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Highlights

Second quarter 2005 and June 2005

Canadian railways reported their strongest second quarter since 1999 between April and June this year as demand in Asia for Canadian primary goods remained strong.

Railways loaded more than 72.9 million tonnes of goods during the second quarter of 2005, up by more than half a million tonnes, or 0.8%, from the same three months last year.

Leading the list of commodities where gains in loadings occurred between the first and second quarter were cement, gasoline and aviation fuel, other non metallic minerals, coal and lumber.

Coal shipments amounted to nearly 9.1 million tonnes, up 10.2% from the same quarter last year. Lumber shipments, primarily destined for the United States, surpassed 4.3 million tonnes, up 27.6%.

Just over 7.0 million tonnes of freight arrived from the United States between April and June, either destined for or passing through Canada, up 6.7% from the same three months in 2004.

On a monthly basis, railways shipped nearly 24.7 million tonnes of goods in June, the highest volume of the last six years for June itself.

Iron ore loadings were up strongly from May following the settlement of a labour dispute which had more than 1300 employees off work. However, shipments of major commodities such as potash and coal showed some declines as is often the case in early summer.

The non-intermodal portion of freight totalled 22.4 million tonnes in June, up 1.8% from May. About 282,300 railcars were required to load all of June's non-intermodal freight.

Loadings of intermodal freight, that is, containers and trailers hauled on flat cars, amounted to 2.3 million tonnes, down 4.9% from May.

Freight coming from the United States, either destined for or passing through Canada, fell 12.4%.

On a year-over-year basis, non-intermodal tonnage was up 4.3% from June last year. Intermodal traffic rose 0.6%, while traffic received from the United States was up 4.8%.

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Table 1

Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada - Total¹

Commodity	June 2005		June 2004	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	16,271	1,462,698	21,168	1,895,250
Other cereal grains	3,453	274,897	3,358	274,539
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,053	181,468	600	48,965
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	3,672	287,858	3,177	250,758
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	417	31,932	476	38,210
Animal feed and products	1,923	153,693	1,765	140,584
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	5	316
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,270	96,284	1,107	84,128
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	1,735	136,203	2,298	181,935
Sugar	492	43,443	425	37,337
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	288	18,245	261	15,921
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	79	6,261	74	5,889
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	3,688	312,228	3,729	320,493
Salt	1,220	109,615	1,217	109,483
Phosphate rock	602	54,384	1,134	102,189
Sulphur	6,804	653,711	6,099	583,958
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	6,670	595,233	7,570	636,086
Iron ores and concentrates	32,847	3,044,214	29,358	2,707,504
Copper ores and concentrates	1,208	106,403	1,006	89,109
Nickel ores and concentrates	2,948	213,950	3,182	230,933
Lead ores and concentrates	293	22,593	252	22,397
Zinc ores and concentrates	903	76,055	1,242	110,326
Other metallic ores and concentrates	7,649	392,524	7,687	395,660
Coal	30,587	3,067,394	24,719	2,485,488
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,847	220,057	2,356	178,683
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	5,144	411,841	4,969	397,230
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	4,664	297,088	4,629	296,312
Coal coke and petroleum coke	2,453	162,469	1,732	110,050
Other refined petroleum and coal products	3,051	238,625	3,118	237,706
Sulphuric acid	2,076	185,012	2,351	207,348
Alumina	6,387	575,358	6,191	559,112
Other basic chemicals	7,859	684,909	8,152	708,767
Potash	13,316	1,285,259	14,498	1,374,901
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,506	384,217	4,490	379,510
Other chemical products and preparations	725	60,165	821	69,715
Plastic and rubber	4,145	357,381	4,537	389,648
Logs and other wood in the rough	4,414	243,477	3,827	222,624
Wood chips	5,991	363,682	6,245	373,839
Lumber	18,068	1,479,611	14,351	1,154,250
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	6,871	515,856	6,660	504,824
Wood pulp	11,771	955,873	11,493	921,698
Newsprint	6,679	438,561	6,536	429,827
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	5,452	353,896	4,964	321,358
Cement	2,999	275,830	2,893	263,747
Other non-metallic mineral products	1,172	92,508	724	57,245
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	4,723	394,706	5,454	460,994
Copper, primary or semi-finished	534	43,981	223	18,763
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,650	216,922	2,166	178,715
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	777	63,911	764	61,032
Articles of base metal	963	71,389	946	66,763
Machinery	144	4,728	142	4,533
Automobiles and mini-vans	8,776	151,852	9,160	165,275
Freight motor vehicles	6,986	119,615	9,239	161,057
Other vehicles	7	125	10	415
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,930	84,537	3,106	91,819
Other transportation equipment	1,158	39,018	969	33,737
Metallic waste and scrap	2,567	197,590	2,808	214,037
Non-metallic waste and scrap	703	38,629	711	40,772
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	189	11,929	308	19,035
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	835	39,886	663	33,294
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	685	19,158	508	16,556
Less than carload shipments	...	36	...	32
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	282,289	22,420,973	274,623	21,492,681

