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Highlights:

- In March 2000, the freight loaded by railways in Canada (excluding intermodal traffic) totalled 23.1 million metric tonnes. This represented an increase of 12.3% compared to March 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 16.9% compared to the same period in 1999, to reach 2.3 million metric tonnes.
- The five main loaded commodities were: coal (3.8million metric tonnes), iron ores and concentrates (3.3 million metric tonnes), wheat (2.3 million metric tonnes), potash (1.7 million metric tonnes) and lumber (1.1 million metric tonnes).
- The cumulative freight loaded (excluding intermodal traffic) for the first three months of 2000 reached 63.7 million metric tonnes.

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

MRC code	Commodity	March 2000		March 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	25,591	2 296 653	12,008	1 076 401		
2	Other cereal grains	4,536	360 849	3,753	303 134		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,407	196 378	1,659	132 993		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	2,587	206 687	3,118	246 545		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	1,214	96 913	540	44 127		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	1,661	130 899	1,599	128 685		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	-	-	3	162		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	1,016	73 098	1,419	102 617		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,527	195 276	2,364	184 243		
11	Sugar	348	29 080	369	30 500		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	41	2 418	18	1 019		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	65	4 911	55	4 164		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	2,738	223 648	1,700	143 488		
15	Salt	1,138	69 914	1,283	120 082		
16	Phosphate rock	208	18 839	-	-		
17	Sulphur	6,627	624 372	7,262	681 667		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²	6,783	367 334	6,129	520 130		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	35,139	3 295 040	25,977	2 273 909		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	1,284	112 980	1,627	144 924		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	3,549	256 343	4,893	355 108		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	1,130	95 923	612	48 541		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	1,418	126 388	497	43 493		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	102	9 011	93	9 522		
26	Coal	39,511	3 783 187	44,504	4 393 110		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,092	150 688	1,598	113 627		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	3,644	290 259	3,620	291 591		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	5,278	328 908	5,572	352 926		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	2,083	119 390	1,761	115 089		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	2,472	186 482	2,036	151 097		
32	Sulphuric acid	2,412	208 794	2,451	218 455		
33	Alumina	4,385	400 507	4,051	367 081		
34	Other basic chemicals	7,881	651 427	7,931	663 948		
35	Potash	18,190	1 719 208	12,779	1 164 963		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	5,905	494 092	6,095	511 962		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	1,236	106 117	684	57 014		
38	Plastic and rubber	3,571	286 258	3,478	280 714		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	6,524	378 259	5,828	374 802		
40	Wood chips	8,601	518 008	7,941	457 389		
41	Lumber	14,698	1 100 966	13,759	1 002 510		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	5,179	370 876	4,339	302 582		
43	Wood pulp	10,344	793 210	10,372	789 269		
44	Newsprint	7,256	424 993	7,649	452 286		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	4,541	264 323	4,801	315 788		
46	Cement	2,473	220 204	2,018	177 025		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	914	70 330	739	55 400		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	4,392	340 041	2,726	211 128		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	614	49 538	1,353	114 572		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	1,828	142 437	1,634	126 971		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	477	38 187	485	39 079		
52	Articles of base metal	1,647	90 323	1,691	118 935		
53	Machinery	208	11 104	185	9 901		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	10,314	177 490	9,423	167 319		
55	Freight motor vehicles	12,489	216 250	11,420	205 403		
56	Other vehicles	87	2 198	60	2 329		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,876	70 220	2,556	80 196		
58	Other transportation equipment	1,790	20 284	1,141	24 983		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	2,470	184 461	2,191	161 321		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	1,024	56 595	817	45 327		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	298	16 939	319	17 259		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	1,548	54 478	1,730	63 587		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	372	14 280	358	19 065		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	9		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³		303,733	23 144 269	269,073	20 611 466		
		Units	TEUs^o	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs^o	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	131,709	266,034	2 159 204	115,548	231,237	1 887 042
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	10,152	...	189 351	6,743	...	121 808
	Traffic received from United States connections	2 086 541	1 847 737
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	27 579 365	24 468 053
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	3 589 307	4 182 984
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	15,699	30,926	203 174	16,240	31,593	215 261
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	3,261	...	54 640	2,852	...	45 720

