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Highlights:

- In April 2000, the freight loaded by railways in Canada (excluding intermodal traffic) totalled 20.6 million metric tonnes. This represented an increase of 2.3% compared to April 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 7.9% compared to the same period in 1999, to reach 2.1 million metric tonnes.
- The five main loaded commodities were: coal (3.2 million metric tonnes), iron ores and concentrates (3.1 million metric tonnes), wheat (1.8 million metric tonnes), potash (1.5 million metric tonnes) and lumber (0.9 million metric tonnes).
- The cumulative freight loaded (excluding intermodal traffic) for the first fourth months of 2000 reached 84.4 million metric tonnes.

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

MRC code	Commodity	April 2000		April 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	19,793	1 777 653	17,643	1 580 702		
2	Other cereal grains	4,583	364 640	3,537	284 284		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,108	171 557	1,758	145 285		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	2,946	232 235	2,453	194 386		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	1,079	87 604	460	37 323		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	1,576	125 389	1,829	145 835		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	-	-	2	146		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	1,090	77 649	1,129	80 307		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,092	161 565	2,023	159 728		
11	Sugar	303	25 750	327	27 016		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	66	4 670	35	2 266		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	70	5 087	73	5 704		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	3,049	249 860	2,179	190 034		
15	Salt	901	83 455	916	85 667		
16	Phosphate rock	406	36 579	-	-		
17	Sulphur	5,848	551 886	6,396	599 406		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²	5,246	453 295	5,735	502 953		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	34,073	3 065 775	32,221	2 744 693		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	1,312	116 300	1,428	126 169		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	2,599	188 622	4,093	297 049		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	1,014	86 704	716	57 564		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	1,106	98 399	309	26 981		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	82	7 106	79	7 194		
26	Coal	33,526	3 221 303	33,523	3 342 447		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,956	140 887	1,762	117 958		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,560	214 537	2,281	185 672		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	4,462	279 469	4,800	310 491		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,918	105 996	1,779	105 296		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,983	149 546	2,306	172 403		
32	Sulphuric acid	2,291	202 736	2,257	201 409		
33	Alumina	4,758	436 497	5,194	477 881		
34	Other basic chemicals	7,247	602 577	7,652	638 299		
35	Potash	15,233	1 450 039	16,304	1 486 206		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	5,817	484 482	6,101	521 438		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	1,067	90 534	619	51 767		
38	Plastic and rubber	3,317	273 562	3,493	282 263		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	3,242	222 463	2,688	119 277		
40	Wood chips	7,926	478 288	7,991	461 395		
41	Lumber	12,396	938 545	13,656	1 007 093		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	4,439	325 254	4,100	279 799		
43	Wood pulp	8,721	668 259	9,491	700 828		
44	Newsprint	6,958	409 931	7,343	434 104		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	4,172	238 013	4,417	288 780		
46	Cement	2,351	209 264	2,181	193 907		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	931	74 454	828	63 075		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	4,016	313 739	2,663	206 409		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	595	48 632	1,255	107 388		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	1,549	120 320	1,703	132 401		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	497	40 247	426	34 379		
52	Articles of base metal	1,362	90 827	1,512	106 861		
53	Machinery	176	8 690	151	7 723		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	8,686	151 377	8,838	157 587		
55	Freight motor vehicles	10,714	185 762	10,595	187 896		
56	Other vehicles	64	1 603	18	823		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,291	69 379	2,455	75 619		
58	Other transportation equipment	1,239	11 664	910	20 492		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	2,468	185 583	2,416	177 764		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	930	54 261	860	48 523		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	220	10 443	325	17 446		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	1,332	58 620	1,783	71 078		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	464	21 453	256	11 293		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	11		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³		265,216	20 561 013	262,273	20 106 188		
		Units	TEUs^o	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs^o	Metric tonnes
Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)		124,306	251,101	2 007 976	114,663	227,117	1 865 495
Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)		7,580	...	131 618	6,416	...	117 931
Traffic received from United States connections		1 272 245	1 749 597
TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED		23 972 852	23 839 211
Traffic received from Canadian connections		3 303 844	4 507 667
C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections		12,413	24,527	160 340	14,143	27,616	183 904
T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections		1,683	...	26 738	2,545	...	41 213