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

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

Commodity	June 2005		June 2004	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	590	52,434	491	44,021
Other cereal grains	165	13,603	266	23,097
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	17	1,407	20	1,605
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	0	0	13	1,109
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	250	19,163	96	8,591
Animal feed and products	859	67,072	660	50,615
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	1	54
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	83	6,521	84	6,215
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	158	11,780	316	23,271
Sugar	344	30,159	347	30,525
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	37	2,721	11	928
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	28	2,085	25	1,810
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,599	125,190	1,463	119,117
Salt	840	76,046	880	79,439
Phosphate rock	602	54,384	1,134	102,189
Sulphur	130	11,369	134	11,838
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	6,183	552,836	7,060	590,326
Iron ores and concentrates	32,847	3,044,214	29,358	2,707,504
Copper ores and concentrates	489	42,005	351	30,478
Nickel ores and concentrates	2,948	213,950	3,182	230,933
Lead ores and concentrates	293	22,593	86	7,739
Zinc ores and concentrates	753	63,641	1,015	90,463
Other metallic ores and concentrates	7,562	384,729	7,536	382,091
Coal	1,798	153,913	2,507	214,918
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,145	165,911	1,744	131,934
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,848	225,438	3,051	240,914
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	2,967	188,032	2,853	182,422
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,727	106,733	1,049	58,692
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,531	115,776	1,456	109,546
Sulphuric acid	1,723	153,954	1,953	171,996
Alumina	6,387	575,358	6,191	559,112
Other basic chemicals	2,947	251,574	3,406	289,979
Potash	893	81,321	1,205	110,324
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	561	51,052	372	33,556
Other chemical products and preparations	607	50,951	707	60,624
Plastic and rubber	2,085	175,931	2,181	181,770
Logs and other wood in the rough	3,128	158,986	2,480	131,005
Wood chips	1,294	84,486	1,506	92,854
Lumber	4,539	364,464	4,457	355,530
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	2,209	152,453	2,246	166,193
Wood pulp	3,725	289,477	4,362	335,517
Newsprint	5,691	370,163	5,618	368,464
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	4,266	274,058	4,008	258,649
Cement	1,643	150,650	1,598	144,819
Other non-metallic mineral products	519	42,510	470	36,875
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	4,114	341,685	4,906	413,208
Copper, primary or semi-finished	318	27,504	142	12,500
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,628	215,152	2,153	177,713
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	386	33,210	277	24,026
Articles of base metal	460	33,094	347	25,064
Machinery	113	3,259	119	3,254
Automobiles and mini-vans	7,113	127,059	7,114	136,170
Freight motor vehicles	6,307	110,697	8,903	156,385
Other vehicles	4	42	8	308
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,930	84,537	3,105	91,739
Other transportation equipment	976	31,027	782	26,862
Metallic waste and scrap	1,480	115,324	1,557	119,741
Non-metallic waste and scrap	320	20,218	305	18,975
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	101	6,637	135	9,734
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	735	35,598	653	32,844
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	671	18,731	392	11,635
Less than carload shipments	...	36	...	32
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	140,666	10,184,903	140,847	10,039,841

