| Other chemical products and preparations                     | 929            | 79,971            | 929            | 79,117            |
| Plastic and rubber   | 4,261          | 357,412           | 3,659          | 305,495           |
| Logs and other wood in the rough                             | 5,594          | 318,257           | 5,616          | 322,243           |
| Wood chips   | 6,579          | 398,250           | 7,016          | 422,443           |
| Lumber   | 12,763         | 991,154           | 11,788         | 914,555           |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)              | 4,451          | 336,097           | 4,053          | 295,356           |
| Wood pulp  | 9,335          | 742,015           | 9,117          | 717,704           |
| Newsprint  | 5,803          | 351,872           | 5,976          | 359,497           |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products                | 4,378          | 287,429           | 4,523          | 290,487           |
| Cement   | 1,582          | 143,151           | 1,480          | 133,287           |
| Other non-metallic mineral products                          | 1,096          | 95,637            | 1,120          | 94,986            |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished                     | 3,205          | 260,408           | 3,368          | 270,189           |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished                             | 648            | 53,882            | 552            | 44,664            |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished                           | 2,130          | 169,142           | 1,780          | 138,536           |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished            | 556            | 44,639            | 432            | 35,599            |
| Articles of base metal                                       | 943            | 65,326            | 955            | 59,239            |
| Machinery  | 185            | 9,009             | 287            | 14,204            |
| Automobiles and mini-vans                                    | 10,142         | 177,327           | 8,915          | 167,041           |
| Freight motor vehicles                                       | 8,206          | 147,991           | 7,573          | 137,567           |
| Other vehicles   | 691            | 14,576            | 609            | 12,891            |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles                     | 1,917          | 63,852            | 1,670          | 57,449            |
| Other transportation equipment                               | 943            | 24,692            | 837            | 26,204            |
| Metallic waste and scrap                                     | 1,355          | 107,819           | 2,392          | 180,526           |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap                                 | 868            | 53,891            | 923            | 55,058            |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods                   | 190            | 11,961            | 256            | 13,377            |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated    | 581            | 28,921            | 842            | 39,633            |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight                          | 325            | 21,472            | 454            | 21,947            |
| Less than carload shipments                                  |                | 0                 |                | 0                 |
| <b>Total non-intermodal traffic loaded<sup>3</sup></b>       | <b>225,956</b> | <b>17,455,740</b> | <b>241,691</b> | <b>18,877,041</b> |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

