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Highlights

- In September 2002, the freight loaded by railways in Canada (excluding intermodal traffic) totalled 19.5 million metric tonnes. This represented a decrease of 0.6% compared to September 2001.
- The intermodal tonnage, represented by "container-on-flat-cars" (C.O.F.C.) and "trailer-on-flat-cars" (T.O.F.C.) increased by 13.1% compared to the same period in 2001, to 2.1 million metric tonnes.
- The five main loaded commodities were: coal (2.9 million metric tonnes), iron ores and concentrates (2.4 million metric tonnes), wheat (1.1 million metric tonnes), potash (1.1 million metric tonnes) and lumber (1.0 million metric tonnes).
- The cumulative freight loaded (excluding intermodal traffic) for the first nine months of 2002 reached 174.6 million metric tonnes.

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Table 1
Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada - Total¹

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

Commodity	Septer	eptember 2002		September 2001		
Commodity	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
Wheat	339	30,517	1,974	179,02		
Other cereal grains	170	13,221	262	21,64		
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	43	3,727	564	51,01		
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0			
Colza seeds (canola)	36	2,294	50	3,72		
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	22	1,932	40	3,18		
Animal feed and products	1,145	76,240	322	24,34		
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	1	58	0			
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	47	3,870	61	4,46		
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	277	20,540	207	14,81		
Sugar Propagal food stuffs, not also where also sified.	248 4	21,789 258	341 9	28,98		
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	24		23	15		
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	1,421	1,659 103,418	1,166	1,56 93,30		
Sand, gravel and crushed stone Salt	835	75,161	743	71,030		
Phosphate rock	880	80,552	960	87,310		
Sulphur	65	5,558	107	9,43		
Gypsum	X	3,330 X	X	3,73		
Other non-metallic minerals ²	4,784	414,445	4,239	370,04		
Iron ores and concentrates	26,431	2,420,722	27,423	2,665,250		
Copper ores and concentrates	607	52,480	1,013	86,167		
Nickel ores and concentrates	1,890	136,383	2,302	167,245		
Lead ores and concentrates	217	19,078	118	10,608		
Zinc ores and concentrates	842	75,043	1,034	91,725		
Other metallic ores and concentrates	140	12,536	34	3,028		
Coal	1,776	164,600	5,282	436,640		
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,859	136,927	554	42,626		
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,554	199,675	1,785	152,336		
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	3,445	218,997	3,585	235,983		
Coal coke and petroleum coke	1,035	71,228	849	52,629		
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,135	83,011	950	67,115		
Sulphuric acid .	1,859	164,199	1,814	160,594		
Alumina	5,635	517,892	5,560	510,698		
Other basic chemicals	2,251	175,905	2,206	175,064		
Potash	504	46,476	898	81,726		
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	205	18,146	401	36,275		
Other chemical products and preparations	701	60,262	730	63,291		
Plastic and rubber	2,092	170,147	2,061	168,479		
Logs and other wood in the rough	2,275	115,189	2,180	85,315		
Wood chips	1,420	82,354	1,338	80,407		
Lumber	4,124	313,968	3,943	293,435		
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	2,207	168,687	2,031	151,744		
Wood pulp	3,668	286,201	3,154	236,595		
Newsprint	4,997	307,533	4,341	264,078		
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	3,799	243,302	3,422	208,261		
Cement	1,114	99,981	1,194	105,856		
Other non-metallic mineral products	1,104	98,824	1,152	102,25		
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	3,819	310,107	2,738	218,323		
Copper, primary or semi-finished	277	24,119	368	31,216		
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,155	172,763	2,355	185,426		
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	374	32,431	274	23,598		
Articles of base metal	329	23,358	510	35,848		
Machinery	205	9,310	194	10,135		
Automobiles and mini-vans	7,383	140,654	6,404	124,860		
Freight motor vehicles Other vehicles	8,023 700	146,812	7,426 656	132,28		
Other vehicles Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,286	14,236 72,372	2,001	14,633 65,879		
Other transportation equipment	2,200 598	14,986	2,001 707	26,170		
Metallic waste and scrap	1,367	109,103	1,196	99,174		
Non-metallic waste and scrap	353	22,616	376	23,972		
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	81	5,989	65	5,238		
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	676	32,307	947	48,632		
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	395	15,020	307	11,947		
Less than carload shipments	000	0	307	11,547		
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ³	119,248	8,461,168	118,946	8,756,826		

Table 3
Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada - Western Division