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Table 3

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

Commodity	June 2005		June 2004	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	15,681	1,410,264	20,677	1,851,229
Other cereal grains	3,288	261,294	3,092	251,442
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,036	180,061	580	47,360
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	3,672	287,858	3,164	249,649
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	167	12,769	380	29,619
Animal feed and products	1,064	86,621	1,105	89,969
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	4	262
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,187	89,763	1,023	77,913
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	1,577	124,423	1,982	158,664
Sugar	148	13,284	78	6,812
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	251	15,524	250	14,993
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	51	4,176	49	4,079
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	2,089	187,038	2,266	201,376
Salt	380	33,569	337	30,044
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	6,674	642,342	5,965	572,120
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	487	42,397	510	45,760
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	719	64,398	655	58,631
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	166	14,658
Zinc ores and concentrates	150	12,414	227	19,863
Other metallic ores and concentrates	87	7,795	151	13,569
Coal	28,789	2,913,481	22,212	2,270,570
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	702	54,146	612	46,749
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,296	186,403	1,918	156,316
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	1,697	109,056	1,776	113,890
Coal coke and petroleum coke	726	55,736	683	51,358
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,520	122,849	1,662	128,160
Sulphuric acid	353	31,058	398	35,352
Alumina	0	0	0	0
Other basic chemicals	4,912	433,335	4,746	418,788
Potash	12,423	1,203,938	13,293	1,264,577
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	3,945	333,165	4,118	345,954
Other chemical products and preparations	118	9,214	114	9,091
Plastic and rubber	2,060	181,450	2,356	207,878
Logs and other wood in the rough	1,286	84,491	1,347	91,619
Wood chips	4,697	279,196	4,739	280,985
Lumber	13,529	1,115,147	9,894	798,720
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	4,662	363,403	4,414	338,631
Wood pulp	8,046	666,396	7,131	586,181
Newsprint	988	68,398	918	61,363
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	1,186	79,838	956	62,709
Cement	1,356	125,180	1,295	118,928
Other non-metallic mineral products	653	49,998	254	20,370
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	609	53,021	548	47,786
Copper, primary or semi-finished	216	16,477	81	6,263
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	22	1,770	13	1,002
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	391	30,701	487	37,006
Articles of base metal	503	38,295	599	41,699
Machinery	31	1,469	23	1,279
Automobiles and mini-vans	1,663	24,793	2,046	29,105
Freight motor vehicles	679	8,918	336	4,672
Other vehicles	3	83	2	107
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	1	80
Other transportation equipment	182	7,991	187	6,875
Metallic waste and scrap	1,087	82,266	1,251	94,296
Non-metallic waste and scrap	383	18,411	406	21,797
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	88	5,292	173	9,301
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	100	4,288	10	450
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	14	427	116	4,921
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	141,623	12,236,070	133,776	11,452,840