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

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

MRC code	Commodity	April 2000		April 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	388	34 945	554	49 922		
2	Other cereal grains	407	36 527	433	38 231		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	60	4 991	37	3 286		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	101	7 772	38	3 383		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	104	9 376	62	5 495		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	543	43 096	580	45 048		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	-	-	-	-		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	42	2 866	37	2 691		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	249	18 833	170	12 868		
11	Sugar	281	23 757	293	23 827		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	36	2 753	8	540		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	31	1 856	35	2 556		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,395	103 971	827	70 950		
15	Salt	735	69 299	740	70 697		
16	Phosphate rock	406	36 579	-	-		
17	Sulphur	71	6 206	82	7 293		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²	4,857	418 941	5,400	472 802		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	34,073	3 065 775	32,221	2 744 693		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	803	70 127	895	78 122		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	2,599	188 622	4,093	297 049		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	549	49 381	53	3 869		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	927	82 524	239	20 770		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	15	997	7	756		
26	Coal	4,570	278 675	1,105	93 463		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,430	103 500	1,379	90 525		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	1,291	113 449	1,182	97 980		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	2,762	170 429	3,086	200 371		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,336	61 876	1,170	58 182		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,372	102 094	1,456	105 696		
32	Sulphuric acid	1,989	176 200	2,026	180 688		
33	Alumina	4,756	436 304	5,194	477 881		
34	Other basic chemicals	2,787	215 505	2,827	223 114		
35	Potash	851	77 720	714	65 509		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	545	48 733	557	48 999		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	878	75 899	495	41 376		
38	Plastic and rubber	2,000	160 966	2,112	165 461		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	2,608	169 419	2,134	86 512		
40	Wood chips	1,403	80 700	1,356	71 010		
41	Lumber	4,634	335 999	4,977	355 114		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	2,004	150 018	1,984	137 699		
43	Wood pulp	3,615	253 885	3,781	245 833		
44	Newsprint	5,269	304 084	5,420	314 758		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	3,709	207 675	3,426	219 143		
46	Cement	1,153	102 510	1,109	96 702		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	596	47 386	445	32 220		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	3,525	276 527	2,425	188 274		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	503	42 060	1,162	100 691		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	1,486	115 817	1,605	125 560		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	343	29 723	302	25 917		
52	Articles of base metal	752	49 028	874	60 128		
53	Machinery	164	8 085	66	3 149		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	7,165	130 613	7,324	137 706		
55	Freight motor vehicles	10,456	181 932	10,519	186 775		
56	Other vehicles	51	1 109	1	34		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,291	69 379	2,455	75 619		
58	Other transportation equipment	1,006	6 487	743	14 521		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	1,579	120 766	1,558	121 186		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	503	29 655	395	22 286		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	73	3 808	99	5 817		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	1,325	58 417	1,781	71 062		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	358	17 683	247	10 898		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	11		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³		131,810	9 093 306	126,295	8 512 722		
		Units	TEUs^o	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs^o	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	80,446	161,342	1 287 507	74,902	146,108	1 203 967
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	4,751	...	74 922	3,717	...	60 943
	Traffic received from United States connections	884 658	1 366 532
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	11 340 393	11 144 164
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	2 601 618	3 665 471
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	12,171	24,015	156 657	13,898	27,100	180 146
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	923	...	15 998	1,695	...	29 458