Commodity	Septer	mber 2002	Septemb	ber 2001
Commounty	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	11,565	1.040.321	15,065	1,355,271
Other cereal grains	5,050	380,873	6,405	476,940
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	1,084	89,828	3,003	255,758
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	200,7.00
Colza seeds (canola)	5,014	394,101	4,032	320,885
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	533	42,742	745	60,265
Animal feed and products	776	61,173	714	59,389
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	2	93	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,043	77,974	813	59,313
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	1,576	129,063	1,648	133,739
Sugar	33	3,049	39	3,438
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	124	7,219	90	4,942
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	38	3,157	36	2,953
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,900	155,244	1,630	143,325
Salt	509	41,873	329	28,305
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	6,323	593,238	4,532	444,494
Gypsum	×	×	X	X
Other non-metallic minerals ²	570	51,268	447	39,217
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	759	68,070	583	52,241
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	336	29,880	102	8,362
Zinc ores and concentrates	83	7,530	0	0
Other metallic ores and concentrates	119	10,696	79	7,192
Coal	26,918	2,726,107	29,632	2.970.622
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	407	28,793	313	21,057
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,054	168,459	1,502	119,306
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	2,433	157,891	1,962	126,776
Coal coke and petroleum coke	689	52,949	599	45,559
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,028	81,600	959	77,472
Sulphuric acid	260	23,263	151	13,514
Alumina	2	163	0	0
Other basic chemicals	4,350	377,782	4,448	387,824
Potash	11,515	1,098,461	11,161	1,062,250
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	5,119	429,965	3,206	264,848
Other chemical products and preparations	133	11,535	147	12,446
Plastic and rubber	2,086	178,665	1,964	169,647
Logs and other wood in the rough	2,087	158,310	1,205	83,954
Wood chips	4,767	279,622	5,577	338,872
Lumber	8,399	673,354	7,330	583,523
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	3,062	237,774	2,158	155,966
Wood pulp	7,224	583,180	5,213	423,359
Newsprint	1,107	70,001	1,148	73,251
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	1,594	116,206	1,464	106,134
Cement	1,333	122,143	1,572	144,238
Other non-metallic mineral products	330	27,745	197	14,664
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	628	49,086	503	40,846
Copper, primary or semi-finished	168	13,426	0	0
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	22	1,761	33	2,547
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	203	16,018	10	769
Articles of base metal	528	36,547	285	20,268
Machinery	69	6,017	15	417
Automobiles and mini-vans	2,277	29,265	1,903	25,776
Freight motor vehicles	328	4,511	203	2,292
Other vehicles	7	269	217	8,605
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	1	9	0	0,003
Other transportation equipment	473	12,195	449	14,683
Metallic waste and scrap	986	78,919	1,100	83,286
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Non-metallic waste and scrap		22,931		37,839 6.400
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	109	4,577	137	6,409
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	6	186	5	131
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	143	12,747	129	2,213
Less than carload shipments		0		0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ³	130,706	11,079,824	127,793	10,897,392