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Table 4

Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada (YTD) - Total¹

Commodity	January 2005 to June 2005		January 2004 to June 2004	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	100,199	8,992,496	100,816	9,041,148
Other cereal grains	22,565	1,780,825	28,470	2,295,269
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	11,743	1,029,868	7,836	668,113
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	3	195	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	20,890	1,639,817	23,427	1,862,110
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	3,352	257,483	3,448	272,401
Animal feed and products	12,917	1,039,695	11,860	951,428
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	1	15	8	528
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	6,611	508,473	6,008	459,729
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	12,518	986,845	15,752	1,258,808
Sugar	2,785	244,343	2,454	215,487
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	1,365	88,689	1,564	96,441
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	465	37,034	396	31,226
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	20,453	1,754,826	17,979	1,521,646
Salt	7,610	683,272	8,000	719,295
Phosphate rock	5,018	452,947	5,903	533,036
Sulphur	40,229	3,875,061	41,031	3,926,487
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	37,569	3,202,556	35,132	2,914,241
Iron ores and concentrates	162,274	14,847,978	175,248	15,962,082
Copper ores and concentrates	8,033	707,956	7,003	617,988
Nickel ores and concentrates	18,050	1,311,454	16,764	1,214,768
Lead ores and concentrates	1,354	104,841	1,827	162,629
Zinc ores and concentrates	4,892	418,849	7,067	629,257
Other metallic ores and concentrates	21,660	1,148,413	21,953	1,173,632
Coal	172,522	17,220,219	157,436	15,678,844
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	13,974	1,074,917	13,224	998,534
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	30,979	2,503,549	30,971	2,501,161
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	35,574	2,256,901	38,377	2,440,958
Coal coke and petroleum coke	11,485	747,295	10,252	637,501
Other refined petroleum and coal products	16,269	1,261,863	16,212	1,249,754
Sulphuric acid	13,793	1,229,417	14,026	1,236,712
Alumina	34,590	3,143,766	33,232	3,011,352
Other basic chemicals	47,199	4,107,990	46,912	4,073,322
Potash	94,280	9,011,561	93,018	8,781,226
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	31,247	2,631,374	29,741	2,496,042
Other chemical products and preparations	4,665	390,931	4,684	398,563
Plastic and rubber	24,178	2,077,391	25,779	2,208,199
Logs and other wood in the rough	24,665	1,452,262	21,160	1,295,682
Wood chips	35,933	2,171,895	36,338	2,149,708
Lumber	99,457	8,118,339	79,720	6,393,670
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	40,764	3,093,464	36,377	2,773,473
Wood pulp	69,977	5,630,353	68,631	5,514,339
Newsprint	40,015	2,591,351	39,816	2,593,339
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	34,161	2,190,647	26,913	1,734,966
Cement	14,479	1,328,428	12,421	1,136,694
Other non-metallic mineral products	4,289	342,209	3,802	293,783
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	30,536	2,539,074	30,539	2,573,390
Copper, primary or semi-finished	2,392	199,255	2,403	203,670
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	15,702	1,272,716	13,974	1,142,432
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	4,755	388,197	4,955	397,220
Articles of base metal	5,238	375,844	5,202	372,001
Machinery	616	21,617	645	22,379
Automobiles and mini-vans	53,518	936,432	51,177	942,701
Freight motor vehicles	44,172	775,489	53,730	955,787
Other vehicles	102	2,128	126	4,969
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	17,822	519,621	20,136	608,751
Other transportation equipment	7,080	241,347	6,264	232,247
Metallic waste and scrap	16,257	1,241,310	15,785	1,214,564
Non-metallic waste and scrap	4,135	229,285	4,003	226,420
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	1,494	91,180	1,589	97,592
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	3,778	180,208	3,777	184,210
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	3,673	107,338	3,590	97,058
Less than carload shipments	...	107	...	132
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	1,628,321	128,811,201	1,596,883	125,401,094

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 5
Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada (YTD) - Eastern Division

Commodity	January 2005 to June 2005		January 2004 to June 2004	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	3,452	307,372	3,028	270,247
Other cereal grains	868	67,929	1,468	124,738
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	243	19,794	133	10,605
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	90	7,248	49	4,081
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	887	67,668	380	33,433
Animal feed and products	6,140	482,821	5,857	459,859
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	1	15	3	183
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	394	31,418	386	29,982
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	1,449	108,658	1,808	135,040
Sugar	2,167	189,837	2,009	175,578
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	161	13,110	61	4,751
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	195	14,782	139	9,889
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	8,281	663,398	8,089	640,396
Salt	4,978	449,103	5,753	520,696
Phosphate rock	5,018	452,947	5,903	533,036
Sulphur	818	72,088	773	68,354
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	34,785	2,958,947	32,449	2,674,303
Iron ores and concentrates	162,274	14,847,978	175,247	15,962,024
Copper ores and concentrates	3,806	329,918	3,501	304,256
Nickel ores and concentrates	18,050	1,311,454	16,764	1,214,768
Lead ores and concentrates	1,309	100,937	771	69,174
Zinc ores and concentrates	4,401	378,064	5,892	525,811
Other metallic ores and concentrates	21,040	1,092,925	21,291	1,114,056
Coal	13,901	1,215,331	12,776	1,090,422
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	10,932	843,599	10,660	801,880
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	17,259	1,381,136	17,813	1,422,366
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	19,470	1,243,065	22,378	1,430,976
Coal coke and petroleum coke	7,352	431,785	6,483	348,756
Other refined petroleum and coal products	8,005	601,150	7,967	601,197
Sulphuric acid	11,945	1,065,465	12,064	1,063,556
Alumina	34,588	3,143,586	33,232	3,011,352
Other basic chemicals	18,697	1,585,436	20,000	1,693,374
Potash	6,477	591,622	7,071	647,245
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	2,411	217,379	2,299	206,249
Other chemical products and preparations	4,011	340,034	3,956	341,937
Plastic and rubber	11,850	992,396	12,746	1,062,028
Logs and other wood in the rough	15,269	811,556	12,375	695,205
Wood chips	8,511	542,327	8,918	526,096
Lumber	27,303	2,180,503	24,829	1,964,091
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	14,069	1,006,058	12,158	909,985
Wood pulp	25,093	1,948,332	25,839	1,993,461
Newsprint	33,857	2,177,427	34,395	2,225,754
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	26,556	1,680,506	21,772	1,398,712
Cement	7,540	689,712	6,850	619,982
Other non-metallic mineral products	2,359	191,460	2,186	166,312
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	26,264	2,167,312	27,419	2,301,295
Copper, primary or semi-finished	1,740	149,009	1,867	161,257
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	15,599	1,264,516	13,874	1,134,588
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	2,350	202,517	2,298	197,711
Articles of base metal	3,209	222,301	2,517	182,782
Machinery	465	14,271	536	16,175
Automobiles and mini-vans	43,715	792,020	40,566	789,386
Freight motor vehicles	41,512	738,354	51,883	928,623
Other vehicles	71	1,480	104	3,975
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	17,816	519,264	20,106	607,946
Other transportation equipment	6,147	202,073	4,914	179,995
Metallic waste and scrap	9,955	778,440	9,768	767,198
Non-metallic waste and scrap	1,942	125,045	1,884	116,760
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	652	44,960	782	57,096
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	3,655	174,872	3,745	183,019
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	3,107	91,572	1,930	62,281
Less than carload shipments	...	107	...	132
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	786,461	56,336,389	794,714	56,796,415

