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Highlights

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Canada's railways recorded their strongest business activity for the month of May in six years, supported by strong loadings of coal and iron ore.

Railways carried 24.7 million metric tonnes in May this year, slightly above the 24.3 million metric tonnes they carried in May 2005, and well above the 21.5 million metric tonnes they carried in May 1999.

Loadings in May were up 3.2% from the level of 24.0 million metric tonnes the month before, rebounding from a 4.4% decline in between March and April.

Loadings of coal and iron ore alone accounted for just under one-quarter of all the rail cars needed to handle the non-intermodal portion of goods loaded on rail in May.

Combined loadings of all minerals accounted for more than one-third of all carloadings. Wood and paper commodity groupings comprised another 20%, while wheat and grains accounted for 11%, and liquid fuels and distillates about 5%.

In total, these broad groupings accounted for about 70% of carloadings, with the remaining 30% in various manufactured products.

More specifically, loadings of potash were down 36% from May 2005, even though they were still within the group of top five commodities. That represents a decline of just over 6,000 carloads.

On the other hand, other wood products, consisting mostly of plywood and various fabricated boards, have shown a consistent increase in the share of loadings. This was perhaps a reflection of the renovation and construction boom of the last few years.

Wheat as well as automobiles and minivans did well in May compared with April. Wheat loadings jumped 7.8% to 1.9 million tonnes. Loadings of automobiles and minivans rose 13%, boosting the total number of rail cars required to move them to just under 10,000.

Total non-intermodal loadings hit 22.3 million tonnes, up 3.3% from April. Intermodal loadings, that is, containers and trailers hauled on flat cars, increased 2.2% to 2.45 million tonnes.

Freight coming from the United States either destined for or passing through Canada reached 2.5 million tonnes, up 11% from April.

On a year-over-year basis, non-intermodal tonnage was 1.5% higher than May 2005. Intermodal loadings rose 2.5%, while traffic received from the United States remained virtually unchanged.

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Table 1

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

| Commodity | May 2006 | | May 2005 | |
|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | Cars | Metric tonnes | Cars | Metric tonnes |
| Wheat | 21,278 | 1,919,812 | 16,958 | 1,523,524 |
| Other cereal grains | 2,644 | 209,415 | 2,895 | 226,566 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 2,255 | 199,777 | 2,549 | 225,382 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Colza seeds (canola) | 6,331 | 497,756 | 3,680 | 287,305 |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product | 915 | 70,178 | 505 | 39,181 |
| Animal feed and products | 1,424 | 115,231 | 1,869 | 150,273 |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products | 1,180 | 93,655 | 1,075 | 82,247 |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 2,628 | 207,625 | 1,921 | 151,476 |
| Sugar | 451 | 39,859 | 469 | 40,789 |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified | 354 | 20,645 | 241 | 15,923 |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 83 | 6,614 | 94 | 7,558 |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 4,105 | 356,777 | 4,273 | 361,785 |