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

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

MRC code	Commodity	March 2000		March 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	508	46 030	346	31 266		
2	Other cereal grains	406	36 424	611	53 798		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	60	4 853	57	4 652		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	146	12 397	14	1 206		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	21	442	17	1 320		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	678	53 386	606	48 258		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	-	-	1	72		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	36	2 599	78	5 764		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	259	19 317	206	15 481		
11	Sugar	314	25 936	341	27 934		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	3	117	4	156		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	16	811	20	1 279		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,347	100 339	779	62 533		
15	Salt	959	54 536	1,076	102 556		
16	Phosphate rock	208	18 839	-	-		
17	Sulphur	101	9 143	93	8 326		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²	6,395	332 857	5,726	483 906		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	35,139	3 295 040	25,977	2 273 909		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	718	62 722	1,040	92 058		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	3,549	256 343	4,893	355 108		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	650	58 500	61	4 453		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	1,099	98 075	302	26 185		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	10	737	11	2 247		
26	Coal	3,599	187 391	2,663	232 763		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,585	114 761	1,068	75 535		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	1,500	129 336	1,848	154 377		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	2,918	181 398	3,570	226 710		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,466	71 686	1,060	61 094		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,480	106 835	1,322	95 354		
32	Sulphuric acid	2,069	178 513	2,197	195 698		
33	Alumina	4,385	400 507	4,051	367 081		
34	Other basic chemicals	3,155	241 810	3,058	241 882		
35	Potash	1,011	92 287	838	76 129		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	322	27 560	554	48 754		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	917	78 907	542	45 422		
38	Plastic and rubber	2,210	170 965	2,021	158 718		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	3,549	167 943	2,222	125 487		
40	Wood chips	1,599	91 872	1,549	83 606		
41	Lumber	5,954	431 392	4,945	356 672		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	2,233	162 288	2,233	160 191		
43	Wood pulp	4,204	298 330	3,990	282 396		
44	Newsprint	5,348	307 095	5,836	338 814		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	3,994	227 909	3,735	241 196		
46	Cement	1,145	101 459	1,109	96 750		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	612	45 340	377	25 772		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	3,845	297 474	2,466	190 680		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	497	41 135	1,215	104 668		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	1,708	134 007	1,557	121 645		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	340	29 087	316	27 517		
52	Articles of base metal	1,088	48 771	929	63 270		
53	Machinery	187	9 857	52	3 761		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	8,494	153 108	7,862	146 657		
55	Freight motor vehicles	12,228	212 475	11,227	202 788		
56	Other vehicles	57	1 357	20	348		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,876	70 220	2,556	80 196		
58	Other transportation equipment	1,458	10 786	943	18 298		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	1,528	119 237	1,306	103 952		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	571	33 514	319	17 786		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	116	8 362	92	5 991		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	1,547	54 448	1,726	63 520		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	298	11 615	356	19 009		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	9		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³		144,715	9 540 480	125,989	8 462 962		
		Units	TEUs^o	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs^o	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	87,066	173,894	1 393 060	76,927	151,735	1 229 391
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	6,983	...	123 030	3,493	...	60 745
	Traffic received from United States connections	1 583 509	1 448 239
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	12 640 079	11 201 337
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	2 879 221	3 474 606
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	15,258	30,037	196 433	16,001	31,120	211 362
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	1,977	...	33 844	1,824	...	30 347