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Table 6

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

Commodity	January 2005 to June 2005		January 2004 to June 2004	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	96,747	8,685,124	97,788	8,770,901
Other cereal grains	21,697	1,712,896	27,002	2,170,531
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	11,500	1,010,074	7,703	657,508
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	3	195	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	20,800	1,632,569	23,378	1,858,029
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	2,465	189,815	3,068	238,968
Animal feed and products	6,777	556,874	6,003	491,569
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	5	345
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	6,217	477,055	5,622	429,747
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	11,069	878,187	13,944	1,123,768
Sugar	618	54,506	445	39,909
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	1,204	75,579	1,503	91,690
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	270	22,252	257	21,337
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	12,172	1,091,428	9,890	881,250
Salt	2,632	234,169	2,247	198,599
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	39,411	3,802,973	40,258	3,858,133
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	2,784	243,609	2,683	239,938
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	1	58
Copper ores and concentrates	4,227	378,038	3,502	313,732
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	45	3,904	1,056	93,455
Zinc ores and concentrates	491	40,785	1,175	103,446
Other metallic ores and concentrates	620	55,488	662	59,576
Coal	158,621	16,004,888	144,660	14,588,422
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	3,042	231,318	2,564	196,654
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	13,720	1,122,413	13,158	1,078,795
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	16,104	1,013,836	15,999	1,009,982
Coal coke and petroleum coke	4,133	315,510	3,769	288,745
Other refined petroleum and coal products	8,264	660,713	8,245	648,557
Sulphuric acid	1,848	163,952	1,962	173,156
Alumina	2	180	0	0
Other basic chemicals	28,502	2,522,554	26,912	2,379,948
Potash	87,803	8,419,939	85,947	8,133,981
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	28,836	2,413,995	27,442	2,289,793
Other chemical products and preparations	654	50,897	728	56,626
Plastic and rubber	12,328	1,084,995	13,033	1,146,171
Logs and other wood in the rough	9,396	640,706	8,785	600,477
Wood chips	27,422	1,629,568	27,420	1,623,612
Lumber	72,154	5,937,836	54,891	4,429,579
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	26,695	2,087,406	24,219	1,863,488
Wood pulp	44,884	3,682,021	42,792	3,520,878
Newsprint	6,158	413,924	5,421	367,585
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	7,605	510,141	5,141	336,254
Cement	6,939	638,716	5,571	516,712
Other non-metallic mineral products	1,930	150,749	1,616	127,471
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	4,272	371,762	3,120	272,095
Copper, primary or semi-finished	652	50,246	536	42,413
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	103	8,200	100	7,844
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	2,405	185,680	2,657	199,509
Articles of base metal	2,029	153,543	2,685	189,219
Machinery	151	7,346	109	6,204
Automobiles and mini-vans	9,803	144,412	10,611	153,315
Freight motor vehicles	2,660	37,135	1,847	27,164
Other vehicles	31	648	22	994
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	6	357	30	805
Other transportation equipment	933	39,274	1,350	52,252
Metallic waste and scrap	6,302	462,870	6,017	447,366
Non-metallic waste and scrap	2,193	104,240	2,119	109,660
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	842	46,220	807	40,496
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	123	5,336	32	1,191
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	566	15,766	1,660	34,777
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	841,860	72,474,812	802,169	68,604,679