**Table 2**  
**Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada - Eastern Division**

| Commodity  | February 2002  |                  | February 2001  |                  |
|--|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
|  | Cars           | Metric tonnes    | Cars           | Metric tonnes    |
| Wheat  | 163            | 14,769           | 462            | 41,961           |
| Other cereal grains  | 257            | 22,476           | 232            | 20,373           |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables                           | 40             | 3,501            | 66             | 5,960            |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts                       | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                |
| Colza seeds (canola)   | 37             | 2,308            | 39             | 2,707            |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product         | 62             | 5,516            | 20             | 1,701            |
| Animal feed and products                                     | 565            | 44,638           | 507            | 40,690           |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations                         | 0              | 0                | 0              | 0                |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products    | 88             | 6,422            | 29             | 2,188            |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours                    | 129            | 9,400            | 148            | 10,933           |
| Sugar  | 300            | 24,674           | 214            | 18,549           |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified               | 33             | 1,993            | 34             | 1,984            |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages                        | 72             | 4,702            | 25             | 1,809            |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone                               | 744            | 66,781           | 691            | 61,975           |
| Salt   | 659            | 62,161           | 1,096          | 104,793          |
| Phosphate rock   | 708            | 63,996           | 708            | 63,996           |
| Sulphur  | 105            | 9,117            | 74             | 6,618            |
| Gypsum   | x              | x                | x              | x                |
| Other non-metallic minerals <sup>2</sup>                     | 4,683          | 369,515          | 4,181          | 335,752          |
| Iron ores and concentrates                                   | 20,778         | 1,925,459        | 24,004         | 2,284,423        |
| Copper ores and concentrates                                 | 1,106          | 126,242          | 1,208          | 104,805          |
| Nickel ores and concentrates                                 | 2,760          | 200,102          | 3,073          | 166,623          |
| Lead ores and concentrates                                   | 146            | 13,125           | 330            | 29,263           |
| Zinc ores and concentrates                                   | 890            | 79,133           | 940            | 83,428           |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates                         | 61             | 5,441            | 72             | 6,366            |
| Coal   | 490            | 46,474           | 3,996          | 288,434          |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel                           | 1,623          | 123,941          | 1,228          | 90,256           |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum                                | 1,940          | 151,376          | 2,543          | 210,471          |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 3,372          | 223,836          | 3,308          | 213,395          |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke                                 | 683            | 43,110           | 992            | 53,322           |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products                    | 1,513          | 110,771          | 1,249          | 90,976           |
| Sulphuric acid   | 1,944          | 171,556          | 1,721          | 152,348          |
| Alumina  | 4,337          | 394,077          | 3,586          | 323,860          |
| Other basic chemicals  | 2,269          | 179,779          | 2,585          | 204,653          |
| Potash   | 551            | 49,933           | 598            | 54,727           |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash)                               | 133            | 11,631           | 235            | 20,490           |
| Other chemical products and preparations                     | 608            | 52,365           | 523            | 44,552           |
| Plastic and rubber   | 2,127          | 173,543          | 1,936          | 156,840          |
| Logs and other wood in the rough                             | 2,389          | 93,539           | 2,523          | 104,966          |
| Wood chips   | 1,491          | 88,366           | 1,350          | 75,340           |
| Lumber   | 4,298          | 318,686          | 4,168          | 312,985          |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)              | 2,082          | 159,405          | 2,039          | 155,435          |
| Wood pulp  | 3,657          | 278,963          | 3,481          | 258,772          |
| Newsprint  | 4,664          | 281,574          | 4,458          | 264,914          |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products                | 3,192          | 202,723          | 3,488          | 215,287          |
| Cement   | 783            | 69,148           | 698            | 60,921           |
| Other non-metallic mineral products                          | 953            | 83,652           | 917            | 78,053           |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished                     | 2,788          | 226,646          | 2,769          | 223,449          |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished                             | 470            | 39,667           | 449            | 37,082           |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished                           | 2,104          | 166,846          | 1,747          | 135,927          |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished            | 362            | 31,400           | 348            | 29,896           |
| Articles of base metal                                       | 406            | 25,452           | 579            | 37,067           |
| Machinery  | 141            | 7,079            | 193            | 8,938            |
| Automobiles and mini-vans                                    | 7,794          | 147,158          | 7,478          | 148,954          |
| Freight motor vehicles                                       | 7,897          | 144,526          | 7,372          | 135,037          |
| Other vehicles   | 676            | 13,882           | 607            | 12,791           |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles                     | 1,917          | 63,852           | 1,668          | 57,292           |
| Other transportation equipment                               | 408            | 11,427           | 538            | 15,503           |
| Metallic waste and scrap                                     | 719            | 58,026           | 1,482          | 119,537          |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap                                 | 465            | 27,776           | 351            | 20,893           |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods                   | 104            | 8,197            | 93             | 6,178            |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated    | 579            | 28,884           | 841            | 39,614           |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight                          | 323            | 21,436           | 398            | 19,982           |
| Less than carload shipments                                  |                | 0                |                | 0                |
| <b>Total non-intermodal traffic loaded<sup>3</sup></b>       | <b>106,638</b> | <b>7,392,173</b> | <b>112,688</b> | <b>7,876,034</b> |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 3

## Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada - Western Division

| Commodity  | February 2002  |                   | February 2001  |                   |
|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
|  | Cars           | Metric tonnes     | Cars           | Metric tonnes     |
| Wheat  | 14,078         | 1,258,701         | 17,093         | 1,527,775         |
| Other cereal grains  | 2,619          | 211,393           | 4,715          | 366,403           |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables                           | 1,184          | 96,965            | 1,942          | 159,102           |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts                       | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                 |
| Colza seeds (canola)   | 2,810          | 219,522           | 5,222          | 406,949           |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product         | 201            | 16,455            | 157            | 12,800            |
| Animal feed and products                                     | 537            | 43,774            | 955            | 75,728            |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations                         | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                 |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products    | 908            | 67,508            | 924            | 68,467            |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours                    | 1,513          | 123,186           | 1,995          | 157,085           |
| Sugar  | 43             | 3,885             | 3              | 269               |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified               | 111            | 6,670             | 58             | 2,937             |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages                        | 32             | 2,649             | 34             | 2,818             |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone                               | 2,200          | 187,769           | 923            | 82,577            |
| Salt   | 305            | 26,341            | 291            | 25,245            |
| Phosphate rock   | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                 |
| Sulphur  | 5,819          | 562,613           | 5,560          | 537,298           |
| Gypsum   | x              | x                 | x              | x                 |
| Other non-metallic minerals <sup>2</sup>                     | 323            | 28,326            | 164            | 14,470            |
| Iron ores and concentrates                                   | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                 |
| Copper ores and concentrates                                 | 489            | 43,663            | 573            | 51,157            |
| Nickel ores and concentrates                                 | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                 |
| Lead ores and concentrates                                   | 363            | 32,192            | 344            | 26,917            |
| Zinc ores and concentrates                                   | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0                 |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates                         | 112            | 10,197            | 77             | 6,990             |
| Coal   | 22,710         | 2,298,698         | 27,870         | 2,850,640         |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel                           | 466            | 34,055            | 352            | 25,722            |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum                                | 2,330          | 179,784           | 2,013          | 155,458           |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 2,904          | 184,264           | 2,791          | 174,050           |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke                                 | 644            | 50,633            | 705            | 55,670            |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products                    | 969            | 77,129            | 692            | 55,659            |
| Sulphuric acid   | 250            | 21,869            | 203            | 18,221            |
| Alumina  | 13             | 778               | 15             | 958               |
| Other basic chemicals  | 4,310          | 374,939           | 3,897          | 340,697           |
| Potash   | 10,480         | 1,001,623         | 10,509         | 1,006,599         |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash)                               | 4,336          | 366,051           | 4,298          | 359,257           |
| Other chemical products and preparations                     | 321            | 27,606            | 406            | 34,565            |
| Plastic and rubber   | 2,134          | 183,869           | 1,723          | 148,655           |
| Logs and other wood in the rough                             | 3,205          | 224,718           | 3,093          | 217,277           |
| Wood chips   | 5,088          | 309,884           | 5,666          | 347,103           |
| Lumber   | 8,465          | 672,468           | 7,620          | 601,570           |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)              | 2,369          | 176,692           | 2,014          | 139,921           |
| Wood pulp  | 5,678          | 463,052           | 5,636          | 458,932           |
| Newsprint  | 1,139          | 70,298            | 1,518          | 94,583            |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products                | 1,186          | 84,706            | 1,035          | 75,200            |
| Cement   | 799            | 74,003            | 782            | 72,366            |
| Other non-metallic mineral products                          | 143            | 11,985            | 203            | 16,933            |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished                     | 417            | 33,762            | 599            | 46,740            |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished                             | 178            | 14,215            | 103            | 7,582             |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished                           | 26             | 2,296             | 33             | 2,609             |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished            | 194            | 13,239            | 84             | 5,703             |
| Articles of base metal                                       | 537            | 39,874            | 376            | 22,172            |
| Machinery  | 44             | 1,930             | 94             | 5,266             |
| Automobiles and mini-vans                                    | 2,348          | 30,169            | 1,437          | 18,087            |
| Freight motor vehicles                                       | 309            | 3,465             | 201            | 2,530             |
| Other vehicles   | 15             | 694               | 2              | 100               |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles                     | 0              | 0                 | 2              | 157               |
| Other transportation equipment                               | 535            | 13,265            | 299            | 10,701            |
| Metallic waste and scrap                                     | 636            | 49,793            | 910            | 60,989            |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap                                 | 403            | 26,115            | 572            | 34,165            |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods                   | 86             | 3,764             | 163            | 7,199             |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated    | 2              | 37                | 1              | 19                |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight                          | 2              | 36                | 56             | 1,965             |
| Less than carload shipments                                  |                | 0                 |                | 0                 |
| <b>Total non-intermodal traffic loaded<sup>3</sup></b>       | <b>119,318</b> | <b>10,063,567</b> | <b>129,003</b> | <b>11,001,007</b> |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