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

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

MRC code	Commodity	March 2000		March 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	25,083	2 250 623	11,662	1 045 135		
2	Other cereal grains	4,130	324 425	3,142	249 336		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,347	191 525	1,602	128 341		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	2,441	194 290	3,104	245 339		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	1,193	96 471	523	42 807		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	983	77 513	993	80 427		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	-	-	2	90		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	980	70 499	1,341	96 853		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,268	175 959	2,158	168 762		
11	Sugar	34	3 144	28	2 566		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	38	2 301	14	863		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	49	4 100	35	2 885		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,391	123 309	921	80 955		
15	Salt	179	15 378	207	17 526		
16	Phosphate rock	-	-	-	-		
17	Sulphur	6,526	615 229	7,169	673 341		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²	388	34 477	403	36 224		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	-	-	-	-		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	566	50 258	587	52 866		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	-	-	-	-		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	480	37 423	551	44 088		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	319	28 313	195	17 308		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	92	8 274	82	7 275		
26	Coal	35,912	3 595 796	41,841	4 160 347		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	507	35 927	530	38 092		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,144	160 923	1,772	137 214		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	2,360	147 510	2,002	126 216		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	617	47 704	701	53 995		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	992	79 647	714	55 743		
32	Sulphuric acid	343	30 281	254	22 757		
33	Alumina	-	-	-	-		
34	Other basic chemicals	4,726	409 617	4,873	422 066		
35	Potash	17,179	1 626 921	11,941	1 088 834		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	5,583	466 532	5,541	463 208		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	319	27 210	142	11 592		
38	Plastic and rubber	1,361	115 293	1,457	121 996		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	2,975	210 316	3,606	249 315		
40	Wood chips	7,002	426 136	6,392	373 783		
41	Lumber	8,744	669 574	8,814	645 838		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	2,946	208 588	2,106	142 391		
43	Wood pulp	6,140	494 880	6,382	506 873		
44	Newsprint	1,908	117 898	1,813	113 472		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	547	36 414	1,066	74 592		
46	Cement	1,328	118 745	909	80 275		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	302	24 990	362	29 628		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	547	42 567	260	20 448		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	117	8 403	138	9 904		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	120	8 430	77	5 326		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	137	9 100	169	11 562		
52	Articles of base metal	559	41 552	762	55 665		
53	Machinery	21	1 247	133	6 140		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	1,820	24 382	1,561	20 662		
55	Freight motor vehicles	261	3 775	193	2 615		
56	Other vehicles	30	841	40	1 981		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	-	-	-	-		
58	Other transportation equipment	332	9 498	198	6 685		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	942	65 224	885	57 369		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	453	23 081	498	27 541		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	182	8 577	227	11 268		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	1	30	4	67		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	74	2 665	2	56		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	-		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³		159,018	13 603 789	143,084	12 148 504		
		Units	TEUs⁴	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs⁴	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	44,643	92,140	766 144	38,621	79,502	657 651
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	3,169	...	66 321	3,250	...	61 063
	Traffic received from United States connections	503 032	399 498
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	14 939 286	13 266 716
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	710 086	708 378
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	441	889	6 741	239	473	3 899
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	1,284	...	20 796	1,028	...	15 373

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 March 2000		January 1999 to March 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	65,104	5 832 256	36,738	3 276 928		
2	Other cereal grains	12,602	998 944	9,017	728 256		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	5,866	468 882	5,004	404 887		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	10,598	842 040	10,058	799 447		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	2,103	169 665	1,202	98 010		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	5,615	449 682	4,848	388 767		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	1	74	8	498		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	2,932	212 071	3,438	247 842		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	7,267	562 655	6,647	515 362		
11	Sugar	1,030	85 514	928	77 490		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	127	7 561	100	6 268		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	158	11 802	149	11 085		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	7,180	588 781	4,798	406 983		
15	Salt	3,531	299 248	3,880	362 974		
16	Phosphate rock	513	46 137	-	-		
17	Sulphur	20,155	1 900 477	19,730	1 855 930		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²	34,221	1 253 944	15,221	1 284 221		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	93,281	8 683 158	72,816	6 495 638		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	3,590	316 278	4,180	371 747		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	10,202	738 702	13,312	966 501		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	3,083	262 917	1,779	142 205		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	3,607	318 790	1,179	103 129		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	235	20 735	303	23 376		
26	Coal	108,444	10 506 495	112,609	11 082 942		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	5,019	360 850	4,962	350 920		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	11,420	916 255	11,539	920 317		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	20,747	1 290 589	18,843	1 188 114		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	5,921	350 915	5,056	328 781		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	6,436	483 126	5,140	380 721		
32	Sulphuric acid	6,509	570 996	6,354	564 606		
33	Alumina	10,590	954 652	10,552	949 012		
34	Other basic chemicals	21,752	1 797 693	22,282	1 864 207		
35	Potash	47,619	4 492 378	40,906	3 728 638		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	16,112	1 350 061	15,091	1 262 238		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	2,999	253 965	1,908	159 247		
38	Plastic and rubber	9,935	802 358	9,216	747 804		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	17,468	1 020 343	15,096	967 691		
40	Wood chips	22,991	1 388 897	21,798	1 278 585		
41	Lumber	38,114	2 867 096	35,536	2 609 988		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	14,867	1 077 597	11,963	820 127		
43	Wood pulp	29,955	2 335 131	29,384	2 210 473		
44	Newsprint	20,269	1 216 120	20,367	1 208 375		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	12,616	759 208	13,187	847 875		
46	Cement	5,419	482 620	4,676	411 255		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	2,709	213 710	1,795	136 735		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	12,051	956 269	7,437	566 776		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	1,719	139 426	3,673	310 916		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	4,962	386 444	4,809	375 376		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	1,439	115 382	1,363	108 713		
52	Articles of base metal	4,062	258 787	4,392	311 712		
53	Machinery	607	32 004	422	21 648		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	27,801	487 320	23,683	411 236		
55	Freight motor vehicles	32,612	566 966	29,822	535 807		
56	Other vehicles	138	4 705	123	5 095		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	7,570	215 027	6,751	212 020		
58	Other transportation equipment	4,819	80 371	3,259	78 414		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	6,792	514 604	5,798	424 238		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	2,808	160 026	2,384	135 303		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	1,001	54 468	1,081	53 481		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	3,903	145 506	4,716	172 435		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	1,033	40 697	878	45 052		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	5 354		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³		844,229	63 719 379	734,186	56 359 768		
		Units	TEUs^o	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs^o	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	355,396	716,575	5 848 811	308,385	655,730	5 084 751
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	24,048	...	451 374	16,744	...	314 844
	Traffic received from United States connections	5 770 762	5 020 586
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	75 790 326	66 779 949
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	11 866 041	11 674 489
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	42,613	83,872	556 269	42,398	82,386	557 246
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	8,935	...	144 876	7,563	...	122 300