Table 4
Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada (YTD) - Total¹

Commodity	January 2002 t	o September 2002	January 2001 to	September 2001
Commodity	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	137,309	12,335,159	167,711	15,076,097
Other cereal grains	25,471	2,036,488	43,731	3,439,198
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	11,222	925,207	20,824	1,748,954
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	2	80
Colza seeds (canola)	24,697	1,937,692	41,431	3,261,424
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	5,796	471,682	6,705	539,987
Animal feed and products	11,060	848,642	12,931	1,025,394
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	7	438	7	351
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	10,173	748,330	9,769	714,378
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	15,392	1,253,897	18,293	1,442,589
Sugar	2,969	254,455	2,661	229,718
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	1,367	77,311	764	41,366
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	778	57,242	556	42,923
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	26,922	2,255,529	26,489	2,244,667
Salt	10,252	878,705	10,459	977,434
Phosphate rock	7,906	719,586	6,445	583,015
Sulphur	55,167	5,251,965	48,087	4,665,832
Gypsum	X	X	X	· · · · · ·
Other non-metallic minerals ²	50,789	4,279,039	47,630	4,088,506
Iron ores and concentrates	244,739	22,614,880	237,343	22,519,202
Copper ores and concentrates	12,704	1,174,847	15,383	1,335,344
Nickel ores and concentrates	23,671	1,715,873	19,299	1,069,414
Lead ores and concentrates	5,231	473,075	4,717	404,002
Zinc ores and concentrates	9,056	805,577	9,402	820,011
Other metallic ores and concentrates	1,569	140,737	2,870	272,272
Coal	253,307	25,492,431	303,024	29,941,607
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	19,951	1,500,321	15,146	1,123,134
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	39,972	3,160,738	37,468	3,011,248
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	51,203	3,306,698	47,620	3,057,140
Coal coke and petroleum coke	14,198	1,028,567	14,622	945,569
Other refined petroleum and coal products	22,587	1,729,740	20,680	1,571,038
Sulphuric acid	21,189	1,875,795	19,415	1,721,114
Alumina	48,061	4,411,236	43,636	3,992,255
Other basic chemicals	64,838	5,456,953	62,765	5,285,443
Potash	106,192	10,155,338	104,232	9,972,429
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	44,257	3,733,747	40,010	3,355,684
Other chemical products and preparations	7,988	684,279	8,134	700,515
Plastic and rubber	37,509	3,136,187	35,457	2,955,990
Logs and other wood in the rough	36,040	2,194,359	31,288	1,706,715
Wood chips	62,427	3,759,490	67,998	4,126,449
Lumber	118,957	9,281,640	114,145	8,861,777
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	44,702	3,380,734	41,803	3,080,689
Wood pulp	88,277	7,049,819	78,671	6,190,429
Newsprint	55,149	3,395,254	54,855	3,352,658
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	44,768	2,950,937	44,398	2,853,793
Cement	20,921	1,897,107	20,102	1,815,978
Other non-metallic mineral products	12,933	1,119,039	10,093	863,562
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	38,044	3,106,634	31,554	2,544,036
Copper, primary or semi-finished	5,419	457,356	4,963	407,947
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	19,944	1,597,930	18,015	1,417,961
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	4,914	401,913	3,856	320,372
Articles of base metal	7,713	541,210	8,080	554,704
Machinery	2,037	105,377	2,163	104,868
Automobiles and mini-vans	89,474	1,553,948	83,373	1,504,115
Freight motor vehicles	73,912	1,333,670	67,223	1,192,180
Other vehicles	6,219	136,235	6,157	140,302
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	20,220	678,490	16,143	548,611
Other transportation equipment	9,616	250,034	9,410	278,862
Metallic waste and scrap	16,775	1,332,489	20,971	1,572,375
Non-metallic waste and scrap	8,310	518,552	9,637	597,149
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	1,814	111,106	2,631	154,083
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	6,336	295,282	8,544	426,684
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	3,164	183,480	3,972	187,990
Less than carload shipments		848		0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ³	2,223,584	174,561,319	2,265,763	178,979,613

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

Commodity	January 2002	September 2002 January 200		2001 to September 2001		
Commodity	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes		
Wheat	2,452	220,683	5,426	491,003		
Other cereal grains	1,673	139,878	2,138	186,340		
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	432	36,970	965	86,110		
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	1	60		
Colza seeds (canola)	226	12,656	688	51,494		
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	559	49,121	996	83,257		
Animal feed and products	5,915	441,419	4,693	371,043		
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	4	270	2	118		
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	650	47,754	467	34,261		
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	1,444	106,617	1,420	105,936		
Sugar	2,654	225,805	2,412	207,051		
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	146	8,919	179	10,030		
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	447	29,858	229	15,972		
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	10,628	839,702	11,484	914,449		
Salt	7,487	642,491	8,224	785,317		
Phosphate rock	7,902	719,259	6,445	583,015		
Sulphur	971	84,832	903	80,514		
Gypsum	X	X	Х	· >		
Other non-metallic minerals ²	46,742	3,917,334	44,686	3,826,599		
Iron ores and concentrates	244,737	22,614,724	237,343	22,519,202		
Copper ores and concentrates	7,529	711,594	10,242	873,958		
Nickel ores and concentrates	23,671	1,715,873	19,299	1,069,414		
Lead ores and concentrates	1,440	134,988	2,054	182,808		
Zinc ores and concentrates	8,690	772,390	9,390	818,943		
Other metallic ores and concentrates	589	52,612	442	38,828		
Coal	12,764	1,143,310	36,859	2,906,221		
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	15,832	1,206,109	11,879	895,741		
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	21,425	1,699,479	21,425	1,774,320		
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	30,183	1,956,744	28,668	1,846,748		
Coal coke and petroleum coke	8,360	574,866	8,492	466,936		
Other refined petroleum and coal products	11,166	818,905	12,335	898,210		
Sulphuric acid	18,688	1,655,379	17,429	1,544,970		
Alumina	48,009	4,407,652	43,581	3,988,292		
Other basic chemicals	22,006	1,724,636	23,069	1,822,022		
Potash	7,109	641,561	6,967	636,609		
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	3,341	301,330	4,754	416,557		
Other chemical products and preparations	6,374	545,258	6,156	530,460		
Plastic and rubber	19,539	1,593,820	19,063	1,545,982		
Logs and other wood in the rough	19,202	974,756	18,042	775,934		
Wood chips	13,853	826,820	13,642	809,716		
Lumber	39,635	2,952,771	40,430	3,016,381		
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	19,928	1,503,681	19,726	1,503,307		
Wood pulp	34,447	2,652,215	30,723	2,294,223		
Newsprint	44,442	2,729,295	42,649	2,562,493		
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	32,788	2,089,835	33,169	2,058,862		
Cement	9,988	890,903	8,515	749,962		
Other non-metallic mineral products	10,132	888,828	8,097	700,194		
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	32,814	2,681,620	26,122	2,108,954		
Copper, primary or semi-finished	3,609	312,065	4,354	363,896		
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	19,651	1,574,209	17,675	1,390,895		
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	3,077	267,053	3,096	268,550		
Articles of base metal	3,447	233,723	4,709	308,373		
Machinery	1,659	81,492	1,745	83,554		
Automobiles and mini-vans	70,088	1,304,565	67,097	1,293,041		
Freight motor vehicles	70,755	1,294,122	65,095	1,166,872		
Other vehicles	5,985	128,090	5,904	130,136		
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	20,214	678,418	16,139	548,416		
Other transportation equipment	5,257	131,617	4,949	155,758		
Metallic waste and scrap	8,995	716,013	11,580	920,132		
Non-metallic waste and scrap	3,756	235,207	4,054	251,410		
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	897	66,505	968	73,593		
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	6,228	289,592	8,492	425,085		
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	2,569	132,719	3,514	174,526		
Less than carload shipments	2,000	576	-,0	0		