| Salt | 523 | 47,216 | 1,109 | 99,770 |
| Phosphate rock | 587 | 52,794 | 941 | 85,393 |
| Sulphur | 7,450 | 715,025 | 6,734 | 651,820 |
| Gypsum | x | x | x | x |
| Other non-metallic minerals ² | 7,032 | 628,445 | 6,689 | 590,446 |
| Iron ores and concentrates | 33,401 | 3,064,934 | 22,075 | 1,991,569 |
| Copper ores and concentrates | 1,312 | 113,998 | 1,288 | 112,868 |
| Nickel ores and concentrates | 2,265 | 172,766 | 2,854 | 208,151 |
| Lead ores and concentrates | 271 | 20,897 | 245 | 19,326 |
| Zinc ores and concentrates | 878 | 73,876 | 940 | 80,714 |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates | 5,165 | 493,066 | 5,541 | 527,066 |
| Coal | 26,252 | 2,662,659 | 31,873 | 3,180,902 |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 1,784 | 138,764 | 2,839 | 221,311 |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 3,269 | 264,770 | 5,207 | 420,691 |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 4,479 | 282,652 | 4,767 | 304,223 |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke | 2,444 | 169,188 | 2,189 | 143,635 |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products | 2,901 | 227,768 | 2,793 | 217,678 |
| Sulphuric acid | 2,634 | 235,460 | 2,165 | 194,068 |
| Alumina | 2,968 | 272,124 | 3,353 | 304,704 |
| Other basic chemicals | 7,640 | 669,985 | 7,952 | 695,491 |
| Potash | 10,641 | 1,024,654 | 16,702 | 1,602,994 |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 5,862 | 487,887 | 5,516 | 452,061 |
| Other chemical products and preparations | 700 | 59,170 | 727 | 61,419 |
| Plastic and rubber | 4,523 | 392,247 | 3,856 | 333,095 |
| Logs and other wood in the rough | 3,038 | 166,871 | 3,870 | 228,961 |
| Wood chips | 5,968 | 359,300 | 6,200 | 376,878 |
| Lumber | 18,167 | 1,511,125 | 17,827 | 1,453,091 |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera) | 8,072 | 634,347 | 7,644 | 572,581 |
| Wood pulp | 9,553 | 766,048 | 11,649 | 940,250 |
| Newsprint | 6,802 | 446,849 | 7,004 | 458,870 |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 5,774 | 395,017 | 5,570 | 358,881 |
| Cement | 2,886 | 268,880 | 3,024 | 278,324 |
| Other non-metallic mineral products | 523 | 44,816 | 726 | 57,534 |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished | 5,868 | 490,382 | 5,533 | 460,704 |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished | 382 | 32,829 | 401 | 33,365 |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished | 2,774 | 223,461 | 2,691 | 219,295 |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished | 775 | 62,067 | 758 | 61,365 |
| Articles of base metal | 1,307 | 95,929 | 1,029 | 77,327 |
| Machinery | 97 | 3,272 | 96 | 3,886 |
| Automobiles and mini-vans | 9,667 | 163,166 | 9,627 | 166,499 |
| Freight motor vehicles | 7,644 | 135,455 | 7,690 | 135,735 |
| Other vehicles | 6 | 156 | 13 | 280 |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 2,690 | 77,306 | 2,987 | 86,549 |
| Other transportation equipment | 1,292 | 38,737 | 1,498 | 48,735 |
| Metallic waste and scrap | 3,115 | 240,115 | 2,870 | 215,936 |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap | 1,092 | 62,218 | 685 | 38,960 |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 174 | 10,209 | 214 | 12,926 |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated | 479 | 23,352 | 683 | 33,319 |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 476 | 12,306 | 722 | 20,553 |
| Less than carload shipments | ... | 21 | ... | 18 |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³ | 277,250 | 22,271,923 | 275,895 | 21,952,226 |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