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 March 2000		January 1999 to March 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	1,499	134 670	1,358	122 079		
2	Other cereal grains	1,039	93 121	1,363	119 192		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	182	14 658	129	10 103		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	452	38 302	125	10 793		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	164	13 726	63	5 423		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	2,117	168 357	1,925	154 068		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	1	74	6	408		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	106	7 454	197	14 738		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	527	39 584	584	43 947		
11	Sugar	958	78 836	883	73 462		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	19	928	14	775		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	48	2 589	57	3 423		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	3,444	257 925	1,901	151 654		
15	Salt	2,801	236 181	3,160	301 484		
16	Phosphate rock	513	46 137	-	-		
17	Sulphur	243	22 117	258	23 191		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²	33,102	1 155 057	14,129	1 186 019		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	93,281	8 683 158	72,816	6 495 638		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	1,911	167 216	2,499	221 087		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	10,202	738 702	13,312	966 501		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	1,813	161 461	129	9 417		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	2,991	264 587	772	67 184		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	29	2 203	109	6 126		
26	Coal	9,919	675 961	8,110	698 988		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	3,704	267 631	3,644	255 515		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	4,818	415 255	6,004	490 622		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	11,091	690 129	11,118	708 194		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	4,017	205 362	3,153	183 053		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	4,185	303 394	3,504	253 109		
32	Sulphuric acid	5,622	493 038	5,540	491 735		
33	Alumina	10,588	954 463	10,552	949 012		
34	Other basic chemicals	8,876	681 928	8,165	647 357		
35	Potash	3,006	274 456	2,603	238 188		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	720	61 593	878	76 416		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	2,282	192 594	1,471	122 902		
38	Plastic and rubber	6,063	473 189	5,364	424 694		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	9,193	434 824	5,416	298 409		
40	Wood chips	4,336	253 083	3,969	215 795		
41	Lumber	14,873	1 077 435	12,786	920 109		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	6,633	491 631	6,093	424 841		
43	Wood pulp	11,720	852 212	11,679	828 999		
44	Newsprint	14,822	878 166	15,258	888 279		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	11,127	662 208	10,336	650 288		
46	Cement	2,592	230 294	2,437	211 641		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	1,850	143 196	833	58 045		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	10,343	824 434	6,384	487 047		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	1,371	114 515	3,343	287 376		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	4,679	366 135	4,562	357 706		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	990	85 383	849	73 583		
52	Articles of base metal	2,464	145 481	2,371	163 916		
53	Machinery	532	27 683	203	9 876		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	23,603	431 776	20,192	365 338		
55	Freight motor vehicles	31,971	557 751	29,186	527 024		
56	Other vehicles	81	2 676	28	475		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	7,570	215 027	6,751	212 020		
58	Other transportation equipment	3,947	56 482	2,704	60 368		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	4,128	331 539	3,418	272 385		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	1,503	89 612	1,001	58 252		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	424	27 977	450	22 332		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	3,895	145 240	4,707	172 267		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	805	32 590	840	43 383		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	5 354		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³		407,785	26 493 389	341,691	23 141 605		
		Units	TEUs⁹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs⁹	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	227,245	453,069	3 661 204	201,009	435,102	3 263 462
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	14,968	...	265 744	9,058	...	156 909
	Traffic received from United States connections	4 376 802	3 913 164
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	34 797 139	30 475 140
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	9 638 769	9 629 489
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	41,553	81,746	539 966	41,767	81,126	547 552
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	5,412	...	91 592	4,746	...	79 998