**Table 4**  
**Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada (YTD) - Total<sup>1</sup>**

| Commodity  | January 2002 to February 2002 |                   | January 2001 to February 2001 |                   |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
|  | Cars                          | Metric tonnes     | Cars                          | Metric tonnes     |
| Wheat  | 31,118                        | 2,783,459         | 39,624                        | 3,544,165         |
| Other cereal grains  | 5,552                         | 444,856           | 10,835                        | 851,155           |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables                           | 2,700                         | 222,442           | 5,133                         | 425,641           |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts                       | 0                             | 0                 | 0                             | 0                 |
| Colza seeds (canola)   | 4,981                         | 386,764           | 10,791                        | 842,027           |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product         | 718                           | 59,487            | 805                           | 64,975            |
| Animal feed and products                                     | 2,586                         | 205,000           | 3,371                         | 269,290           |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations                         | 2                             | 132               | 1                             | 61                |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products    | 2,002                         | 148,608           | 1,804                         | 133,333           |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours                    | 3,536                         | 284,949           | 4,600                         | 360,825           |
| Sugar  | 667                           | 55,632            | 434                           | 37,376            |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified               | 320                           | 19,631            | 190                           | 10,405            |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages                        | 202                           | 14,069            | 112                           | 8,687             |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone                               | 5,931                         | 521,081           | 4,412                         | 393,179           |
| Salt   | 2,540                         | 237,285           | 2,693                         | 251,348           |
| Phosphate rock   | 1,343                         | 121,314           | 1,343                         | 121,314           |
| Sulphur  | 11,520                        | 1,111,128         | 12,313                        | 1,189,915         |
| Gypsum   | x                             | x                 | x                             | x                 |
| Other non-metallic minerals <sup>2</sup>                     | 10,991                        | 887,679           | 9,603                         | 796,165           |
| Iron ores and concentrates                                   | 38,876                        | 3,569,275         | 51,204                        | 4,850,504         |
| Copper ores and concentrates                                 | 3,222                         | 342,925           | 3,345                         | 293,599           |
| Nickel ores and concentrates                                 | 6,442                         | 467,437           | 7,078                         | 457,285           |
| Lead ores and concentrates                                   | 1,083                         | 96,461            | 1,434                         | 120,759           |
| Zinc ores and concentrates                                   | 1,891                         | 167,957           | 1,899                         | 162,624           |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates                         | 316                           | 28,494            | 327                           | 29,147            |
| Coal   | 47,115                        | 4,771,623         | 63,226                        | 6,285,299         |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel                           | 4,762                         | 358,516           | 3,413                         | 248,672           |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum                                | 9,571                         | 738,058           | 9,779                         | 787,846           |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 14,597                        | 951,590           | 13,992                        | 881,775           |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke                                 | 2,803                         | 199,375           | 3,480                         | 219,347           |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products                    | 5,178                         | 391,171           | 4,130                         | 310,089           |
| Sulphuric acid   | 4,646                         | 411,580           | 4,148                         | 367,682           |
| Alumina  | 9,162                         | 834,713           | 6,735                         | 604,358           |
| Other basic chemicals  | 13,551                        | 1,139,669         | 13,750                        | 1,156,122         |
| Potash   | 23,085                        | 2,189,775         | 22,156                        | 2,105,563         |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash)                               | 9,497                         | 800,013           | 9,126                         | 770,845           |
| Other chemical products and preparations                     | 1,669                         | 143,923           | 1,732                         | 148,169           |
| Plastic and rubber   | 8,207                         | 687,223           | 7,630                         | 632,427           |
| Logs and other wood in the rough                             | 10,814                        | 621,103           | 11,021                        | 637,281           |
| Wood chips   | 13,529                        | 817,831           | 14,534                        | 880,023           |
| Lumber   | 25,259                        | 1,972,700         | 23,462                        | 1,826,408         |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)              | 9,192                         | 688,848           | 8,669                         | 633,346           |
| Wood pulp  | 19,676                        | 1,563,867         | 18,295                        | 1,435,240         |
| Newsprint  | 12,398                        | 751,455           | 12,903                        | 779,349           |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products                | 9,091                         | 590,243           | 9,623                         | 617,907           |
| Cement   | 3,154                         | 284,709           | 2,772                         | 250,445           |
| Other non-metallic mineral products                          | 2,303                         | 198,985           | 2,094                         | 177,846           |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished                     | 6,793                         | 558,466           | 6,975                         | 560,380           |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished                             | 1,319                         | 109,027           | 1,223                         | 99,443            |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished                           | 4,476                         | 356,756           | 3,673                         | 286,749           |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished            | 1,086                         | 87,346            | 923                           | 75,485            |
| Articles of base metal                                       | 1,906                         | 129,223           | 1,751                         | 112,102           |
| Machinery  | 383                           | 18,551            | 481                           | 22,564            |
| Automobiles and mini-vans                                    | 18,842                        | 328,739           | 17,718                        | 330,933           |
| Freight motor vehicles                                       | 15,149                        | 269,721           | 15,104                        | 270,182           |
| Other vehicles   | 1,407                         | 29,923            | 1,310                         | 27,584            |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles                     | 4,112                         | 136,838           | 3,058                         | 105,100           |
| Other transportation equipment                               | 2,112                         | 55,998            | 1,906                         | 56,677            |
| Metallic waste and scrap                                     | 2,836                         | 225,212           | 4,980                         | 375,480           |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap                                 | 1,774                         | 111,225           | 1,945                         | 115,201           |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods                   | 428                           | 26,186            | 624                           | 36,871            |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated    | 1,193                         | 60,496            | 1,625                         | 75,976            |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight                          | 630                           | 42,562            | 862                           | 41,284            |
| Less than carload shipments                                  |                               | 0                 |                               | 0                 |
| <b>Total non-intermodal traffic loaded<sup>3</sup></b>       | <b>462,244</b>                | <b>35,829,304</b> | <b>504,179</b>                | <b>39,561,829</b> |

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Table 5

## Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada (YTD) - Eastern Division