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

| Commodity | May 2006 | | May 2005 | |
|--|----------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| | Cars | Metric tonnes | Cars | Metric tonnes |
| Wheat | 482 | 43,262 | 407 | 36,141 |
| Other cereal grains | 220 | 18,523 | 142 | 11,351 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 12 | 925 | 81 | 6,694 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Colza seeds (canola) | 44 | 3,285 | 3 | 250 |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product | 197 | 14,222 | 181 | 13,915 |
| Animal feed and products | 453 | 35,859 | 902 | 70,542 |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products | 57 | 4,442 | 42 | 3,434 |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 257 | 19,430 | 299 | 22,408 |
| Sugar | 360 | 31,863 | 375 | 32,681 |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified | 68 | 4,995 | 35 | 2,941 |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 26 | 1,970 | 56 | 4,421 |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 1,334 | 111,840 | 1,726 | 133,854 |
| Salt | 313 | 28,285 | 809 | 73,179 |
| Phosphate rock | 587 | 52,794 | 941 | 85,393 |
| Sulphur | 36 | 3,114 | 126 | 11,160 |
| Gypsum | x | x | x | x |
| Other non-metallic minerals ² | 6,488 | 580,426 | 6,173 | 545,427 |
| Iron ores and concentrates | 33,401 | 3,064,934 | 22,075 | 1,991,569 |
| Copper ores and concentrates | 625 | 52,781 | 580 | 49,527 |
| Nickel ores and concentrates | 2,265 | 172,766 | 2,854 | 208,151 |
| Lead ores and concentrates | 271 | 20,897 | 200 | 15,422 |
| Zinc ores and concentrates | 686 | 58,004 | 830 | 71,566 |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates | 5,108 | 487,977 | 5,424 | 516,700 |
| Coal | 2,351 | 204,156 | 2,417 | 206,393 |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 1,227 | 96,780 | 2,190 | 171,969 |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 1,474 | 115,358 | 3,146 | 252,319 |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 2,421 | 151,624 | 2,949 | 188,433 |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke | 1,549 | 99,225 | 1,450 | 87,456 |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products | 1,058 | 79,939 | 1,275 | 95,670 |
| Sulphuric acid | 2,330 | 208,348 | 1,890 | 169,543 |
| Alumina | 2,968 | 272,124 | 3,353 | 304,704 |
| Other basic chemicals | 3,182 | 272,077 | 3,021 | 259,811 |
| Potash | 519 | 47,658 | 1,215 | 111,116 |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 463 | 41,607 | 439 | 39,721 |
| Other chemical products and preparations | 630 | 54,055 | 612 | 52,458 |
| Plastic and rubber | 2,124 | 178,277 | 1,749 | 146,620 |
| Logs and other wood in the rough | 2,498 | 132,293 | 2,567 | 142,263 |
| Wood chips | 1,537 | 97,018 | 1,580 | 102,302 |
| Lumber | 4,863 | 393,631 | 4,835 | 385,864 |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera) | 3,017 | 226,230 | 2,866 | 198,856 |
| Wood pulp | 3,763 | 287,383 | 4,120 | 321,234 |
| Newsprint | 5,854 | 380,313 | 5,992 | 389,500 |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 4,375 | 297,297 | 4,376 | 279,385 |
| Cement | 1,770 | 164,613 | 1,634 | 150,293 |
| Other non-metallic mineral products | 311 | 27,306 | 436 | 33,958 |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished | 5,050 | 421,825 | 4,882 | 404,037 |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished | 345 | 30,031 | 307 | 26,155 |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished | 2,730 | 219,961 | 2,678 | 218,249 |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished | 341 | 29,385 | 341 | 29,360 |
| Articles of base metal | 670 | 49,949 | 614 | 45,194 |
| Machinery | 59 | 1,986 | 74 | 2,781 |
| Automobiles and mini-vans | 7,372 | 128,788 | 7,930 | 141,149 |
| Freight motor vehicles | 7,159 | 128,310 | 7,293 | 130,303 |
| Other vehicles | 4 | 9 | 1 | 27 |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 2,690 | 77,306 | 2,987 | 86,549 |
| Other transportation equipment | 751 | 23,425 | 1,394 | 44,244 |
| Metallic waste and scrap | 1,669 | 131,418 | 1,684 | 129,092 |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap | 655 | 41,824 | 311 | 20,926 |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 95 | 5,392 | 96 | 6,838 |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated | 473 | 23,170 | 680 | 33,188 |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 464 | 11,847 | 607 | 17,418 |
| Less than carload shipments | ... | 21 | ... | 18 |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³ | 134,101 | 9,964,553 | 130,252 | 9,332,122 |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 3