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

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

MRC code	Commodity	April 2000		April 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	19,405	1 742 708	17,089	1 530 780		
2	Other cereal grains	4,176	328 113	3,104	246 053		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,048	166 566	1,721	141 999		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	2,845	224 463	2,415	191 003		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	975	78 228	398	31 828		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	1,033	82 293	1,249	100 787		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	-	-	2	146		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	1,048	74 783	1,092	77 616		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	1,843	142 732	1,853	146 860		
11	Sugar	22	1 993	34	3 189		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	30	1 917	27	1 726		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	39	3 231	38	3 148		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,654	145 889	1,352	119 084		
15	Salt	166	14 156	176	14 970		
16	Phosphate rock	-	-	-	-		
17	Sulphur	5,777	545 680	6,314	592 113		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²	389	34 354	335	30 151		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	-	-	-	-		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	509	46 173	533	48 047		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	-	-	-	-		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	465	37 323	663	53 695		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	179	15 875	70	6 211		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	67	6 109	72	6 438		
26	Coal	28,956	2 942 628	32,418	3 248 984		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	526	37 387	383	27 433		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	1,269	101 088	1,099	87 692		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	1,700	109 040	1,714	110 120		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	582	44 120	609	47 114		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	611	47 452	850	66 707		
32	Sulphuric acid	302	26 536	231	20 721		
33	Alumina	2	193	-	-		
34	Other basic chemicals	4,460	387 072	4,825	415 185		
35	Potash	14,382	1 372 319	15,590	1 420 697		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	5,272	435 749	5,544	472 439		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	189	14 635	124	10 391		
38	Plastic and rubber	1,317	112 596	1,381	116 802		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	634	53 044	554	32 765		
40	Wood chips	6,523	397 588	6,635	390 385		
41	Lumber	7,762	602 546	8,679	651 979		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	2,435	175 236	2,116	142 100		
43	Wood pulp	5,106	414 374	5,710	454 995		
44	Newsprint	1,689	105 847	1,923	119 346		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	463	30 338	991	69 637		
46	Cement	1,198	106 754	1,072	97 205		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	335	27 068	383	30 855		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	491	37 212	238	18 135		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	92	6 572	93	6 697		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	63	4 503	98	6 841		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	154	10 524	124	8 462		
52	Articles of base metal	610	41 799	638	46 733		
53	Machinery	12	605	85	4 574		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	1,521	20 764	1,514	19 881		
55	Freight motor vehicles	258	3 830	76	1 121		
56	Other vehicles	13	494	17	789		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	-	-	-	-		
58	Other transportation equipment	233	5 177	167	5 971		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	889	64 817	858	56 578		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	427	24 606	465	26 237		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	147	6 635	226	11 629		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	7	203	2	16		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	106	3 770	9	395		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	-		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³		133,406	11 467 707	135,978	11 593 466		
		Units	TEUs⁶	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs⁶	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	43,860	89,759	720 469	39,761	81,009	661 528
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	2,829	...	56 696	2,699	...	56 988
	Traffic received from United States connections	387 587	383 065
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	12 632 459	12 695 047
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	702 226	842 196
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	242	512	3 683	245	516	3 758
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	760	...	10 740	850	...	11 755

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 April 2000		January 1999 to April 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	84,404	7 566 126	54,381	4 857 630		
2	Other cereal grains	17,307	1 374 268	12,554	1 012 540		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	7,916	635 962	6,762	550 172		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	13,278	1 050 033	12,511	993 833		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	3,184	257 759	1,662	135 333		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	7,180	575 293	6,677	534 602		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	1	74	10	644		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	4,024	290 071	4,567	328 149		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	9,359	725 703	8,670	675 090		
11	Sugar	1,332	112 816	1,255	104 506		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	193	12 231	135	8 534		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	227	16 858	222	16 789		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	10,225	838 519	6,977	597 017		
15	Salt	4,432	378 231	4,796	448 641		
16	Phosphate rock	919	82 716	-	-		
17	Sulphur	25,986	2 453 304	26,126	2 455 336		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²	39,421	1 703 540	20,956	1 787 174		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	127,354	11 748 933	105,037	9 240 331		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	4,921	434 442	5,608	497 916		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	12,801	927 324	17,405	1 263 550		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	4,100	349 890	2,495	199 769		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	4,645	411 265	1,488	130 110		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	316	27 815	382	30 570		
26	Coal	142,085	13 800 233	146,132	14 425 389		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	6,975	501 710	6,724	468 878		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	13,970	1 130 766	13,820	1 105 989		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	25,197	1 574 736	23,643	1 498 605		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	7,825	456 934	6,835	434 077		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	8,411	632 625	7,446	553 124		
32	Sulphuric acid	8,753	773 320	8,611	766 015		
33	Alumina	15,344	1 391 407	15,746	1 426 893		
34	Other basic chemicals	28,969	2 403 998	29,934	2 502 506		
35	Potash	63,027	5 959 375	57,210	5 214 844		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	21,948	1 836 974	21,192	1 783 676		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	4,062	344 960	2,527	211 014		
38	Plastic and rubber	13,233	1 075 634	12,709	1 030 067		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	19,683	1 149 036	17,784	1 086 968		
40	Wood chips	30,914	1 867 271	29,789	1 739 980		
41	Lumber	50,640	3 819 245	49,192	3 617 081		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	19,295	1 401 745	16,063	1 099 926		
43	Wood pulp	38,650	3 012 117	38,875	2 911 301		
44	Newsprint	27,199	1 631 750	27,710	1 642 479		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	16,760	999 623	17,604	1 136 655		
46	Cement	7,771	692 046	6,857	605 162		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	3,653	289 084	2,623	199 810		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	16,035	1 382 670	10,100	773 185		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	2,353	191 584	4,928	418 304		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	6,505	506 938	6,512	507 777		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	1,998	160 192	1,789	143 092		
52	Articles of base metal	5,369	345 026	5,904	418 573		
53	Machinery	750	37 958	573	29 371		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	36,480	637 451	32,521	568 823		
55	Freight motor vehicles	43,309	751 792	40,417	723 703		
56	Other vehicles	202	6 308	141	5 918		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	9,863	284 494	9,206	287 639		
58	Other transportation equipment	5,969	92 510	4,169	98 906		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	9,244	697 265	8,214	602 002		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	3,739	214 761	3,244	183 826		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	1,229	65 594	1,406	70 927		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	5,225	213 438	6,499	243 513		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	1,506	63 833	1,134	56 345		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	5 365		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³		1,107,665	84 369 580	996,459	76 465 956		
		Units	TEUs^o	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs^o	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	480,655	970,677	7 865 912	423,048	882,847	6 950 246
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	31,684	...	583 863	23,160	...	432 775
	Traffic received from United States connections	4 798 045	6 770 183
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	97 617 400	90 619 160
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	15 195 942	16 182 156
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	51,742	101,854	666 193	56,541	110,002	741 150
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	7,305	...	115 327	10,108	...	163 513

