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Highlights

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Canadian railways appear poised to record one of their strongest fourth-quarter performances in years as a later-than-usual grain harvest supported rail shipments in November.

Overall, railways loaded 24.9 million tonnes of freight in November, down slightly from October.

However, for October and November combined in 2005, total freight reached nearly 50 million metric tonnes. This was almost one million more tonnes than railways loaded in the same two months a year earlier.

Total tonnage of non intermodal goods reached 22.5 million tonnes in November, a slight 0.6% decline from October. About 285,000 railcars were needed to load all of November's non-intermodal freight.

Railways carried less coal and mineral ores and concentrates in November. But this decline was offset by large volumes of grains, non metallic minerals and petroleum products.

This observed shift in commodities, with total monthly loadings remaining relatively unchanged, could reflect the possibility that railways were working at near-peak capacity.

On the grain front, volumes of "other cereal grains" reached a five year high, as loadings surpassed 656 000 metric tonnes.

Intermodal loadings, that is, containers and trailers hauled on flat cars, slid 1.4% to 2.4 million tonnes. Freight coming from the United States either destined for or passing through Canada reached 2.5 million tonnes, up 7.2% from October.

On a year-over-year basis, non-intermodal tonnage was slightly above that of November 2004. Intermodal traffic was up 3.3%, while traffic received from the United States was up 3.9%.

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Table 1

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

Commodity	November 2005		November 2004	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	16,503	1,485,084	19,859	1,778,906
Other cereal grains	8,233	656,044	5,167	405,786
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,541	225,233	2,148	186,386
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	7,511	596,389	5,785	451,532
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	1,392	110,343	2,213	175,871
Animal feed and products	1,778	145,177	2,241	179,851
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,117	86,498	1,005	77,753
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,548	200,602	2,427	190,681
Sugar	435	38,265	492	43,248
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	296	17,488	228	14,608
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	101	8,144	71	5,628
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	3,143	278,480	2,729	232,565
Salt	1,310	116,001	1,509	135,190
Phosphate rock	842	76,145	1,114	100,276
Sulphur	7,502	722,622	6,902	664,503
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	6,314	552,235	5,397	458,542
Iron ores and concentrates	34,195	3,125,968	33,200	2,877,849
Copper ores and concentrates	1,294	115,461	1,512	133,308
Nickel ores and concentrates	2,850	207,367	3,092	224,749
Lead ores and concentrates	150	11,556	293	26,166
Zinc ores and concentrates	770	66,044	1,053	92,686
Other metallic ores and concentrates	5,037	255,672	5,330	280,301
Coal	24,742	2,510,127	30,346	3,019,340
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	2,347	175,598	2,143	162,006
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	5,373	429,849	5,074	406,996
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	7,084	448,498	8,029	510,264
Coal coke and petroleum coke	2,880	170,127	1,512	103,579
Other refined petroleum and coal products	3,429	266,571	2,961	227,315
Sulphuric acid	2,159	193,164	2,316	206,614
Alumina	5,738	522,468	5,846	533,346
Other basic chemicals	7,424	645,124	7,203	623,288
Potash	12,678	1,230,730	15,019	1,432,629
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	3,814	317,359	5,269	445,752
Other chemical products and preparations	748	63,815	885	74,661
Plastic and rubber	3,649	315,389	4,410	379,704
Logs and other wood in the rough	2,946	168,686	3,719	206,478
Wood chips	6,277	370,941	6,204	370,201
Lumber	16,483	1,371,686	13,282	1,076,574
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	6,534	499,321	5,952	453,866
Wood pulp	11,407	922,656	11,055	895,619
Newsprint	7,308	476,001	6,588	429,470
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	5,299	353,565	4,900	314,144
Cement	2,366	217,039	2,494	229,211
Other non-metallic mineral products	440	38,128	738	58,914
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	5,461	461,371	5,012	426,497
Copper, primary or semi-finished	334	28,112	507	42,748
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,553	209,405	1,983	161,516
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	791	64,054	940	76,829
Articles of base metal	981	75,092	582	41,634
Machinery	95	5,298	130	5,280
Automobiles and mini-vans	9,427	160,440	9,097	169,279
Freight motor vehicles	7,784	136,410	8,115	144,804
Other vehicles	6	145	65	1,295
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,979	82,373	2,982	86,306
Other transportation equipment	1,815	54,162	1,563	44,001
Metallic waste and scrap	3,563	279,679	2,816	215,111
Non-metallic waste and scrap	617	33,015	719	41,086
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	180	10,264	321	16,684
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	641	31,937	579	27,187
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	617	16,981	644	21,104
Less than carload shipments	...	33	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	284,831	22,452,431	285,767	22,417,717