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

| Commodity | May 2006 | | May 2005 | |
|--|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| | Cars | Metric tonnes | Cars | Metric tonnes |
| Wheat | 20,796 | 1,876,550 | 16,551 | 1,487,383 |
| Other cereal grains | 2,424 | 190,892 | 2,753 | 215,215 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 2,243 | 198,852 | 2,468 | 218,688 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Colza seeds (canola) | 6,287 | 494,471 | 3,677 | 287,055 |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product | 718 | 55,956 | 324 | 25,266 |
| Animal feed and products | 971 | 79,372 | 967 | 79,731 |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products | 1,123 | 89,213 | 1,033 | 78,813 |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 2,371 | 188,195 | 1,622 | 129,068 |
| Sugar | 91 | 7,996 | 94 | 8,108 |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified | 286 | 15,650 | 206 | 12,982 |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 57 | 4,644 | 38 | 3,137 |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 2,771 | 244,937 | 2,547 | 227,931 |
| Salt | 210 | 18,931 | 300 | 26,591 |
| Phosphate rock | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sulphur | 7,414 | 711,911 | 6,608 | 640,660 |
| Gypsum | x | x | x | x |
| Other non-metallic minerals ² | 544 | 48,019 | 516 | 45,019 |
| Iron ores and concentrates | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Copper ores and concentrates | 687 | 61,217 | 708 | 63,341 |
| Nickel ores and concentrates | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lead ores and concentrates | 0 | 0 | 45 | 3,904 |
| Zinc ores and concentrates | 192 | 15,872 | 110 | 9,148 |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates | 57 | 5,089 | 117 | 10,366 |
| Coal | 23,901 | 2,458,503 | 29,456 | 2,974,509 |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 557 | 41,984 | 649 | 49,342 |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 1,795 | 149,412 | 2,061 | 168,372 |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 2,058 | 131,028 | 1,818 | 115,790 |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke | 895 | 69,963 | 739 | 56,179 |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products | 1,843 | 147,829 | 1,518 | 122,008 |
| Sulphuric acid | 304 | 27,112 | 275 | 24,525 |
| Alumina | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other basic chemicals | 4,458 | 397,908 | 4,931 | 435,680 |
| Potash | 10,122 | 976,996 | 15,487 | 1,491,878 |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 5,399 | 446,280 | 5,077 | 412,340 |
| Other chemical products and preparations | 70 | 5,115 | 115 | 8,961 |
| Plastic and rubber | 2,399 | 213,970 | 2,107 | 186,475 |
| Logs and other wood in the rough | 540 | 34,578 | 1,303 | 86,698 |
| Wood chips | 4,431 | 262,282 | 4,620 | 274,576 |
| Lumber | 13,304 | 1,117,494 | 12,992 | 1,067,227 |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera) | 5,055 | 408,117 | 4,778 | 373,725 |
| Wood pulp | 5,790 | 478,665 | 7,529 | 619,016 |
| Newsprint | 948 | 66,536 | 1,012 | 69,370 |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 1,399 | 97,720 | 1,194 | 79,496 |
| Cement | 1,116 | 104,267 | 1,390 | 128,031 |
| Other non-metallic mineral products | 212 | 17,510 | 290 | 23,576 |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished | 818 | 68,557 | 651 | 56,667 |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished | 37 | 2,798 | 94 | 7,210 |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished | 44 | 3,500 | 13 | 1,046 |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished | 434 | 32,682 | 417 | 32,005 |
| Articles of base metal | 637 | 45,980 | 415 | 32,133 |
| Machinery | 38 | 1,286 | 22 | 1,105 |
| Automobiles and mini-vans | 2,295 | 34,378 | 1,697 | 25,350 |
| Freight motor vehicles | 485 | 7,145 | 397 | 5,432 |
| Other vehicles | 2 | 147 | 12 | 253 |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other transportation equipment | 541 | 15,312 | 104 | 4,491 |
| Metallic waste and scrap | 1,446 | 108,697 | 1,186 | 86,844 |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap | 437 | 20,394 | 374 | 18,034 |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 79 | 4,817 | 118 | 6,088 |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated | 6 | 182 | 3 | 131 |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 12 | 459 | 115 | 3,135 |
| Less than carload shipments | ... | 0 | ... | 0 |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³ | 143,149 | 12,307,370 | 145,643 | 12,620,104 |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 4