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 April 2000		January 1999 to April 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	1,466	131 420	1,912	172 001		
2	Other cereal grains	1,572	141 044	1,796	157 423		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	212	16 928	166	13 389		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	287	21 938	163	14 176		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	275	23 738	125	10 918		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	2,659	211 167	2,505	199 116		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	1	74	6	408		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	150	10 534	234	17 429		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	777	58 607	754	56 815		
11	Sugar	1,238	104 127	1,176	97 289		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	55	3 681	22	1 315		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	78	4 414	92	5 979		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	4,835	361 529	2,728	222 604		
15	Salt	3,536	300 899	3,900	372 181		
16	Phosphate rock	919	82 716	-	-		
17	Sulphur	311	28 196	340	30 484		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²	37,942	1 572 671	19,529	1 658 821		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	127,354	11 748 933	105,037	9 240 331		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	2,733	239 065	3,394	299 209		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	12,801	927 324	17,405	1 263 550		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	2,362	210 842	182	13 286		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	3,850	341 187	1,011	87 954		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	43	3 113	116	6 882		
26	Coal	14,492	954 908	9,215	792 451		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	5,135	371 160	5,023	346 040		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	6,108	529 002	7,186	588 602		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	13,856	865 852	14,204	908 565		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	5,348	267 225	4,323	241 235		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	5,550	405 501	4,960	358 805		
32	Sulphuric acid	7,567	668 839	7,566	672 423		
33	Alumina	15,340	1 391 025	15,746	1 426 893		
34	Other basic chemicals	11,645	900 826	10,992	870 471		
35	Potash	3,858	352 263	3,317	303 697		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	1,267	110 643	1,435	125 415		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	3,159	269 004	1,966	164 278		
38	Plastic and rubber	8,050	633 943	7,476	590 155		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	10,777	510 674	7,550	384 921		
40	Wood chips	5,738	334 011	5,325	286 805		
41	Lumber	19,668	1 429 211	17,763	1 275 223		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	8,626	640 734	8,077	562 540		
43	Wood pulp	15,360	1 108 412	15,460	1 074 832		
44	Newsprint	20,059	1 186 811	20,678	1 203 037		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	14,812	872 643	13,762	869 431		
46	Cement	3,746	332 829	3,546	308 343		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	2,465	192 003	1,278	90 265		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	13,836	1 213 193	8,809	675 321		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	1,913	160 101	4,505	388 067		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	6,159	482 070	6,167	483 266		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	1,336	115 661	1,151	99 500		
52	Articles of base metal	3,162	189 456	3,245	224 044		
53	Machinery	663	33 030	269	13 025		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	30,762	561 175	27,516	503 044		
55	Freight motor vehicles	42,410	738 741	39,705	713 799		
56	Other vehicles	132	3 785	29	509		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	9,863	284 494	9,206	287 639		
58	Other transportation equipment	4,901	63 748	3,447	74 889		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	5,693	451 328	4,976	393 571		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	2,014	120 105	1,396	80 538		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	505	32 468	549	28 149		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	5,212	213 015	6,488	243 329		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	1,172	51 958	1,087	54 281		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	5 365		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³		537,815	35 585 991	467,986	31 654 327		
		Units	TEUs⁹	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs⁹	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	308,988	618,046	4 967 738	275,911	581,210	4 467 429
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	19,761	...	341 230	12,775	...	217 852
	Traffic received from United States connections	3 311 451	5 279 696
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	44 206 410	41 619 304
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	12 264 355	13 294 960
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	50,704	99,729	650 093	55,665	108,226	727 698
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	3,703	...	61 730	6,441	...	109 456