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

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

Commodity	November 2005		November 2004	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	519	41,930	580	50,593
Other cereal grains	548	44,822	298	25,652
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	33	2,683	89	7,407
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	49	3,852	18	1,501
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	99	7,157	398	34,528
Animal feed and products	782	63,202	931	71,970
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	48	3,757	75	5,947
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	281	21,274	216	15,506
Sugar	336	29,547	433	38,068
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	37	3,245	13	988
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	28	2,200	25	1,800
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	1,040	92,076	1,427	115,366
Salt	710	62,965	811	72,752
Phosphate rock	842	76,145	1,114	100,276
Sulphur	115	10,138	134	11,790
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	5,784	505,550	4,925	416,506
Iron ores and concentrates	34,195	3,125,968	33,200	2,877,849
Copper ores and concentrates	466	41,503	882	77,027
Nickel ores and concentrates	2,850	207,367	3,092	224,749
Lead ores and concentrates	150	11,556	100	8,990
Zinc ores and concentrates	637	54,870	757	66,938
Other metallic ores and concentrates	4,973	249,833	5,216	270,095
Coal	1,885	170,198	2,290	199,386
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	1,998	148,734	1,830	138,328
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,901	230,619	2,968	236,818
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	3,249	206,856	4,078	261,835
Coal coke and petroleum coke	2,158	114,745	883	53,899
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,830	138,280	1,332	99,915
Sulphuric acid	1,866	167,156	1,965	175,356
Alumina	5,738	522,468	5,846	533,346
Other basic chemicals	2,833	241,147	2,991	251,831
Potash	565	51,788	1,158	105,614
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	317	28,494	303	27,134
Other chemical products and preparations	641	55,405	788	66,781
Plastic and rubber	1,623	136,623	2,034	171,316
Logs and other wood in the rough	1,923	101,123	2,575	131,680
Wood chips	1,548	89,819	1,430	87,157
Lumber	4,220	342,156	4,276	342,192
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	2,149	156,348	1,908	137,420
Wood pulp	3,914	306,568	4,084	314,494
Newsprint	6,373	411,738	5,710	370,025
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	4,088	272,008	3,963	254,041
Cement	1,384	128,214	1,484	136,273
Other non-metallic mineral products	271	23,899	464	36,514
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	4,871	410,940	4,395	373,501
Copper, primary or semi-finished	235	20,202	414	35,693
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	2,538	208,255	1,954	159,335
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	329	27,999	453	40,065
Articles of base metal	563	41,378	420	29,953
Machinery	80	4,581	93	3,453
Automobiles and mini-vans	7,745	136,013	7,417	144,330
Freight motor vehicles	7,413	131,140	7,814	140,232
Other vehicles	4	90	1	24
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	2,979	82,373	2,981	86,221
Other transportation equipment	1,554	44,492	948	36,706
Metallic waste and scrap	2,481	198,285	1,732	134,314
Non-metallic waste and scrap	237	15,382	344	21,856
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	89	5,205	164	8,389
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	630	31,566	573	26,930
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	510	14,063	523	17,694
Less than carload shipments	...	33	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	140,254	10,078,023	139,320	9,886,349