| Commodity  | January 2002 to February 2002 |                   | January 2001 to February 2001 |                   |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
|  | Cars                          | Metric tonnes     | Cars                          | Metric tonnes     |
| Wheat  | 508                           | 46,018            | 879                           | 79,765            |
| Other cereal grains  | 590                           | 50,893            | 546                           | 46,905            |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables                           | 76                            | 6,625             | 130                           | 11,733            |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts                       | 0                             | 0                 | 0                             | 0                 |
| Colza seeds (canola)   | 58                            | 3,379             | 81                            | 5,641             |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product         | 95                            | 8,287             | 99                            | 8,588             |
| Animal feed and products                                     | 1,205                         | 93,544            | 1,187                         | 95,706            |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations                         | 2                             | 132               | 1                             | 61                |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products    | 177                           | 12,243            | 57                            | 4,171             |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours                    | 295                           | 21,867            | 307                           | 22,636            |
| Sugar  | 597                           | 49,374            | 414                           | 35,625            |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified               | 65                            | 3,953             | 68                            | 4,013             |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages                        | 127                           | 7,929             | 46                            | 3,245             |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone                               | 1,602                         | 143,775           | 1,465                         | 130,540           |
| Salt   | 1,835                         | 176,027           | 2,029                         | 194,219           |
| Phosphate rock   | 1,343                         | 121,314           | 1,343                         | 121,314           |
| Sulphur  | 207                           | 18,156            | 135                           | 12,037            |
| Gypsum   | x                             | x                 | x                             | x                 |
| Other non-metallic minerals <sup>2</sup>                     | 10,296                        | 826,259           | 9,183                         | 758,744           |
| Iron ores and concentrates                                   | 38,876                        | 3,569,275         | 51,204                        | 4,850,504         |
| Copper ores and concentrates                                 | 2,263                         | 257,112           | 2,268                         | 197,300           |
| Nickel ores and concentrates                                 | 6,442                         | 467,437           | 7,078                         | 457,285           |
| Lead ores and concentrates                                   | 306                           | 27,465            | 642                           | 56,684            |
| Zinc ores and concentrates                                   | 1,891                         | 167,957           | 1,899                         | 162,624           |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates                         | 107                           | 9,533             | 171                           | 14,999            |
| Coal   | 1,217                         | 115,539           | 6,356                         | 478,896           |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel                           | 3,832                         | 291,179           | 2,688                         | 196,443           |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum                                | 4,875                         | 375,785           | 5,338                         | 447,619           |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 7,973                         | 531,984           | 7,765                         | 496,125           |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke                                 | 1,334                         | 84,128            | 2,054                         | 107,132           |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products                    | 3,017                         | 219,896           | 2,766                         | 200,518           |
| Sulphuric acid   | 4,138                         | 366,808           | 3,768                         | 333,643           |
| Alumina  | 9,138                         | 833,241           | 6,709                         | 602,708           |
| Other basic chemicals  | 4,637                         | 365,541           | 5,296                         | 417,814           |
| Potash   | 1,464                         | 133,384           | 1,471                         | 134,582           |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash)                               | 312                           | 27,461            | 866                           | 75,750            |
| Other chemical products and preparations                     | 1,198                         | 103,312           | 1,126                         | 96,602            |
| Plastic and rubber   | 4,262                         | 349,497           | 4,267                         | 342,546           |
| Logs and other wood in the rough                             | 4,712                         | 191,809           | 5,165                         | 223,306           |
| Wood chips   | 2,985                         | 178,269           | 2,831                         | 164,427           |
| Lumber   | 8,232                         | 615,517           | 8,226                         | 617,413           |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)              | 4,322                         | 328,570           | 4,351                         | 332,514           |
| Wood pulp  | 7,741                         | 592,332           | 6,900                         | 512,963           |
| Newsprint  | 9,936                         | 597,882           | 9,687                         | 578,271           |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products                | 6,665                         | 417,337           | 7,378                         | 454,922           |
| Cement   | 1,649                         | 145,643           | 1,317                         | 115,194           |
| Other non-metallic mineral products                          | 1,924                         | 167,282           | 1,635                         | 139,851           |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished                     | 5,895                         | 486,194           | 5,650                         | 456,994           |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished                             | 1,010                         | 85,162            | 1,025                         | 84,938            |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished                           | 4,434                         | 353,222           | 3,605                         | 281,331           |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished            | 729                           | 63,024            | 714                           | 61,264            |
| Articles of base metal                                       | 819                           | 51,023            | 1,133                         | 72,134            |
| Machinery  | 306                           | 15,402            | 358                           | 16,519            |
| Automobiles and mini-vans                                    | 15,091                        | 281,013           | 14,795                        | 294,685           |
| Freight motor vehicles                                       | 14,551                        | 262,609           | 14,588                        | 264,166           |
| Other vehicles   | 1,369                         | 28,244            | 1,302                         | 27,261            |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles                     | 4,112                         | 136,838           | 3,056                         | 104,943           |
| Other transportation equipment                               | 874                           | 28,101            | 1,279                         | 35,150            |
| Metallic waste and scrap                                     | 1,437                         | 116,178           | 3,052                         | 244,616           |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap                                 | 950                           | 58,405            | 756                           | 46,128            |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods                   | 209                           | 16,612            | 300                           | 21,471            |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated    | 1,189                         | 60,409            | 1,622                         | 75,870            |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight                          | 624                           | 42,297            | 754                           | 37,534            |
| Less than carload shipments                                  |                               | 0                 |                               | 0                 |
| <b>Total non-intermodal traffic loaded<sup>3</sup></b>       | <b>218,125</b>                | <b>15,205,683</b> | <b>233,181</b>                | <b>16,468,582</b> |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 6

## Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada (YTD) - Western Division

| Commodity  | January 2002 to February 2002 |                   | January 2001 to February 2001 |                   |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
|  | Cars                          | Metric tonnes     | Cars                          | Metric tonnes     |
| Wheat  | 30,610                        | 2,737,441         | 38,745                        | 3,464,400         |
| Other cereal grains  | 4,962                         | 393,963           | 10,289                        | 804,250           |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables                           | 2,624                         | 215,817           | 5,003                         | 413,908           |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts                       | 0                             | 0                 | 0                             | 0                 |
| Colza seeds (canola)   | 4,923                         | 383,385           | 10,710                        | 836,386           |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product         | 623                           | 51,200            | 706                           | 56,387            |
| Animal feed and products                                     | 1,381                         | 111,456           | 2,184                         | 173,584           |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations                         | 0                             | 0                 | 0                             | 0                 |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products    | 1,825                         | 136,365           | 1,747                         | 129,162           |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours                    | 3,241                         | 263,082           | 4,293                         | 338,189           |
| Sugar  | 70                            | 6,258             | 20                            | 1,751             |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified               | 255                           | 15,678            | 122                           | 6,392             |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages                        | 75                            | 6,140             | 66                            | 5,442             |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone                               | 4,329                         | 377,306           | 2,947                         | 262,639           |
| Salt   | 705                           | 61,258            | 664                           | 57,129            |
| Phosphate rock   | 0                             | 0                 | 0                             | 0                 |
| Sulphur  | 11,313                        | 1,092,972         | 12,178                        | 1,177,878         |
| Gypsum   | x                             | x                 | x                             | x                 |
| Other non-metallic minerals <sup>2</sup>                     | 695                           | 61,420            | 420                           | 37,421            |
| Iron ores and concentrates                                   | 0                             | 0                 | 0                             | 0                 |
| Copper ores and concentrates                                 | 959                           | 85,813            | 1,077                         | 96,299            |
| Nickel ores and concentrates                                 | 0                             | 0                 | 0                             | 0                 |
| Lead ores and concentrates                                   | 777                           | 68,996            | 792                           | 64,075            |
| Zinc ores and concentrates                                   | 0                             | 0                 | 0                             | 0                 |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates                         | 209                           | 18,961            | 156                           | 14,148            |
| Coal   | 45,898                        | 4,656,084         | 56,870                        | 5,806,403         |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel                           | 930                           | 67,337            | 725                           | 52,229            |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum                                | 4,696                         | 362,273           | 4,441                         | 340,227           |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 6,624                         | 419,606           | 6,227                         | 385,650           |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke                                 | 1,469                         | 115,247           | 1,426                         | 112,215           |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products                    | 2,161                         | 171,275           | 1,364                         | 109,571           |
| Sulphuric acid   | 508                           | 44,772            | 380                           | 34,039            |
| Alumina  | 24                            | 1,472             | 26                            | 1,650             |
| Other basic chemicals  | 8,914                         | 774,128           | 8,454                         | 738,308           |
| Potash   | 21,621                        | 2,056,391         | 20,685                        | 1,970,981         |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash)                               | 9,185                         | 772,552           | 8,260                         | 695,095           |
| Other chemical products and preparations                     | 471                           | 40,611            | 606                           | 51,567            |
| Plastic and rubber   | 3,945                         | 337,726           | 3,363                         | 289,881           |
| Logs and other wood in the rough                             | 6,102                         | 429,294           | 5,856                         | 413,975           |
| Wood chips   | 10,544                        | 639,562           | 11,703                        | 715,596           |
| Lumber   | 17,027                        | 1,357,183         | 15,236                        | 1,208,995         |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)              | 4,870                         | 360,278           | 4,318                         | 300,832           |
| Wood pulp  | 11,935                        | 971,535           | 11,395                        | 922,277           |
| Newsprint  | 2,462                         | 153,573           | 3,216                         | 201,078           |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products                | 2,426                         | 172,906           | 2,245                         | 162,985           |
| Cement   | 1,505                         | 139,066           | 1,455                         | 135,251           |
| Other non-metallic mineral products                          | 379                           | 31,703            | 459                           | 37,995            |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished                     | 898                           | 72,272            | 1,325                         | 103,386           |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished                             | 309                           | 23,865            | 198                           | 14,505            |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished                           | 42                            | 3,534             | 68                            | 5,418             |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished            | 357                           | 24,322            | 209                           | 14,221            |
| Articles of base metal                                       | 1,087                         | 78,200            | 618                           | 39,968            |
| Machinery  | 77                            | 3,149             | 123                           | 6,045             |
| Automobiles and mini-vans                                    | 3,751                         | 47,726            | 2,923                         | 36,248            |
| Freight motor vehicles                                       | 598                           | 7,112             | 516                           | 6,016             |
| Other vehicles   | 38                            | 1,679             | 8                             | 323               |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles                     | 0                             | 0                 | 2                             | 157               |
| Other transportation equipment                               | 1,238                         | 27,897            | 627                           | 21,527            |
| Metallic waste and scrap                                     | 1,399                         | 109,034           | 1,928                         | 130,864           |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap                                 | 824                           | 52,820            | 1,189                         | 69,073            |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods                   | 219                           | 9,574             | 324                           | 15,400            |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated    | 4                             | 87                | 3                             | 106               |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight                          | 6                             | 265               | 108                           | 3,750             |
| Less than carload shipments                                  |                               | 0                 |                               | 0                 |
| <b>Total non-intermodal traffic loaded<sup>3</sup></b>       | <b>244,119</b>                | <b>20,623,621</b> | <b>270,998</b>                | <b>23,093,247</b> |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