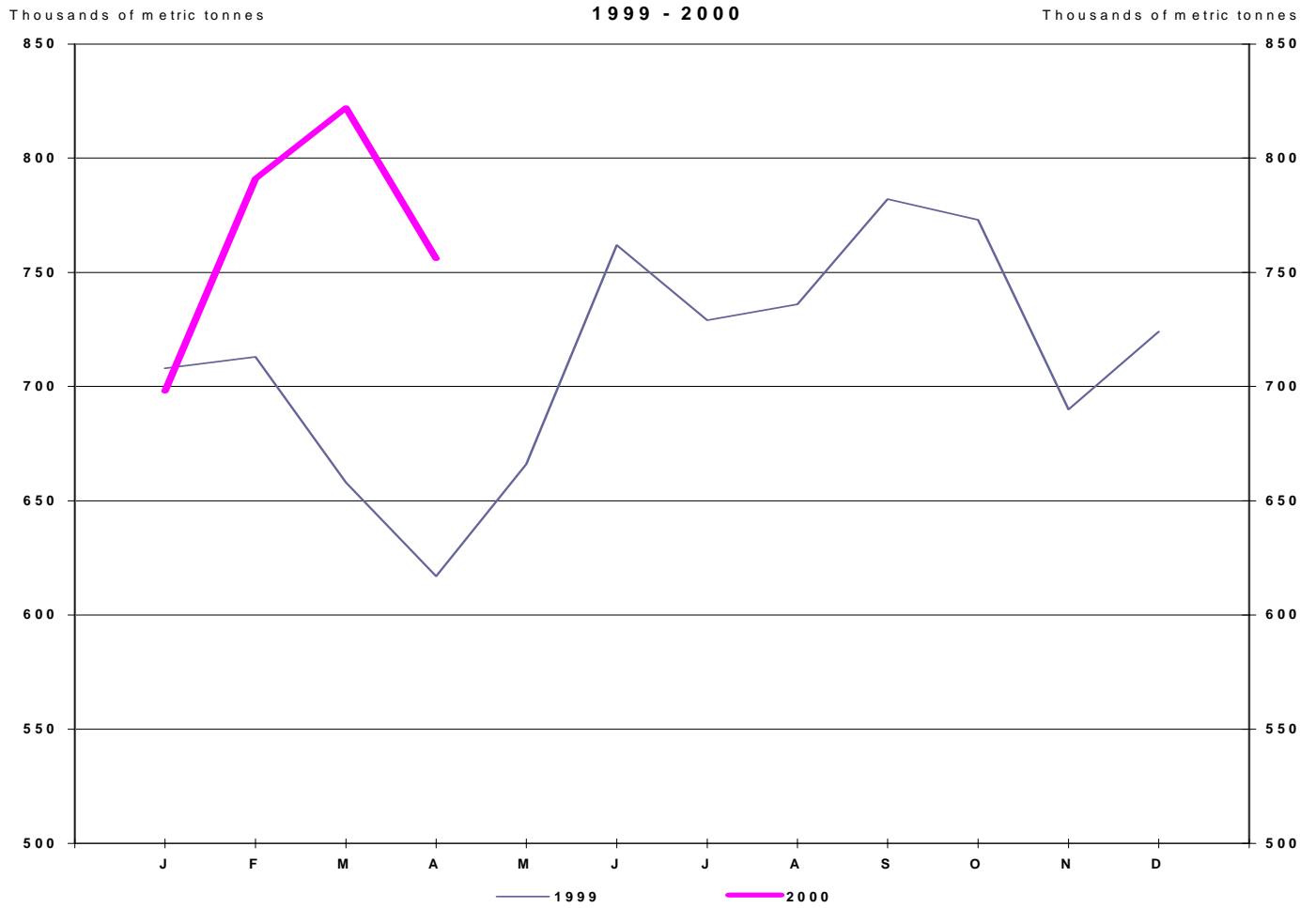
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TABLE 6. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Western Division