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 3

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

Commodity	November 2005		November 2004	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	15,984	1,443,154	19,279	1,728,313
Other cereal grains	7,685	611,222	4,869	380,134
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	2,508	222,550	2,059	178,979
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	7,462	592,537	5,767	450,031
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	1,293	103,186	1,815	141,343
Animal feed and products	996	81,975	1,310	107,881
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	0	0
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	1,069	82,741	930	71,806
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,267	179,328	2,211	175,175
Sugar	99	8,718	59	5,180
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	259	14,243	215	13,620
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	73	5,944	46	3,828
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	2,103	186,404	1,302	117,199
Salt	600	53,036	698	62,438
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	7,387	712,484	6,768	652,713
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	530	46,685	472	42,036
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Copper ores and concentrates	828	73,958	630	56,281
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	0	0	193	17,176
Zinc ores and concentrates	133	11,174	296	25,748
Other metallic ores and concentrates	64	5,839	114	10,206
Coal	22,857	2,339,929	28,056	2,819,954
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	349	26,864	313	23,678
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	2,472	199,230	2,106	170,178
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	3,835	241,642	3,951	248,429
Coal coke and petroleum coke	722	55,382	629	49,680
Other refined petroleum and coal products	1,599	128,291	1,629	127,400
Sulphuric acid	293	26,008	351	31,258
Alumina	0	0	0	0
Other basic chemicals	4,591	403,977	4,212	371,457
Potash	12,113	1,178,942	13,861	1,327,015
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	3,497	288,865	4,966	418,618
Other chemical products and preparations	107	8,410	97	7,880
Plastic and rubber	2,026	178,766	2,376	208,388
Logs and other wood in the rough	1,023	67,563	1,144	74,798
Wood chips	4,729	281,122	4,774	283,044
Lumber	12,263	1,029,530	9,006	734,382
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	4,385	342,973	4,044	316,446
Wood pulp	7,493	616,088	6,971	581,125
Newsprint	935	64,263	878	59,445
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	1,211	81,557	937	60,103
Cement	982	88,825	1,010	92,938
Other non-metallic mineral products	169	14,229	274	22,400
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	590	50,431	617	52,996
Copper, primary or semi-finished	99	7,910	93	7,055
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	15	1,150	29	2,181
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	462	36,055	487	36,764
Articles of base metal	418	33,714	162	11,681
Machinery	15	717	37	1,827
Automobiles and mini-vans	1,682	24,427	1,680	24,949
Freight motor vehicles	371	5,270	301	4,572
Other vehicles	2	55	64	1,271
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	0	0	1	85
Other transportation equipment	261	9,670	615	7,295
Metallic waste and scrap	1,082	81,394	1,084	80,797
Non-metallic waste and scrap	380	17,633	375	19,230
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	91	5,059	157	8,295
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	11	371	6	257
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	107	2,918	121	3,410
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	144,577	12,374,408	146,447	12,531,368

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Table 4

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

Commodity	January to november 2005		January to november 2004	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	176,370	15,854,635	188,451	16,903,875
Other cereal grains	51,746	4,085,893	47,055	3,766,507
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	27,521	2,431,869	18,715	1,617,101
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	5	325	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	48,119	3,793,393	45,819	3,611,901
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	7,769	607,775	8,002	635,472
Animal feed and products	22,655	1,827,063	21,026	1,686,293
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	32	2,049	30	1,928
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	11,926	919,520	11,311	867,727
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	24,076	1,902,780	27,906	2,224,164
Sugar	5,231	459,761	4,803	422,080
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	2,979	178,787	2,801	173,101
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	891	71,474	743	58,642
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	38,282	3,284,067	31,757	2,722,816
Salt	13,269	1,187,749	14,018	1,258,300
Phosphate rock	9,103	820,584	10,765	967,281
Sulphur	75,717	7,302,389	75,957	7,285,561
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	66,516	5,715,063	67,047	5,611,699
Iron ores and concentrates	321,807	29,498,921	278,751	25,267,110
Copper ores and concentrates	14,745	1,299,768	13,416	1,185,155
Nickel ores and concentrates	30,122	2,188,778	27,696	2,008,922
Lead ores and concentrates	2,430	187,825	3,289	292,878
Zinc ores and concentrates	8,617	739,779	13,487	1,196,412
Other metallic ores and concentrates	53,564	2,783,024	54,429	2,855,721
Coal	310,359	31,033,863	292,033	29,140,333
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	27,023	2,071,624	24,270	1,843,512
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	57,348	4,616,447	55,433	4,458,586
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	64,075	4,062,920	69,437	4,408,576
Coal coke and petroleum coke	22,067	1,417,238	17,851	1,160,511
Other refined petroleum and coal products	31,463	2,444,889	30,961	2,382,267
Sulphuric acid	25,014	2,226,127	25,374	2,245,066
Alumina	64,992	5,914,030	63,004	5,725,706
Other basic chemicals	84,933	7,395,711	86,459	7,503,995
Potash	157,275	15,117,524	161,583	15,304,918
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	55,493	4,674,167	56,315	4,738,561
Other chemical products and preparations	8,151	686,732	9,018	768,655
Plastic and rubber	44,172	3,812,198	47,990	4,121,065
Logs and other wood in the rough	42,691	2,502,412	39,696	2,339,408
Wood chips	64,811	3,900,921	66,537	3,948,383
Lumber	182,165	14,964,795	149,123	12,002,996
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	72,968	5,552,028	67,306	5,134,146
Wood pulp	126,914	10,220,060	124,965	10,052,652
Newsprint	74,996	4,881,271	72,799	4,742,338
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	61,793	4,017,490	53,071	3,420,418
Cement	27,928	2,565,355	26,435	2,419,042
Other non-metallic mineral products	7,765	629,808	7,366	578,915
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	55,341	4,635,138	56,148	4,744,913
Copper, primary or semi-finished	4,198	351,915	4,378	369,770
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	29,622	2,420,829	24,430	1,996,983
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	7,472	613,657	9,125	733,104
Articles of base metal	8,934	654,233	8,748	614,803
Machinery	1,166	43,445	1,280	46,667
Automobiles and mini-vans	95,587	1,669,133	94,261	1,733,856
Freight motor vehicles	79,162	1,391,290	89,163	1,590,381
Other vehicles	405	17,666	383	13,831
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	32,798	945,273	34,386	1,014,902
Other transportation equipment	13,776	447,418	11,048	399,319
Metallic waste and scrap	31,502	2,412,837	29,950	2,314,400
Non-metallic waste and scrap	7,302	402,109	7,479	421,890
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	2,400	145,816	3,151	196,660
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	7,374	355,771	6,920	339,100
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	7,082	205,416	6,548	186,706
Less than carload shipments	...	260	...	132
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	3,012,009	238,563,087	2,901,698	227,778,112