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

| Commodity | January 2006 to May 2006 | | January 2005 to May 2005 | |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | Cars | Metric tonnes | Cars | Metric tonnes |
| Wheat | 93,147 | 8,422,447 | 83,865 | 7,524,091 |
| Other cereal grains | 18,713 | 1,484,899 | 19,064 | 1,501,935 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 11,964 | 1,063,198 | 9,677 | 847,305 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | 0 | 0 | 3 | 195 |
| Colza seeds (canola) | 30,940 | 2,457,888 | 17,217 | 1,351,885 |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product | 3,225 | 248,993 | 2,780 | 212,380 |
| Animal feed and products | 8,241 | 675,464 | 11,019 | 888,086 |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products | 5,384 | 424,748 | 5,338 | 412,029 |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 12,563 | 992,282 | 10,768 | 849,601 |
| Sugar | 2,231 | 195,343 | 2,291 | 200,765 |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified | 1,474 | 88,438 | 1,085 | 70,755 |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 416 | 33,010 | 385 | 30,686 |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 15,954 | 1,379,522 | 16,764 | 1,442,343 |
| Salt | 5,449 | 485,931 | 6,392 | 573,828 |
| Phosphate rock | 2,728 | 243,006 | 4,416 | 398,563 |
| Sulphur | 34,943 | 3,365,884 | 33,396 | 3,218,544 |
| Gypsum | x | x | x | x |
| Other non-metallic minerals ² | 33,102 | 2,836,591 | 30,895 | 2,607,058 |
| Iron ores and concentrates | 145,338 | 13,378,118 | 129,677 | 11,828,419 |
| Copper ores and concentrates | 6,180 | 541,805 | 6,821 | 601,199 |
| Nickel ores and concentrates | 10,042 | 763,831 | 15,102 | 1,097,504 |
| Lead ores and concentrates | 1,187 | 91,529 | 1,061 | 82,248 |
| Zinc ores and concentrates | 3,874 | 330,670 | 3,989 | 342,794 |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates | 25,071 | 2,391,787 | 25,842 | 2,456,284 |
| Coal | 125,538 | 12,725,319 | 141,922 | 14,156,732 |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 11,474 | 883,160 | 11,119 | 854,795 |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 24,300 | 1,970,381 | 25,829 | 2,091,425 |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 30,075 | 1,905,558 | 30,876 | 1,958,514 |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke | 10,262 | 713,275 | 9,031 | 584,747 |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products | 13,936 | 1,090,134 | 13,202 | 1,023,005 |
| Sulphuric acid | 12,722 | 1,139,103 | 11,695 | 1,042,822 |
| Alumina | 14,263 | 1,305,587 | 14,990 | 1,356,381 |
| Other basic chemicals | 38,408 | 3,350,433 | 39,211 | 3,413,991 |
| Potash | 51,000 | 4,879,207 | 81,256 | 7,756,652 |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 23,348 | 1,952,633 | 26,741 | 2,247,444 |
| Other chemical products and preparations | 3,451 | 290,097 | 3,809 | 320,771 |
| Plastic and rubber | 20,889 | 1,805,750 | 19,976 | 1,715,641 |
| Logs and other wood in the rough | 20,493 | 1,159,109 | 21,678 | 1,292,936 |
| Wood chips | 29,762 | 1,770,159 | 29,914 | 1,806,641 |
| Lumber | 86,890 | 7,235,595 | 81,827 | 6,675,787 |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera) | 38,006 | 2,956,550 | 35,549 | 2,684,209 |
| Wood pulp | 50,803 | 4,095,724 | 57,585 | 4,625,521 |
| Newsprint | 33,998 | 2,213,505 | 33,333 | 2,153,053 |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 25,465 | 1,730,907 | 29,408 | 1,888,454 |
| Cement | 11,244 | 1,044,369 | 11,413 | 1,046,871 |
| Other non-metallic mineral products | 2,292 | 198,056 | 3,579 | 284,286 |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished | 29,333 | 2,461,067 | 27,799 | 2,302,995 |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished | 2,093 | 177,541 | 1,858 | 155,274 |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished | 13,809 | 1,131,424 | 13,047 | 1,055,369 |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished | 3,806 | 302,289 | 3,978 | 324,286 |
| Articles of base metal | 6,259 | 467,229 | 4,535 | 325,008 |
| Machinery | 478 | 20,377 | 472 | 16,868 |
| Automobiles and mini-vans | 44,962 | 772,885 | 44,730 | 784,400 |
| Freight motor vehicles | 36,061 | 644,816 | 37,181 | 655,793 |
| Other vehicles | 83 | 1,476 | 95 | 2,003 |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 13,484 | 387,854 | 14,892 | 435,084 |
| Other transportation equipment | 8,315 | 236,645 | 5,809 | 199,522 |
| Metallic waste and scrap | 15,893 | 1,230,195 | 13,729 | 1,047,883 |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap | 3,913 | 213,264 | 3,326 | 184,754 |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 824 | 50,538 | 1,273 | 77,417 |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated | 1,925 | 90,494 | 2,940 | 140,117 |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 2,347 | 65,855 | 2,985 | 88,098 |
| Less than carload shipments | ... | 77 | ... | 71 |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³ | 1,334,372 | 106,564,029 | 1,350,439 | 107,314,117 |