MRC code	Commodity	January 2000 to April 2000		January 1999 to April 1999			
		Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
1	Wheat	82,938	7 434 706	52,469	4 685 629		
2	Other cereal grains	15,735	1 233 224	10,758	855 117		
3	Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	7,704	619 034	6,596	536 783		
4	Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	-	-	-	-		
5	Colza seeds (Canola)	12,991	1 028 095	12,348	979 657		
6	Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products	2,909	234 021	1,537	124 415		
7	Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products	4,521	364 126	4,172	335 486		
8	Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations	-	-	4	236		
9	Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products	3,874	279 537	4,333	310 720		
10	Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	8,582	667 096	7,916	618 275		
11	Sugar	94	8 689	79	7 217		
12	Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c.	138	8 550	113	7 219		
13	Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	149	12 444	130	10 810		
14	Sand, gravel and crushed stone	5,390	476 990	4,249	374 413		
15	Salt	896	77 332	896	76 460		
16	Phosphate rock	-	-	-	-		
17	Sulphur	25,675	2 425 108	25,786	2 424 852		
18	Gypsum	x	x	x	x		
19	Other non-metallic minerals ²	1,479	130 869	1,427	128 353		
20	Iron ores and concentrates	-	-	-	-		
21	Copper ores and concentrates	2,188	195 377	2,214	198 707		
22	Nickel ores and concentrates	-	-	-	-		
23	Lead ores and concentrates	1,738	139 048	2,313	186 483		
24	Zinc ores and concentrates	795	70 078	477	42 156		
25	Other metallic ores and concentrates	273	24 702	266	23 688		
26	Coal	127,593	12 845 325	136,917	13 632 938		
27	Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,840	130 550	1,701	122 838		
28	Fuel oils and crude petroleum	7,862	601 764	6,634	517 387		
29	Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs	11,341	708 884	9,439	590 040		
30	Coal coke and petroleum coke	2,477	189 709	2,512	192 842		
31	Other refined petroleum and coal products	2,861	227 124	2,486	194 319		
32	Sulphuric acid	1,186	104 481	1,045	93 592		
33	Alumina	4	382	-	-		
34	Other basic chemicals	17,324	1 503 172	18,942	1 632 035		
35	Potash	59,169	5 607 112	53,893	4 911 147		
36	Fertilizers (excluding potash)	20,681	1 726 331	19,757	1 658 261		
37	Other chemical products and preparations	903	75 956	561	46 736		
38	Plastic and rubber	5,183	441 691	5,233	439 912		
39	Logs and other wood in the rough	8,906	638 362	10,234	702 047		
40	Wood chips	25,176	1 533 260	24,464	1 453 175		
41	Lumber	30,972	2 390 034	31,429	2 341 858		
42	Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc)	10,669	761 011	7,986	537 386		
43	Wood pulp	23,290	1 903 705	23,415	1 836 469		
44	Newsprint	7,140	444 939	7,032	439 442		
45	Paper and paperboard, except printed products	1,948	126 980	3,842	267 224		
46	Cement	4,025	359 217	3,311	296 819		
47	Other non-metallic mineral products	1,188	97 081	1,345	109 545		
48	Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished	2,199	169 477	1,291	97 864		
49	Copper - primary or semi-finished	440	31 483	423	30 237		
50	Aluminum - primary or semi-finished	346	24 868	345	24 511		
51	Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished	662	44 531	638	43 592		
52	Articles of base metal	2,207	155 570	2,659	194 529		
53	Machinery	87	4 928	304	16 346		
54	Automobiles and mini-vans	5,718	76 276	5,005	65 779		
55	Freight motor vehicles	899	13 051	712	9 904		
56	Other vehicles	70	2 523	112	5 409		
57	Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	-	-	-	-		
58	Other transportation equipment	1,068	28 762	722	24 017		
59	Metallic waste and scrap	3,551	245 937	3,238	208 431		
60	Non-metallic waste and scrap	1,725	94 656	1,848	103 288		
61	Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	724	33 126	857	42 778		
62	Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations	13	423	11	184		
63	Mixed loads or unidentified freight	334	11 875	47	2 064		
64	Less-than-carload shipments	...	-	...	-		
Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³		569,850	48 783 589	528,473	44 811 629		
		Units	TEUs⁴	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs⁴	Metric tonnes
	Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.)	171,667	352,631	2 898 174	147,137	301,637	2 482 817
	Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.)	11,923	...	242 633	10,385	...	214 923
	Traffic received from United States connections	1 486 594	1 490 487
	TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED	53 410 990	48 999 856
	Traffic received from Canadian connections	2 931 587	2 887 196
	C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	1,038	2,125	16 100	876	1,776	13 452
	T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections	3,602	...	53 597	3,667	...	54 057

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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.

Symbols:

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