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Highlights:

- In October 2000, the freight loaded by railways in Canada (excluding intermodal traffic) totalled 21.9 million metric tonnes. This represented an increase of 0.3% compared to October 1999.
- The intermodal tonnage, represented by "container-on-flat-cars" (C.O.F.C.) and "trailer-on-flat-cars" (T.O.F.C.) increased by 6.6% compared to the same period in 1999, to reach 2.3 million metric tonnes.
- The five main loaded commodities were: iron ores and concentrates (3.6 million metric tonnes), coal (3.1 million metric tonnes), wheat (1.6 million metric tonnes), potash (1.2 million metric tonnes) and lumber (1.0 million metric tonnes).
- The cumulative freight loaded (excluding intermodal traffic) for the first ten months of 2000 reached 212.1 million metric tonnes.

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

| MRC code | Commodity | October 2000 | | October 1999 | | | |
|--|---|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Cars | Metric tonnes | Cars | Metric tonnes | | |
| 1 | Wheat | 18,017 | 1 619 374 | 17,576 | 1 576 966 | | |
| 2 | Other cereal grains | 6,278 | 485 754 | 5,689 | 452 562 | | |
| 3 | Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 3,731 | 314 137 | 3,218 | 267 949 | | |
| 4 | Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | - | - | - | - | | |
| 5 | Colza seeds (Canola) | 7,678 | 602 744 | 8,389 | 671 229 | | |
| 6 | Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products | 1,259 | 102 969 | 1,183 | 97 353 | | |
| 7 | Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products | 1,681 | 134 569 | 1,921 | 151 961 | | |
| 8 | Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations | 1 | 78 | 3 | 131 | | |
| 9 | Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products | 1,106 | 81 373 | 1,095 | 80 302 | | |
| 10 | Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 2,701 | 211 083 | 2,503 | 191 125 | | |
| 11 | Sugar | 288 | 25 100 | 333 | 26 759 | | |
| 12 | Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c. | 72 | 3 770 | 24 | 1 352 | | |
| 13 | Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 73 | 5 765 | 65 | 4 829 | | |
| 14 | Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 3,086 | 263 058 | 2,653 | 225 551 | | |
| 15 | Salt | 1,161 | 107 690 | 1,292 | 120 178 | | |
| 16 | Phosphate rock | 530 | 48 028 | 230 | 19 913 | | |
| 17 | Sulphur | 5,907 | 560 304 | 7,353 | 693 866 | | |
| 18 | Gypsum | x | x | x | x | | |
| 19 | Other non-metallic minerals ² | 5,737 | 492 474 | 6,218 | 542 449 | | |
| 20 | Iron ores and concentrates | 35,432 | 3 574 330 | 36,356 | 3 520 287 | | |
| 21 | Copper ores and concentrates | 1,699 | 149 804 | 999 | 88 909 | | |
| 22 | Nickel ores and concentrates | 3,238 | 232 829 | 3,474 | 251 699 | | |
| 23 | Lead ores and concentrates | 1,017 | 55 607 | 673 | 55 066 | | |
| 24 | Zinc ores and concentrates | 921 | 80 411 | 394 | 34 666 | | |
| 25 | Other metallic ores and concentrates | 116 | 10 067 | 135 | 11 871 | | |
| 26 | Coal | 30,767 | 3 104 351 | 35,939 | 3 504 238 | | |
| 27 | Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 1,903 | 134 032 | 2,258 | 155 302 | | |
| 28 | Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 3,734 | 282 848 | 3,230 | 264 697 | | |
| 29 | Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs | 6,403 | 404 820 | 6,769 | 425 216 | | |
| 30 | Coal coke and petroleum coke | 2,045 | 124 776 | 1,553 | 98 580 | | |
| 31 | Other refined petroleum and coal products | 2,006 | 147 398 | 2,008 | 149 536 | | |