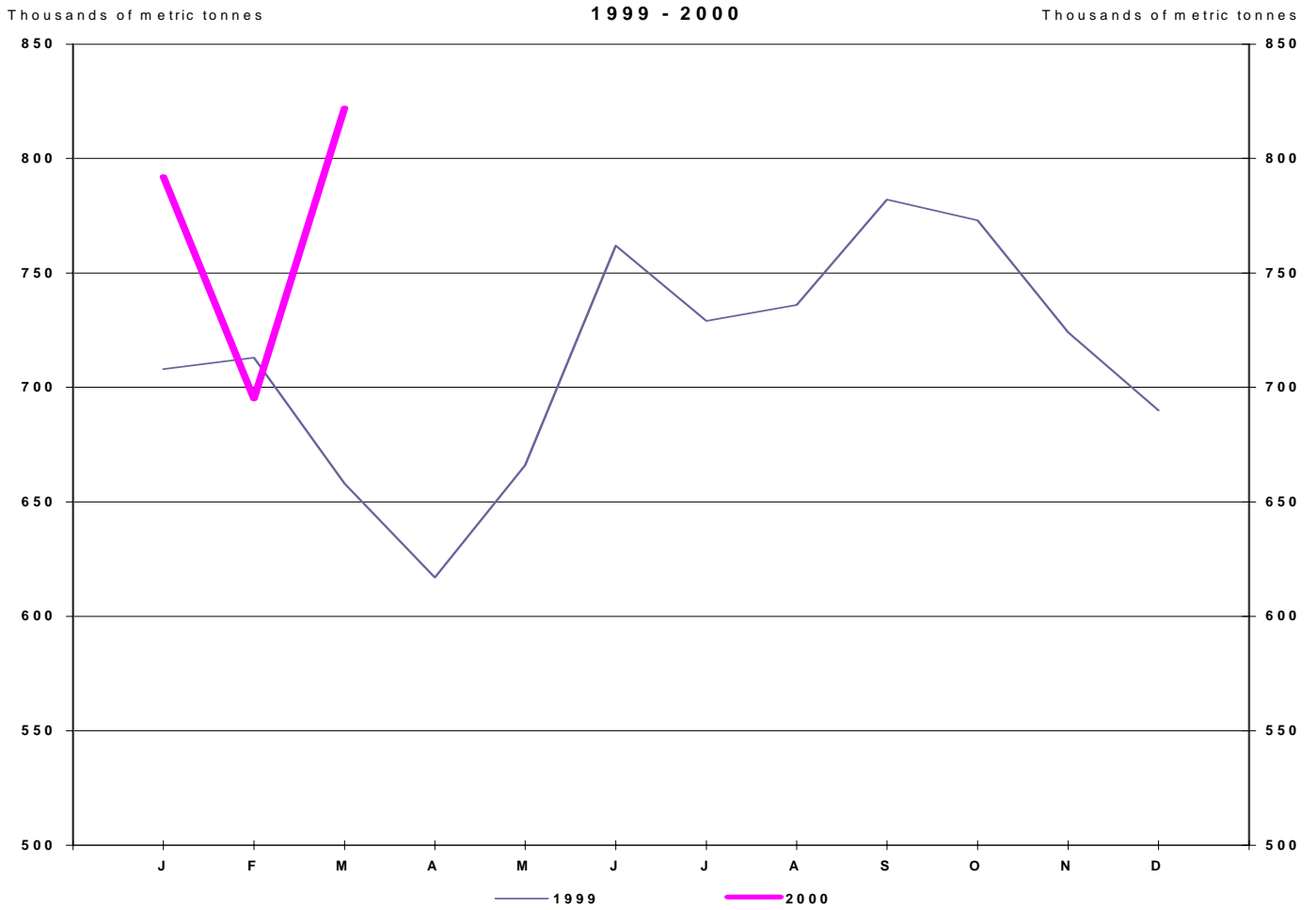
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TABLE 6. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Western Division