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

Commodity	January 2005 to november 2005		January 2004 to november 2004	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	6,138	540,677	5,475	488,469
Other cereal grains	2,570	206,134	2,463	208,714
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	481	39,085	332	26,875
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	0	0	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	227	18,429	191	15,329
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	1,620	123,660	1,244	108,081
Animal feed and products	10,676	844,117	9,568	749,148
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	0	0	5	300
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	632	50,575	738	56,901
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	2,680	202,326	2,995	221,455
Sugar	4,050	355,727	4,062	356,131
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	393	28,979	118	9,327
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	355	27,347	259	18,506
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	14,996	1,215,237	13,888	1,131,018
Salt	8,361	751,861	9,396	849,045
Phosphate rock	9,103	820,584	10,765	967,281
Sulphur	1,433	126,119	1,504	132,978
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	61,228	5,250,739	61,916	5,152,674
Iron ores and concentrates	321,807	29,498,921	278,750	25,267,052
Copper ores and concentrates	6,766	586,820	6,945	606,582
Nickel ores and concentrates	30,122	2,188,778	27,696	2,008,922
Lead ores and concentrates	2,382	183,665	1,287	115,612
Zinc ores and concentrates	7,811	672,457	11,010	979,711
Other metallic ores and concentrates	52,515	2,688,741	53,046	2,731,043
Coal	23,772	2,066,176	24,220	2,086,254
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	21,602	1,660,439	19,109	1,446,419
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	33,327	2,657,768	31,236	2,487,953
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	34,439	2,192,572	39,740	2,533,154
Coal coke and petroleum coke	14,753	859,431	10,848	624,433
Other refined petroleum and coal products	14,824	1,111,500	14,860	1,117,754
Sulphuric acid	22,187	1,974,644	21,642	1,914,692
Alumina	64,989	5,913,800	63,004	5,725,706
Other basic chemicals	33,010	2,802,204	36,364	3,079,661
Potash	10,479	957,710	11,328	1,037,103
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	4,405	396,669	3,786	339,951
Other chemical products and preparations	7,149	608,851	7,658	660,482
Plastic and rubber	20,901	1,758,934	23,374	1,956,617
Logs and other wood in the rough	25,705	1,361,473	24,648	1,328,723
Wood chips	14,983	942,401	15,811	947,640
Lumber	46,998	3,772,755	46,319	3,683,916
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	24,545	1,756,973	22,728	1,687,657
Wood pulp	44,179	3,440,335	46,813	3,605,496
Newsprint	63,869	4,123,282	62,691	4,058,590
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	47,486	3,053,948	42,939	2,765,187
Cement	15,096	1,387,536	14,722	1,337,568
Other non-metallic mineral products	5,116	416,138	4,410	341,458
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	48,188	4,013,314	49,731	4,185,004
Copper, primary or semi-finished	3,100	265,588	3,474	298,178
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	29,424	2,405,026	24,246	1,982,697
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	3,764	323,825	4,084	352,819
Articles of base metal	4,900	347,479	4,463	319,715
Machinery	832	26,679	1,009	32,614
Automobiles and mini-vans	78,009	1,411,074	75,763	1,465,948
Freight motor vehicles	74,676	1,326,998	86,177	1,545,961
Other vehicles	325	15,959	229	8,447
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	32,788	944,715	34,348	1,013,606
Other transportation equipment	11,807	370,701	8,584	318,373
Metallic waste and scrap	19,295	1,511,122	18,362	1,443,956
Non-metallic waste and scrap	3,126	201,064	3,575	223,759
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	1,112	74,482	1,597	117,340
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	7,224	349,500	6,858	336,415
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	6,052	177,479	4,131	131,292
Less than carload shipments	...	260	...	132
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	1,464,782	105,401,782	1,418,534	100,743,824