| 32 | Sulphuric acid | 2,153 | 191 713 | 2,133 | 188 167 | | |
| 33 | Alumina | 5,096 | 468 523 | 5,269 | 485 227 | | |
| 34 | Other basic chemicals | 7,559 | 639 280 | 7,084 | 584 309 | | |
| 35 | Potash | 12,597 | 1 185 555 | 12,604 | 1 162 877 | | |
| 36 | Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 6,034 | 504 474 | 4,601 | 375 667 | | |
| 37 | Other chemical products and preparations | 1,137 | 95 249 | 890 | 75 332 | | |
| 38 | Plastic and rubber | 3,873 | 320 920 | 3,130 | 254 514 | | |
| 39 | Logs and other wood in the rough | 2,909 | 146 238 | 3,432 | 168 095 | | |
| 40 | Wood chips | 7,935 | 478 495 | 8,391 | 502 412 | | |
| 41 | Lumber | 12,416 | 960 365 | 12,307 | 919 476 | | |
| 42 | Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc) | 5,073 | 368 860 | 4,525 | 327 039 | | |
| 43 | Wood pulp | 9,670 | 732 979 | 9,164 | 710 401 | | |
| 44 | Newsprint | 7,215 | 438 552 | 6,574 | 393 153 | | |
| 45 | Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 4,219 | 263 608 | 3,616 | 223 431 | | |
| 46 | Cement | 2,573 | 231 618 | 2,653 | 236 363 | | |
| 47 | Other non-metallic mineral products | 1,141 | 95 157 | 943 | 77 309 | | |
| 48 | Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished | 3,403 | 274 332 | 3,728 | 298 397 | | |
| 49 | Copper - primary or semi-finished | 687 | 55 714 | 1,198 | 101 387 | | |
| 50 | Aluminum - primary or semi-finished | 1,497 | 117 710 | 1,745 | 137 301 | | |
| 51 | Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished | 529 | 41 323 | 425 | 33 962 | | |
| 52 | Articles of base metal | 941 | 65 917 | 1,415 | 103 092 | | |
| 53 | Machinery | 197 | 8 862 | 283 | 14 688 | | |
| 54 | Automobiles and mini-vans | 9,262 | 174 463 | 8,477 | 144 043 | | |
| 55 | Freight motor vehicles | 8,783 | 156 079 | 8,764 | 155 473 | | |
| 56 | Other vehicles | 997 | 22 074 | 84 | 2 855 | | |
| 57 | Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 1,859 | 64 201 | 2,398 | 72 452 | | |
| 58 | Other transportation equipment | 1,453 | 34 187 | 1,348 | 33 602 | | |
| 59 | Metallic waste and scrap | 2,277 | 172 748 | 2,163 | 159 216 | | |
| 60 | Non-metallic waste and scrap | 1,356 | 87 320 | 986 | 55 431 | | |
| 61 | Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 280 | 14 515 | 300 | 15 862 | | |
| 62 | Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations | 1,228 | 55 371 | 1,720 | 66 579 | | |
| 63 | Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 506 | 25 786 | 542 | 22 362 | | |
| 64 | Less-than-carload shipments | ... | - | ... | - | | |
| Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³ | | 275,442 | 21 851 733 | 276,425 | 21 785 015 | | |
| | | Units | TEUs^o | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs^o | Metric tonnes |
| | Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.) | 134,565 | 270,643 | 2 188 491 | 125,663 | 252,849 | 2 023 764 |
| | Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.) | 8,679 | ... | 156 733 | 9,714 | ... | 175 361 |
| | Traffic received from United States connections | ... | ... | 2 720 348 | ... | ... | 1 923 523 |
| | TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED | ... | ... | 26 917 305 | ... | ... | 25 907 663 |
| | Traffic received from Canadian connections | ... | ... | 4 239 472 | ... | ... | 4 199 518 |
| | C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections | 15,000 | 29,759 | 195 902 | 15,150 | 29,783 | 195 742 |
| | T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections | 3,344 | ... | 51 405 | 3,048 | ... | 50 243 |