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 2006 to May 2006 | | January 2005 to May 2005 | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | Cars | Metric tonnes | Cars | Metric tonnes |
| Wheat | 2,127 | 190,894 | 2,830 | 252,117 |
| Other cereal grains | 1,268 | 104,771 | 686 | 52,955 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 139 | 11,626 | 224 | 18,206 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Colza seeds (canola) | 305 | 23,647 | 91 | 7,321 |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product | 636 | 47,388 | 491 | 36,029 |
| Animal feed and products | 2,988 | 239,267 | 5,287 | 416,249 |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations | 2 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products | 251 | 19,923 | 309 | 24,815 |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 1,343 | 101,182 | 1,288 | 96,732 |
| Sugar | 1,783 | 155,816 | 1,824 | 159,767 |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified | 215 | 17,884 | 124 | 10,389 |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 145 | 10,768 | 166 | 12,613 |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 5,929 | 490,037 | 6,682 | 538,037 |
| Salt | 3,158 | 281,485 | 4,137 | 372,969 |
| Phosphate rock | 2,728 | 243,006 | 4,416 | 398,563 |
| Sulphur | 487 | 42,882 | 685 | 60,459 |
| Gypsum | x | x | x | x |
| Other non-metallic minerals ² | 30,621 | 2,616,708 | 28,598 | 2,405,846 |
| Iron ores and concentrates | 145,338 | 13,378,118 | 129,677 | 11,828,419 |
| Copper ores and concentrates | 2,526 | 217,280 | 3,314 | 287,647 |
| Nickel ores and concentrates | 10,042 | 763,831 | 15,102 | 1,097,504 |
| Lead ores and concentrates | 1,187 | 91,529 | 1,016 | 78,344 |
| Zinc ores and concentrates | 3,018 | 259,777 | 3,648 | 314,423 |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates | 24,852 | 2,372,292 | 25,314 | 2,409,025 |
| Coal | 10,696 | 927,755 | 12,096 | 1,060,764 |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 9,249 | 712,221 | 8,787 | 677,688 |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 12,802 | 1,019,493 | 14,416 | 1,155,925 |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 15,094 | 959,211 | 16,484 | 1,054,615 |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke | 6,440 | 415,413 | 5,625 | 325,052 |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products | 5,890 | 447,191 | 6,466 | 485,752 |
| Sulphuric acid | 11,102 | 994,570 | 10,211 | 910,828 |
| Alumina | 14,261 | 1,305,412 | 14,988 | 1,356,201 |
| Other basic chemicals | 15,412 | 1,311,790 | 15,624 | 1,324,588 |
| Potash | 3,067 | 281,513 | 5,583 | 510,276 |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 1,348 | 119,891 | 1,847 | 166,131 |
| Other chemical products and preparations | 3,070 | 262,895 | 3,275 | 279,254 |
| Plastic and rubber | 9,463 | 789,148 | 9,706 | 811,924 |
| Logs and other wood in the rough | 13,537 | 709,226 | 13,568 | 737,415 |
| Wood chips | 7,660 | 461,517 | 7,212 | 457,654 |
| Lumber | 22,023 | 1,792,510 | 23,211 | 1,853,893 |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera) | 14,645 | 1,078,940 | 13,578 | 963,673 |
| Wood pulp | 17,257 | 1,318,861 | 20,760 | 1,610,265 |
| Newsprint | 29,002 | 1,864,193 | 28,167 | 1,807,780 |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 19,634 | 1,324,522 | 22,981 | 1,457,631 |
| Cement | 6,568 | 609,380 | 5,827 | 533,017 |
| Other non-metallic mineral products | 1,455 | 127,873 | 2,311 | 184,237 |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished | 25,570 | 2,139,650 | 24,143 | 1,984,789 |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished | 1,698 | 147,499 | 1,422 | 121,505 |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished | 13,662 | 1,119,713 | 12,966 | 1,048,939 |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished | 1,584 | 134,425 | 1,964 | 169,307 |
| Articles of base metal | 3,083 | 227,640 | 3,008 | 209,655 |
| Machinery | 380 | 15,666 | 353 | 10,992 |
| Automobiles and mini-vans | 36,071 | 638,167 | 36,599 | 664,897 |
| Freight motor vehicles | 33,713 | 610,526 | 35,204 | 627,652 |
| Other vehicles | 64 | 486 | 67 | 1,438 |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 13,484 | 387,854 | 14,886 | 434,727 |
| Other transportation equipment | 6,387 | 181,710 | 5,126 | 169,872 |
| Metallic waste and scrap | 10,098 | 794,638 | 8,534 | 668,594 |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap | 1,821 | 117,663 | 1,518 | 99,018 |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 393 | 24,802 | 519 | 36,489 |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated | 1,905 | 89,757 | 2,917 | 139,069 |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 2,316 | 64,773 | 2,437 | 72,916 |
| Less than carload shipments | ... | 77 | ... | 71 |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³ | 642,992 | 47,208,690 | 650,295 | 47,062,922 |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 6