Table 6
Railway Carloading Statistics for Non-Intermodal Traffic by Commodity in Canada (YTD) - Western Division

Commodity	January 2002 t	January 2002 to September 2002		1 to September 2001
Commodity	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	134,857	12,114,476	162,285	14,585,094
Other cereal grains	23,798	1,896,610	41,593	3,252,858
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	10,790	888,237	19,859	1,662,844
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	1	20
Colza seeds (canola)	24,471	1,925,036	40,743	3,209,930
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	5,237	422,561	5,709	456,730
Animal feed and products	5,145	407,223	8,238	654,351
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	3	168	5	233
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	9,523	700,576	9,302	680,117
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	13,948	1,147,280	16,873	1,336,653
Sugar	315	28,650	249	22,667
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	1,221	68,392	585	31,336
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	331	27,384	327	26,951
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	16,294	1,415,827	15,005	1,330,218
Salt	2,765	236,214	2,235	192,117
Phosphate rock	4	327	0	0
Sulphur	54,196	5,167,133	47,184	4,585,318
Gypsum	X	Х	X	Х
Other non-metallic minerals ²	4,047	361,705	2,944	261,907
Iron ores and concentrates	2	156	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	5,175	463,253	5,141	461,386
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	3,791	338,087	2,663	221,194
Zinc ores and concentrates	366	33,187	12	1,068
Other metallic ores and concentrates	980	88,125	2,428	233,444
Coal	240,543	24,349,121	266,165	27,035,386
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	4,119	294,212	3,267	227,393
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	18,547	1,461,259	16,043	1,236,928
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	21,020	1,349,954	18,952	1,210,392
Coal coke and petroleum coke	5,838	453,701	6,130	478,633
Other refined petroleum and coal products	11,421	910,835	8,345	672,828
Sulphuric acid	2,501	220,416	1,986	176,144
Alumina	52	3,584	55	3,963
Other basic chemicals	42,832	3,732,317	39,696	3,463,421
Potash	99,083	9,513,777	97,265	9,335,820
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	40,916	3,432,417	35,256	2,939,127
Other chemical products and preparations	1,614	139,021	1,978	170,055
Plastic and rubber	17,970	1,542,367	16,394	1,410,008
Logs and other wood in the rough	16,838	1,219,603	13,246	930,781
Wood chips	48,574	2,932,670	54,356	3,316,733
Lumber	79,322	6,328,869	73,715	5,845,396
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	24,774	1,877,053	22,077	1,577,382
Wood pulp	53,830	4,397,604	47,948	3,896,206
Newsprint	10,707	665,959	12,206	790,165
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	11,980	861,102	11,229	794,931
Cement	10,933	1,006,204	11,587	1,066,016
Other non-metallic mineral products	2,801	230,211	1,996	163,368
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	5,230	425,014	5,432	435,082
Copper, primary or semi-finished	1,810	145,291	609	44,051
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	293	23,721	340	27,066
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	1,837	134,860	760	51,822
Articles of base metal	4,266	307,487	3,371	246,331
Machinery	378	23,885	418	21,314
Automobiles and mini-vans	19,386	249,383	16,276	211,074
Freight motor vehicles Other vehicles	3,157	39,548	2,128	25,308
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	234 6	8,145 72	253 4	10,166
	4,359	118,417	4 4,461	195 123,104
Other transportation equipment Metallic waste and escap	4,359 7,780	616,476	4,461 9,391	652,243
Metallic waste and scrap Non-metallic waste and scrap	7,780 4,554	283,345	5,583	345,739
Non-metallic waste and scrap Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	4,554 917	283,345 44,601	5,583 1,663	345,739 80,490
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	108	5,690	1,003	
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	595	50,761	52 458	1,599 13,464
Less than carload shipments	บฮบ	272	400	13,464
Loss than barroad simpriforits		212		0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ³	1,138,384	97,129,831	1,194,472	102,236,560