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

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

| MRC code | Commodity | October 2000 | | October 1999 | | | |
|-------------|---|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Cars | Metric tonnes | Cars | Metric tonnes | | |
| 1 | Wheat | 566 | 50 992 | 468 | 42 312 | | |
| 2 | Other cereal grains | 297 | 26 272 | 333 | 29 673 | | |
| 3 | Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 68 | 6 072 | 95 | 8 571 | | |
| 4 | Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | - | - | - | - | | |
| 5 | Colza seeds (Canola) | 86 | 6 469 | 147 | 12 086 | | |
| 6 | Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products | 232 | 20 529 | 186 | 16 524 | | |
| 7 | Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products | 516 | 40 411 | 561 | 43 178 | | |
| 8 | Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations | 1 | 78 | 1 | 49 | | |
| 9 | Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products | 43 | 3 170 | 36 | 2 465 | | |
| 10 | Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 168 | 12 444 | 207 | 15 439 | | |
| 11 | Sugar | 272 | 23 728 | 327 | 26 240 | | |
| 12 | Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c. | 19 | 1 068 | 7 | 285 | | |
| 13 | Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 29 | 2 132 | 21 | 1 200 | | |
| 14 | Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 1,198 | 95 728 | 943 | 74 836 | | |
| 15 | Salt | 861 | 82 222 | 1,019 | 96 975 | | |
| 16 | Phosphate rock | 527 | 47 783 | 230 | 19 913 | | |
| 17 | Sulphur | 92 | 8 171 | 81 | 7 434 | | |
| 18 | Gypsum | x | x | x | x | | |
| 19 | Other non-metallic minerals ² | 5,172 | 442 755 | 5,625 | 490 259 | | |
| 20 | Iron ores and concentrates | 35,432 | 3 574 330 | 36,355 | 3 520 208 | | |
| 21 | Copper ores and concentrates | 1,021 | 89 075 | 578 | 51 162 | | |
| 22 | Nickel ores and concentrates | 3,238 | 232 829 | 3,474 | 251 699 | | |
| 23 | Lead ores and concentrates | 350 | 1 224 | 82 | 7 025 | | |
| 24 | Zinc ores and concentrates | 878 | 76 630 | 364 | 31 999 | | |
| 25 | Other metallic ores and concentrates | 20 | 1 970 | 7 | 527 | | |
| 26 | Coal | 1,997 | 178 616 | 4,273 | 344 156 | | |
| 27 | Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 1,473 | 105 060 | 1,815 | 124 751 | | |
| 28 | Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 2,171 | 167 504 | 1,507 | 126 996 | | |
| 29 | Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs | 3,527 | 222 750 | 3,879 | 243 808 | | |
| 30 | Coal coke and petroleum coke | 1,325 | 68 743 | 1,004 | 56 427 | | |
| 31 | Other refined petroleum and coal products | 1,289 | 92 828 | 1,232 | 88 171 | | |
| 32 | Sulphuric acid | 1,874 | 166 966 | 1,868 | 164 820 | | |
| 33 | Alumina | 5,096 | 468 523 | 5,268 | 485 137 | | |
| 34 | Other basic chemicals | 2,637 | 206 740 | 2,775 | 214 218 | | |
| 35 | Potash | 600 | 54 949 | 914 | 83 627 | | |
| 36 | Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 696 | 62 550 | 113 | 8 841 | | |
| 37 | Other chemical products and preparations | 733 | 62 132 | 616 | 52 117 | | |
| 38 | Plastic and rubber | 2,183 | 174 863 | 1,818 | 142 927 | | |
| 39 | Logs and other wood in the rough | 2,221 | 98 342 | 2,581 | 112 348 | | |
| 40 | Wood chips | 1,462 | 84 306 | 1,720 | 93 818 | | |
| 41 | Lumber | 4,619 | 343 673 | 4,722 | 335 593 | | |
| 42 | Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc) | 2,380 | 177 923 | 1,977 | 147 932 | | |
| 43 | Wood pulp | 3,466 | 257 294 | 3,408 | 251 313 | | |
| 44 | Newsprint | 5,515 | 331 811 | 4,766 | 280 866 | | |
| 45 | Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 3,560 | 219 716 | 3,290 | 203 531 | | |
| 46 | Cement | 1,170 | 103 375 | 1,125 | 98 883 | | |
| 47 | Other non-metallic mineral products | 770 | 65 499 | 501 | 39 621 | | |
| 48 | Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished | 2,869 | 232 310 | 3,253 | 262 064 | | |
| 49 | Copper - primary or semi-finished | 560 | 46 493 | 1,076 | 92 673 | | |
| 50 | Aluminum - primary or semi-finished | 1,463 | 115 164 | 1,680 | 131 969 | | |
| 51 | Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished | 307 | 26 162 | 292 | 24 849 | | |
| 52 | Articles of base metal | 557 | 38 585 | 688 | 47 947 | | |
| 53 | Machinery | 178 | 7 913 | 254 | 12 907 | | |
| 54 | Automobiles and mini-vans | 7,617 | 153 375 | 6,989 | 124 131 | | |
| 55 | Freight motor vehicles | 8,563 | 153 472 | 8,560 | 152 505 | | |
| 56 | Other vehicles | 772 | 16 051 | 25 | 698 | | |
| 57 | Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 1,859 | 64 201 | 2,398 | 72 452 | | |
| 58 | Other transportation equipment | 1,012 | 22 373 | 1,144 | 27 059 | | |
| 59 | Metallic waste and scrap | 1,314 | 105 937 | 1,234 | 96 453 | | |
| 60 | Non-metallic waste and scrap | 460 | 29 803 | 530 | 31 674 | | |
| 61 | Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 62 | 4 435 | 94 | 6 075 | | |
| 62 | Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations | 1,222 | 55 232 | 1,716 | 66 408 | | |
| 63 | Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 458 | 24 011 | 463 | 19 659 | | |
| 64 | Less-than-carload shipments | ... | - | ... | - | | |
| | Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³ | 131,123 | 9 655 764 | 132,715 | 9 619 486 | | |
| | | Units | TEUs^o | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs^o | Metric tonnes |
| | Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.) | 82,913 | 165,284 | 1 314 790 | 78,819 | 156,621 | 1 231 605 |
| | Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.) | 5,567 | ... | 91 043 | 6,096 | ... | 106 837 |
| | Traffic received from United States connections | ... | ... | 2 613 261 | ... | ... | 1 469 408 |
| | TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED | ... | ... | 13 674 858 | ... | ... | 12 427 336 |
| | Traffic received from Canadian connections | ... | ... | 3 346 139 | ... | ... | 3 530 027 |
| | C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections | 14,552 | 28,791 | 190 060 | 14,803 | 29,084 | 190 264 |
| | T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections | 3,111 | ... | 48 807 | 1,882 | ... | 32 358 |