**Table 7**
**Railway Carloading Statistics for Intermodal and Non-Intermodal Traffic in Canada - Total<sup>1</sup>**

|   | February 2002 |                   |                   | February 2001 |                   |                   |
|---|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | Units         | TEUs <sup>e</sup> | Metric tonnes     | Units         | TEUs <sup>e</sup> | Metric tonnes     |
| <b>Total non-intermodal traffic loaded<sup>3</sup></b>                    |               |                   | <b>17,455,740</b> |               |                   | <b>18,877,041</b> |
| Container-on-flat-car   | 104,740       | 204,772           | 1,688,038         | 96,369        | 188,016           | 1,560,334         |
| Trailer-on-flat-car   | 8,268         | .                 | 122,815           | 6,714         | .                 | 108,097           |
| Traffic received from United States connections                           | .             | .                 | 1,783,892         | .             | .                 | 2,129,054         |
| <b>Total traffic carried<sup>3</sup></b>                                  |               |                   | <b>21,050,485</b> |               |                   | <b>22,674,526</b> |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 13,429        | 26,205            | 166,464           | 13,621        | 26,788            | 175,493           |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections   | 1,868         | .                 | 24,227            | 2,764         | .                 | 40,042            |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections                                | .             | .                 | 3,967,406         | .             | .                 | 3,974,858         |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

**Table 8**
**Railway Carloading Statistics for Intermodal and Non-Intermodal Traffic in Canada - Eastern Division**

|   | February 2002 |                   |                  | February 2001 |                   |                  |
|---|---------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------|
|   | Units         | TEUs <sup>e</sup> | Metric tonnes    | Units         | TEUs <sup>e</sup> | Metric tonnes    |
| <b>Total non-intermodal traffic loaded<sup>3</sup></b>                    |               |                   | <b>7,392,173</b> |               |                   | <b>7,876,034</b> |
| Container-on-flat-car   | 61,401        | 119,635           | 992,686          | 61,139        | 118,301           | 984,384          |
| Trailer-on-flat-car   | 7,041         | .                 | 102,254          | 5,624         | .                 | 88,175           |
| Traffic received from United States connections                           | .             | .                 | x                | .             | .                 | x                |
| <b>Total traffic carried<sup>3</sup></b>                                  |               |                   | <b>x</b>         |               |                   | <b>x</b>         |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | x             | x                 | x                | x             | x                 | x                |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections   | x             | .                 | x                | x             | .                 | x                |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections                                | .             | .                 | 2,990,283        | .             | .                 | 3,163,281        |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

**Table 9**
**Railway Carloading Statistics for Intermodal and Non-Intermodal Traffic in Canada - Western Division**

|   | February 2002 |                   |                   | February 2001 |                   |                   |
|---|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | Units         | TEUs <sup>e</sup> | Metric tonnes     | Units         | TEUs <sup>e</sup> | Metric tonnes     |
| <b>Total non-intermodal traffic loaded<sup>3</sup></b>                    |               |                   | <b>10,063,567</b> |               |                   | <b>11,001,007</b> |
| Container-on-flat-car   | 43,339        | 85,137            | 695,352           | 35,230        | 69,715            | 575,950           |
| Trailer-on-flat-car   | 1,227         | .                 | 20,561            | 1,090         | .                 | 19,922            |
| Traffic received from United States connections                           | .             | .                 | x                 | .             | .                 | x                 |
| <b>Total traffic carried<sup>3</sup></b>                                  |               |                   | <b>x</b>          |               |                   | <b>x</b>          |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | x             | x                 | x                 | x             | x                 | x                 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections   | x             | .                 | x                 | x             | .                 | x                 |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections                                | .             | .                 | 977,123           | .             | .                 | 811,577           |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.