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Table 6

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

Commodity	January 2005 to november 2005		January 2004 to november 2004	
	Cars	Metric tonnes	Cars	Metric tonnes
Wheat	170,232	15,313,958	182,976	16,415,406
Other cereal grains	49,176	3,879,759	44,592	3,557,793
Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables	27,040	2,392,784	18,383	1,590,226
Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts	5	325	0	0
Colza seeds (canola)	47,892	3,774,964	45,628	3,596,572
Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product	6,149	484,115	6,758	527,391
Animal feed and products	11,979	982,946	11,458	937,145
Meat, fish, seafood and preparations	32	2,049	25	1,628
Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products	11,294	868,945	10,573	810,826
Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours	21,396	1,700,454	24,911	2,002,709
Sugar	1,181	104,034	741	65,949
Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified	2,586	149,808	2,683	163,774
Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages	536	44,127	484	40,136
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	23,286	2,068,830	17,869	1,591,798
Salt	4,908	435,888	4,622	409,255
Phosphate rock	0	0	0	0
Sulphur	74,284	7,176,270	74,453	7,152,583
Gypsum	x	x	x	x
Other non-metallic minerals ²	5,288	464,324	5,131	459,025
Iron ores and concentrates	0	0	1	58
Copper ores and concentrates	7,979	712,948	6,471	578,573
Nickel ores and concentrates	0	0	0	0
Lead ores and concentrates	48	4,160	2,002	177,266
Zinc ores and concentrates	806	67,322	2,477	216,701
Other metallic ores and concentrates	1,049	94,283	1,383	124,678
Coal	286,587	28,967,687	267,813	27,054,079
Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel	5,421	411,185	5,161	397,093
Fuel oils and crude petroleum	24,021	1,958,679	24,197	1,970,633
Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's)	29,636	1,870,348	29,697	1,875,422
Coal coke and petroleum coke	7,314	557,807	7,003	536,078
Other refined petroleum and coal products	16,639	1,333,389	16,101	1,264,513
Sulphuric acid	2,827	251,483	3,732	330,374
Alumina	3	230	0	0
Other basic chemicals	51,923	4,593,507	50,095	4,424,334
Potash	146,796	14,159,814	150,255	14,267,815
Fertilizers (excluding potash)	51,088	4,277,498	52,529	4,398,610
Other chemical products and preparations	1,002	77,881	1,360	108,173
Plastic and rubber	23,271	2,053,264	24,616	2,164,448
Logs and other wood in the rough	16,986	1,140,939	15,048	1,010,685
Wood chips	49,828	2,958,520	50,726	3,000,743
Lumber	135,167	11,192,040	102,804	8,319,080
Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera)	48,423	3,795,055	44,578	3,446,489
Wood pulp	82,735	6,779,725	78,152	6,447,156
Newsprint	11,127	757,989	10,108	683,748
Paper and paperboard, except printed products	14,307	963,542	10,132	655,231
Cement	12,832	1,177,819	11,713	1,081,474
Other non-metallic mineral products	2,649	213,670	2,956	237,457
Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished	7,153	621,824	6,417	559,909
Copper, primary or semi-finished	1,098	86,327	904	71,592
Aluminum, primary or semi-finished	198	15,803	184	14,286
Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished	3,708	289,832	5,041	380,285
Articles of base metal	4,034	306,754	4,285	295,088
Machinery	334	16,766	271	14,053
Automobiles and mini-vans	17,578	258,059	18,498	267,908
Freight motor vehicles	4,486	64,292	2,986	44,420
Other vehicles	80	1,707	154	5,384
Parts and accessories for motor vehicles	10	558	38	1,296
Other transportation equipment	1,969	76,717	2,464	80,946
Metallic waste and scrap	12,207	901,715	11,588	870,444
Non-metallic waste and scrap	4,176	201,045	3,904	198,131
Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods	1,288	71,334	1,554	79,320
Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated	150	6,271	62	2,685
Mixed loads or unidentified freight	1,030	27,937	2,417	55,414
Less than carload shipments	...	0	...	0
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³	1,547,227	133,161,305	1,483,164	127,034,288