MRC code	Commodity	January 2000 to March 2000		January 1999 to March 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	63,605	5 697 586	35,380	3 154 849		
2	Other cereal grains	11,563	905 823	7,654	609 064		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	5,684	454 224	4,875	394 784		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	10,146	803 738	9,933	788 654		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	1,939	155 939	1,139	92 587		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	3,498	281 325	2,923	234 699		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	-	-	2	90		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	2,826	204 617	3,241	233 104		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	6,740	523 071	6,063	471 415		
11	Sugar	72	6 678	45	4 028		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	108	6 633	86	5 493		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	110	9 213	92	7 662		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	3,736	330 856	2,897	255 329		
15	Salt	730	63 067	720	61 490		
16	Phosphate rock	-	-	-	-		
17	Sulphur	19,912	1 878 360	19,472	1 832 739		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²	1,119	98 887	1,092	98 202		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	-	-	-	-		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	1,679	149 062	1,681	150 660		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	-	-	-	-		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	1,270	101 456	1,650	132 788		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	616	54 203	407	35 945		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	206	18 532	194	17 250		
26	Coal	98,525	9 830 534	104,499	10 383 954		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,315	93 219	1,318	95 405		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	6,602	501 000	5,535	429 695		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	9,656	600 460	7,725	479 920		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,904	145 553	1,903	145 728		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	2,251	179 732	1,636	127 612		
32	Sulphuric acid	887	77 958	814	72 871		
33	Alumina	2	189	-	-		
34	Other basic chemicals	12,876	1 115 765	14,117	1 216 850		
35	Potash	44,613	4 217 922	38,303	3 490 450		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	15,392	1 288 468	14,213	1 185 822		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	717	61 371	437	36 345		
38	Plastic and rubber	3,872	329 169	3,852	323 110		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	8,275	585 519	9,680	669 282		
40	Wood chips	18,655	1 135 814	17,829	1 062 790		
41	Lumber	23,241	1 789 661	22,750	1 689 879		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	8,234	585 966	5,870	395 286		
43	Wood pulp	18,235	1 482 919	17,705	1 381 474		
44	Newsprint	5,447	337 954	5,109	320 096		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	1,489	97 000	2,851	197 587		
46	Cement	2,827	252 326	2,239	199 614		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	859	70 514	962	78 690		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	1,708	131 835	1,053	79 729		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	348	24 911	330	23 540		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	283	20 309	247	17 670		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	449	29 999	514	35 130		
52	Articles of base metal	1,598	113 306	2,021	147 796		
53	Machinery	75	4 321	219	11 772		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	4,198	55 544	3,491	45 898		
55	Freight motor vehicles	641	9 215	636	8 783		
56	Other vehicles	57	2 029	95	4 620		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	-	-	-	-		
58	Other transportation equipment	872	23 889	555	18 046		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	2,664	183 065	2,380	151 853		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	1,305	70 414	1,383	77 051		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	577	26 491	631	31 149		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	8	266	9	168		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	228	8 107	38	1 669		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	-		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³		436,444	37 225 990	392,495	33 218 163		
		Units	TEUs⁴	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs⁴	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	128,151	263,506	2 187 607	107,376	220,628	1 821 289
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	9,080	...	185 630	7,686	...	157 935
	Traffic received from United States connections	1 393 960	1 107 422
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	40 993 187	36 304 809
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	2 227 272	2 045 000
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	1,060	2,126	16 303	631	1,260	9 694
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	3,523	...	53 284	2,817	...	42 302

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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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