**Table 10**  
**Railway Carloading Statistics for Intermodal and Non-Intermodal Traffic in Canada (YTD) - Total<sup>1</sup>**

| February 2001   | January 2002 to February 2002 |                   |                   | January 2001 to |                   |                   |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | Units                         | TEUs <sup>e</sup> | Metric tonnes     | Units           | TEUs <sup>e</sup> | Metric tonnes     |
| <b>Total non-intermodal traffic loaded<sup>3</sup></b>                    |                               |                   | <b>35,829,304</b> |                 |                   | <b>39,561,829</b> |
| Container-on-flat-car   | 207,221                       | 404,090           | 3,350,689         | 197,481         | 383,209           | 3,208,362         |
| Trailer-on-flat-car   | 16,774                        | .                 | 259,589           | 13,132          | .                 | 225,921           |
| Traffic received from United States connections                           | .                             | .                 | 3,722,856         | .               | .                 | 7,904,502         |
| <b>Total traffic carried<sup>3</sup></b>                                  |                               |                   | <b>43,162,438</b> |                 |                   | <b>50,900,614</b> |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 27,095                        | 52,968            | 335,663           | 28,119          | 55,104            | 362,549           |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections   | 3,539                         | .                 | 46,776            | 5,593           | .                 | 81,994            |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections                                | .                             | .                 | 7,026,237         | .               | .                 | 8,482,684         |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

**Table 11**  
**Railway Carloading Statistics for Intermodal and Non-Intermodal Traffic in Canada (YTD) - Eastern Division**

| February 2001   | January 2002 to February 2002 |                   |                   | January 2001 to |                   |                   |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | Units                         | TEUs <sup>e</sup> | Metric tonnes     | Units           | TEUs <sup>e</sup> | Metric tonnes     |
| <b>Total non-intermodal traffic loaded<sup>3</sup></b>                    |                               |                   | <b>15,205,683</b> |                 |                   | <b>16,468,582</b> |
| Container-on-flat-car   | 120,247                       | 233,822           | 1,945,466         | 123,131         | 237,012           | 1,995,054         |
| Trailer-on-flat-car   | 13,500                        | .                 | 197,499           | 9,696           | .                 | 157,431           |
| Traffic received from United States connections                           | .                             | .                 | x                 | .               | .                 | x                 |
| <b>Total traffic carried<sup>3</sup></b>                                  |                               |                   | <b>x</b>          |                 |                   | <b>x</b>          |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | x                             | x                 | x                 | x               | x                 | x                 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections   | x                             | .                 | x                 | x               | .                 | x                 |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections                                | .                             | .                 | 5,150,619         | .               | .                 | 6,746,018         |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

**Table 12**  
**Railway Carloading Statistics for Intermodal and Non-Intermodal Traffic in Canada (YTD) - Western Division**

| February 2001   | January 2002 to February 2002 |                   |                   | January 2001 to |                   |                   |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|   | Units                         | TEUs <sup>e</sup> | Metric tonnes     | Units           | TEUs <sup>e</sup> | Metric tonnes     |
| <b>Total non-intermodal traffic loaded<sup>3</sup></b>                    |                               |                   | <b>20,623,621</b> |                 |                   | <b>23,093,247</b> |
| Container-on-flat-car   | 86,974                        | 170,268           | 1,405,223         | 74,350          | 146,197           | 1,213,308         |
| Trailer-on-flat-car   | 3,274                         | .                 | 62,090            | 3,436           | .                 | 68,490            |
| Traffic received from United States connections                           | .                             | .                 | x                 | .               | .                 | x                 |
| <b>Total traffic carried<sup>3</sup></b>                                  |                               |                   | <b>x</b>          |                 |                   | <b>x</b>          |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | x                             | x                 | x                 | x               | x                 | x                 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections   | x                             | .                 | x                 | x               | .                 | x                 |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections                                | .                             | .                 | 1,875,618         | .               | .                 | 1,736,666         |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

## 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 intermodal and non-intermodal<sup>1</sup> traffic of the previous month. 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.

The data are collected via questionnaires and electronic reports that are filed with Statistics Canada eight working days after the reference month. These questionnaires are captured and edited and the data are then aggregated to produce tables for all of Canada and the Eastern and Western divisions of Canada<sup>2</sup>. Tables show the data for the reference month and the year-to-date. These year-to-date figures include revisions of data from previous months.

Users of **Railway Carloadings (Monthly)** current and historical data should be aware of a break in the continuity of these data. Starting with the January 1999 reference period, the commodities presented in the **Railway Carloadings (Monthly)** publication were modified to conform to the Standard Classification of Transported Goods (SCTG) and the number of carriers surveyed more than doubled from the eighteen carriers surveyed prior to 1999.

The additional carriers were primarily shortline carriers whose data were previously included with the data of mainline carriers. The change in commodity classes has had negligible impact on the reporting of bulk commodities (e.g., wheat, potash and coal) which represent the majority of the total number of cars and tonnes. However, the reporting of manufactured and miscellaneous goods has changed significantly.

Details of the commodities included in each SCTG class presented in **Railway Carloadings (Monthly)** are available upon request. 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](mailto:thibfra@statcan.ca)).

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<sup>1</sup> Intermodal traffic is for freight carried in containers or truck trailers that are loaded onto flat cars.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

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### Footnotes:

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

### Symbols:

- . not available for any reference period
- .. not available for a specific reference period
- ... not applicable
- <sup>P</sup> preliminary
- <sup>r</sup> revised
- x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the *Statistics Act*
- E use with caution
- F too unreliable to be published

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