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

| Commodity | January 2006 to May 2006 | | January 2005 to May 2005 | |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | Cars | Metric tonnes | Cars | Metric tonnes |
| Wheat | 91,020 | 8,231,553 | 81,035 | 7,271,974 |
| Other cereal grains | 17,445 | 1,380,128 | 18,378 | 1,448,980 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 11,825 | 1,051,572 | 9,453 | 829,099 |
| Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | 0 | 0 | 3 | 195 |
| Colza seeds (canola) | 30,635 | 2,434,241 | 17,126 | 1,344,564 |
| Other oil seeds and nuts, other agricultural product | 2,589 | 201,605 | 2,289 | 176,351 |
| Animal feed and products | 5,253 | 436,197 | 5,732 | 471,837 |
| Meat, fish, seafood and preparations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Milled grain production and preparations, bakery products | 5,133 | 404,825 | 5,029 | 387,214 |
| Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 11,220 | 891,100 | 9,480 | 752,869 |
| Sugar | 448 | 39,527 | 467 | 40,998 |
| Prepared food stuffs, not elsewhere classified | 1,259 | 70,554 | 961 | 60,366 |
| Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 271 | 22,242 | 219 | 18,073 |
| Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 10,025 | 889,485 | 10,082 | 904,306 |
| Salt | 2,291 | 204,446 | 2,255 | 200,859 |
| Phosphate rock | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sulphur | 34,456 | 3,323,002 | 32,711 | 3,158,085 |
| Gypsum | x | x | x | x |
| Other non-metallic minerals ² | 2,481 | 219,883 | 2,297 | 201,212 |
| Iron ores and concentrates | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Copper ores and concentrates | 3,654 | 324,525 | 3,507 | 313,552 |
| Nickel ores and concentrates | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lead ores and concentrates | 0 | 0 | 45 | 3,904 |
| Zinc ores and concentrates | 856 | 70,893 | 341 | 28,371 |
| Other metallic ores and concentrates | 219 | 19,495 | 528 | 47,259 |
| Coal | 114,842 | 11,797,564 | 129,826 | 13,095,968 |
| Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 2,225 | 170,939 | 2,332 | 177,107 |
| Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 11,498 | 950,888 | 11,413 | 935,500 |
| Gaseous hydrocarbons, including liquid petroleum gas (LPG's) | 14,981 | 946,347 | 14,392 | 903,899 |
| Coal coke and petroleum coke | 3,822 | 297,862 | 3,406 | 259,695 |
| Other refined petroleum and coal products | 8,046 | 642,943 | 6,736 | 537,253 |
| Sulphuric acid | 1,620 | 144,533 | 1,484 | 131,994 |
| Alumina | 2 | 175 | 2 | 180 |
| Other basic chemicals | 22,996 | 2,038,643 | 23,587 | 2,089,403 |
| Potash | 47,933 | 4,597,694 | 75,673 | 7,246,376 |
| Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 22,000 | 1,832,742 | 24,894 | 2,081,313 |
| Other chemical products and preparations | 381 | 27,202 | 534 | 41,517 |
| Plastic and rubber | 11,426 | 1,016,602 | 10,270 | 903,717 |
| Logs and other wood in the rough | 6,956 | 449,883 | 8,110 | 555,521 |
| Wood chips | 22,102 | 1,308,642 | 22,702 | 1,348,987 |
| Lumber | 64,867 | 5,443,085 | 58,616 | 4,821,894 |
| Other wood products (plywood, veneer et cetera) | 23,361 | 1,877,610 | 21,971 | 1,720,536 |
| Wood pulp | 33,546 | 2,776,863 | 36,825 | 3,015,256 |
| Newsprint | 4,996 | 349,312 | 5,166 | 345,273 |
| Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 5,831 | 406,385 | 6,427 | 430,823 |
| Cement | 4,676 | 434,989 | 5,586 | 513,854 |
| Other non-metallic mineral products | 837 | 70,183 | 1,268 | 100,049 |
| Iron and steel, primary or semi-finished | 3,763 | 321,417 | 3,656 | 318,206 |
| Copper, primary or semi-finished | 395 | 30,042 | 436 | 33,769 |
| Aluminum, primary or semi-finished | 147 | 11,711 | 81 | 6,430 |
| Other non-ferrous metal, primary or semi-finished | 2,222 | 167,864 | 2,014 | 154,979 |
| Articles of base metal | 3,176 | 239,589 | 1,527 | 115,353 |
| Machinery | 98 | 4,711 | 119 | 5,876 |
| Automobiles and mini-vans | 8,891 | 134,718 | 8,131 | 119,503 |
| Freight motor vehicles | 2,348 | 34,290 | 1,977 | 28,141 |
| Other vehicles | 19 | 990 | 28 | 565 |
| Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 0 | 0 | 6 | 357 |
| Other transportation equipment | 1,928 | 54,935 | 683 | 29,650 |
| Metallic waste and scrap | 5,795 | 435,557 | 5,195 | 379,289 |
| Non-metallic waste and scrap | 2,092 | 95,601 | 1,808 | 85,736 |
| Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 431 | 25,736 | 754 | 40,928 |
| Pool car traffic of freight forwarder and ship associated | 20 | 737 | 23 | 1,048 |
| Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 31 | 1,082 | 548 | 15,182 |
| Less than carload shipments | ... | 0 | ... | 0 |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³ | 691,380 | 59,355,339 | 700,144 | 60,251,195 |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 7

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

| | May 2006 | | | May 2005 | | |
|---|----------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Units | TEUs ^e | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs ^e | Metric tonnes |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³ | | | 22,271,923 | | | 21,952,226 |
| Container-on-flat-car | 150,355 | 262,338 | 2,363,537 | 143,971 | 249,221 | 2,284,930 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car | 6,015 | . | 86,637 | 6,684 | . | 105,392 |
| Traffic received from United States connections | . | . | 2,508,192 | . | . | 2,494,981 |
| Total traffic carried³ | | | 27,230,289 | | | 26,837,529 |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 18,358 | 32,226 | 243,694 | 18,083 | 31,116 | 242,649 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 1,582 | . | 24,901 | 1,744 | . | 26,641 |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections | . | . | 3,523,204 | . | . | 4,519,323 |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 8