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

	November 2005			November 2004		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			22,452,431			22,417,717
Container-on-flat-car	146,913	254,140	2,336,665	138,707	239,715	2,220,967
Trailer-on-flat-car	6,779	.	95,626	8,597	.	133,897
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	2,523,261	.	.	2,428,893
Total traffic carried³			27,407,983			27,201,474
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	15,698	27,001	213,422	16,566	27,944	221,075
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,271	.	19,002	2,236	.	33,767
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	4,242,244	.	.	4,914,894

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

	November 2005			November 2004		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			10,078,023			9,886,349
Container-on-flat-car	80,246	139,012	1,295,775	76,877	132,727	1,258,360
Trailer-on-flat-car	6,338	.	87,455	8,112	.	124,247
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	694,682	.	.	742,155
Total traffic carried³			12,155,935			12,011,111
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	4,906	9,726	60,760	4,741	8,921	60,159
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	201	.	2,920	1,175	.	22,338
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	3,235,779	.	.	3,548,057

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

	November 2005			November 2004		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			12,374,408			12,531,368
Container-on-flat-car	66,667	115,128	1,040,890	61,830	106,988	962,607
Trailer-on-flat-car	441	.	8,171	485	.	9,650
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	1,828,579	.	.	1,686,738
Total traffic carried³			15,252,048			15,190,363
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	10,792	17,275	152,662	11,825	19,023	160,916
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	1,070	.	16,082	1,061	.	11,429
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	1,006,465	.	.	1,366,837

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Table 10

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

	January 2005 to november 2005			January 2004 to november 2004		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			238,563,087			227,778,112
Container-on-flat-car	1,542,202	2,671,682	24,441,094	1,450,256	2,489,254	23,065,220
Trailer-on-flat-car	74,478	.	1,136,108	91,631	.	1,427,936
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	25,207,926	.	.	24,243,695
Total traffic carried³			289,348,215			276,514,963
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	191,974	330,328	2,582,977	186,961	315,006	2,486,262
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	16,868	.	251,386	22,902	.	333,643
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	48,691,204	.	.	48,685,899

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Table 11

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

	January 2005 to november 2005			January 2004 to november 2004		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			105,401,782			100,743,824
Container-on-flat-car	837,680	1,449,187	13,694,660	800,207	1,372,385	13,042,868
Trailer-on-flat-car	70,170	.	1,054,704	86,259	.	1,332,131
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	7,651,020	.	.	7,315,622
Total traffic carried³			127,802,166			122,434,445
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	61,678	119,291	786,587	54,824	105,160	680,094
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	6,371	.	117,008	8,750	.	164,324
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	37,759,338	.	.	34,527,446

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Table 12

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

	January 2005 to november 2005			January 2004 to november 2004		
	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes	Units	TEUs ^e	Metric tonnes
Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³			133,161,305			127,034,288
Container-on-flat-car	704,522	1,222,495	10,746,434	650,049	1,116,869	10,022,352
Trailer-on-flat-car	4,308	.	81,404	5,372	.	95,805
Traffic received from United States connections	.	.	17,556,906	.	.	16,928,073
Total traffic carried³			161,546,049			154,080,518
Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	130,296	211,037	1,796,390	132,137	209,846	1,806,168
Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections	10,497	.	134,378	14,152	.	169,319
Traffic received from Canadian connections	.	.	10,931,866	.	.	14,158,453

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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
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- 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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