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Table 7
Railway Carloading Statistics for Intermodal and Non-Intermodal Traffic in Canada - Total¹

	June 2005			June 2004		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			22,420,973			21,492,681
Container-on-flat-car	136,574	238,240	2,173,854	132,904	229,288	2,132,363
Trailer-on-flat-car	6,458	.	102,720	8,082	.	130,301
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	2,204,793	.	.	2,103,817
Total traffic carried³			26,902,340			25,859,162
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	17,830	30,727	238,268	17,003	28,734	227,591
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,344	.	21,070	2,174	.	32,442
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	4,233,084	.	.	4,369,186

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

	June 2005			June 2004		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			10,184,903			10,039,841
Container-on-flat-car	74,154	129,080	1,215,091	72,553	125,192	1,184,908
Trailer-on-flat-car	6,093	.	95,973	7,630	.	122,777
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	701,649	.	.	628,288
Total traffic carried³			12,197,616			11,975,814
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	5,913	11,467	76,751	5,121	9,994	64,461
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	724	.	13,609	903	.	17,298
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	3,306,311	.	.	3,115,435

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

	June 2005			June 2004		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			12,236,070			11,452,840
Container-on-flat-car	62,420	109,160	958,763	60,351	104,096	947,455
Trailer-on-flat-car	365	.	6,747	452	.	7,524
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	1,503,144	.	.	1,475,529
Total traffic carried³			14,704,724			13,883,348
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	11,917	19,260	161,517	11,882	18,740	163,130
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	620	.	7,461	1,271	.	15,144
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	926,773	.	.	1,253,751

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Table 10

Railway Carloading Statistics for Intermodal and Non-Intermodal Traffic in Canada (YTD) - Total¹

	January 2005 to June 2005			January 2004 to June 2004		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			128,811,201			125,401,094
Container-on-flat-car	815,410	1,405,752	13,084,881	762,902	1,299,651	12,241,379
Trailer-on-flat-car	39,880	.	625,017	50,288	.	781,942
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	14,004,137	.	.	13,240,720
Total traffic carried³			156,525,236			151,665,135
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	108,586	185,875	1,454,186	101,235	169,721	1,345,783
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	9,155	.	134,653	12,081	.	176,404
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	26,867,472	.	.	27,603,680

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Table 11

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

	January 2005 to June 2005			January 2004 to June 2004		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			56,336,389			56,796,415
Container-on-flat-car	448,208	772,120	7,406,867	423,231	722,043	6,933,954
Trailer-on-flat-car	37,524	.	580,891	47,025	.	724,265
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	4,310,035	.	.	3,797,832
Total traffic carried³			68,634,182			68,252,466
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	33,134	63,461	420,094	28,949	55,790	351,542
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	3,921	.	73,985	3,872	.	73,187
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	21,298,349	.	.	20,423,047

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Table 12

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

	January 2005 to June 2005			January 2004 to June 2004		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			72,474,812			68,604,679
Container-on-flat-car	367,202	633,632	5,678,014	339,671	577,608	5,307,425
Trailer-on-flat-car	2,356	.	44,126	3,263	.	57,677
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	9,694,102	.	.	9,442,888
Total traffic carried³			87,891,054			83,412,669
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	75,452	122,414	1,034,092	72,286	113,931	994,241
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	5,234	.	60,668	8,209	.	103,217
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	5,569,123	.	.	7,180,633

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-intermodal¹ 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 Canada². 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 Transportation Statistics, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0T6 (tel.: 1-866-500-8400, Internet: TransportationStatistics@statcan.ca.)

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

2. 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:

- . not available for any reference period
- .. not available for a specific reference period
- ... not applicable
- 0 true zero or a value rounded to zero
- 0^s value rounded to 0 (zero) where there is a meaningful distinction between true zero and the value that was rounded
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