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

| | May 2006 | | | May 2005 | | |
|---|----------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Units | TEUs ^e | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs ^e | Metric tonnes |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³ | | | 9,964,553 | | | 9,332,122 |
| Container-on-flat-car | 82,257 | 144,807 | 1,337,066 | 78,063 | 135,062 | 1,281,388 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car | 5,486 | . | 77,276 | 6,367 | . | 99,051 |
| Traffic received from United States connections | . | . | 704,159 | . | . | 760,189 |
| Total traffic carried³ | | | 12,083,054 | | | 11,472,750 |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 5,379 | 10,901 | 65,358 | 5,671 | 11,056 | 71,516 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 110 | . | 2,090 | 729 | . | 13,657 |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections | . | . | 2,914,302 | . | . | 3,564,818 |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 9

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

| | May 2006 | | | May 2005 | | |
|---|----------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Units | TEUs ^e | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs ^e | Metric tonnes |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³ | | | 12,307,370 | | | 12,620,104 |
| Container-on-flat-car | 68,098 | 117,531 | 1,026,471 | 65,908 | 114,159 | 1,003,542 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car | 529 | . | 9,361 | 317 | . | 6,341 |
| Traffic received from United States connections | . | . | 1,804,033 | . | . | 1,734,792 |
| Total traffic carried³ | | | 15,147,235 | | | 15,364,779 |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 12,979 | 21,325 | 178,336 | 12,412 | 20,060 | 171,133 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 1,472 | . | 22,811 | 1,015 | . | 12,984 |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections | . | . | 608,902 | . | . | 954,505 |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 10

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

| | January 2006 to May 2006 | | | January 2005 to May 2005 | | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| | Units | TEUs ^e | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs ^e | Metric tonnes |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³ | | | 106,564,029 | | | 107,314,117 |
| Container-on-flat-car | 709,482 | 1,231,146 | 11,201,599 | 678,556 | 1,166,977 | 10,906,348 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car | 27,593 | . | 397,773 | 33,417 | . | 518,026 |
| Traffic received from United States connections | . | . | 11,623,055 | . | . | 11,676,472 |
| Total traffic carried³ | | | 129,786,456 | | | 130,414,963 |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 86,199 | 150,365 | 1,143,318 | 90,710 | 155,069 | 1,215,194 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 7,339 | . | 112,686 | 7,813 | . | 113,601 |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections | . | . | 18,678,864 | . | . | 22,081,088 |

See footnote(s) at the end of tables.

Table 11

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

| | January 2006 to May 2006 | | | January 2005 to May 2005 | | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Units | TEUs ^e | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs ^e | Metric tonnes |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³ | | | 47,208,690 | | | 47,062,922 |
| Container-on-flat-car | 383,751 | 670,571 | 6,257,547 | 373,963 | 642,852 | 6,190,078 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car | 25,383 | . | 357,471 | 31,427 | . | 480,672 |
| Traffic received from United States connections | . | . | 3,318,702 | . | . | 3,496,807 |
| Total traffic carried³ | | | 57,142,410 | | | 57,230,479 |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 26,392 | 52,329 | 315,126 | 27,207 | 51,968 | 343,114 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 767 | . | 13,654 | 3,197 | . | 60,376 |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections | . | . | 15,418,016 | . | . | 17,440,791 |

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 2006 to May 2006 | | | January 2005 to May 2005 | | |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Units | TEUs ^e | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs ^e | Metric tonnes |
| Total non-intermodal traffic loaded³ | | | 59,355,339 | | | 60,251,195 |
| Container-on-flat-car | 325,731 | 560,575 | 4,944,052 | 304,593 | 524,125 | 4,716,270 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car | 2,210 | . | 40,302 | 1,990 | . | 37,354 |
| Traffic received from United States connections | . | . | 8,304,353 | . | . | 8,179,665 |
| Total traffic carried³ | | | 72,644,046 | | | 73,184,484 |
| Container-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 59,807 | 98,036 | 828,192 | 63,503 | 103,101 | 872,080 |
| Trailer-on-flat-car included in receipts from United States connections | 6,572 | . | 99,032 | 4,616 | . | 53,225 |
| Traffic received from Canadian connections | . | . | 3,260,848 | . | . | 4,640,297 |

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:

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