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

September 2002		September 20		2001	
Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
		19,540,992			19,654,218
, -	239,375	, ,	-,	215,644	1,737,507
12,360		- /	9,438		147,340
•		2,109,763			1,915,126
		23,782,258			23,454,191
14,973	28,931	188,025	12,220	23,833	149,806
1,171		16,850	1,851		24,837
		4,175,348			4,186,567
	121,484 12,360	Units TEUse 121,484 239,375 12,360 14,973 28,931 1,171	Units TEUse Metric tonnes 19,540,992 121,484 239,375 1,897,121 12,360 234,382 2,109,763 23,782,258 14,973 28,931 188,025 1,171 16,850	Units TEUse Metric tonnes Units 19,540,992 121,484 239,375 1,897,121 110,688 12,360 234,382 9,438 2,109,763 23,782,258 14,973 28,931 188,025 12,220 1,171 16,850 1,851	Units TEUse Metric tonnes Units TEUse 19,540,992 121,484 239,375 1,897,121 110,688 215,644 12,360 234,382 9,438

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

	September 2002			S	1	
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ³ Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	67,653 10,094	133,035	8,461,168 1,087,524 193,866 x	66,473 6,971	128,745	8,756,826 1,036,055 102,204 x
Total traffic carried ³			х			х
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	x x	X	x x 2,782,011	x x	X	x x 3,332,811

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

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

	September 2002			September 2001		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ³ Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	53,831 2,266	106,340	11,079,824 809,597 40,516 x	44,215 2,467	86,899	10,897,392 701,452 45,136 x
Total traffic carried ³			x			х
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	x x	X	x x 1,393,337	х х	X	x x 853,756

Table 10
Railway Carloading Statistics for Intermodal and Non-Intermodal Traffic in Canada (YTD) - Total¹

	January 2002 to September 2002			Janu	eptember 2001	
	Units	TEUse	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ³ Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	1,060,423 98,149	2,076,063	174,561,319 17,207,021 1,651,959 18,064,174	977,249 76,988	1,900,116	178,979,613 15,538,607 1,305,568 22,547,848
Total traffic carried ³			211,484,473			218,371,636
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	128,439 15,741	250,513	1,619,148 217,572 37,690,541	117,037 21,166	229,083	1,493,545 302,276 34,326,843

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

	January 2002 to September 2002			Janu	September 2001	
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³ Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	615,675 78,056	1,198,007	77,431,488 10,216,649 1,239,946 x	607,078 58,172	1,171,560	76,743,053 9,599,337 901,395
Total traffic carried ³			x			х
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	х х	X	x x 27,916,955	x x	X	x x 30,421,878

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

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

	January 2002 to September 2002			January 2001 to September		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded ³ Container-on-flat-car Trailer-on-flat-car Traffic received from United States connections	444,748 20,093	878,056	97,129,831 6,990,372 412,013 x	370,171 18,816	728,556	102,236,560 5,939,270 404,173 x
Total traffic carried ³			x			x
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections Traffic received from Canadian connections	x x	x	x x 9,773,586	х х	x	x x 8,028,003

Methodology and concepts

The *Railway Carloadings (Monthly)* publication presents essential data for timely analysis of the Rail Transport Industry and its contribution to the Canadian economy. Approximately 40 rail carriers report each month on their total intermodal and non-intermodal 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.

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
- p preliminary
- r revised
- x suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act
- E use with caution
- F too unreliable to be published

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