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

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

| MRC code | Commodity | October 2000 | | October 1999 | | | |
|--|---|----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Cars | Metric tonnes | Cars | Metric tonnes | | |
| 1 | Wheat | 17,451 | 1 568 382 | 17,108 | 1 534 654 | | |
| 2 | Other cereal grains | 5,981 | 459 482 | 5,356 | 422 889 | | |
| 3 | Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 3,663 | 308 065 | 3,123 | 259 378 | | |
| 4 | Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | - | - | - | - | | |
| 5 | Colza seeds (Canola) | 7,592 | 596 275 | 8,242 | 659 143 | | |
| 6 | Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products | 1,027 | 82 440 | 997 | 80 829 | | |
| 7 | Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products | 1,165 | 94 158 | 1,360 | 108 783 | | |
| 8 | Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations | - | - | 2 | 82 | | |
| 9 | Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products | 1,063 | 78 203 | 1,059 | 77 837 | | |
| 10 | Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 2,533 | 198 639 | 2,296 | 175 686 | | |
| 11 | Sugar | 16 | 1 372 | 6 | 519 | | |
| 12 | Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c. | 53 | 2 702 | 17 | 1 067 | | |
| 13 | Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 44 | 3 633 | 44 | 3 629 | | |
| 14 | Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 1,888 | 167 330 | 1,710 | 150 715 | | |
| 15 | Salt | 300 | 25 468 | 273 | 23 203 | | |
| 16 | Phosphate rock | 3 | 245 | - | - | | |
| 17 | Sulphur | 5,815 | 552 133 | 7,272 | 686 432 | | |
| 18 | Gypsum | x | x | x | x | | |
| 19 | Other non-metallic minerals ² | 565 | 49 719 | 593 | 52 190 | | |
| 20 | Iron ores and concentrates | - | - | 1 | 79 | | |
| 21 | Copper ores and concentrates | 678 | 60 729 | 421 | 37 747 | | |
| 22 | Nickel ores and concentrates | - | - | - | - | | |
| 23 | Lead ores and concentrates | 667 | 54 383 | 591 | 48 041 | | |
| 24 | Zinc ores and concentrates | 43 | 3 781 | 30 | 2 667 | | |
| 25 | Other metallic ores and concentrates | 96 | 8 097 | 128 | 11 344 | | |
| 26 | Coal | 28,770 | 2 925 735 | 31,666 | 3 160 082 | | |
| 27 | Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 430 | 28 972 | 443 | 30 551 | | |
| 28 | Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 1,563 | 115 344 | 1,723 | 137 701 | | |
| 29 | Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs | 2,876 | 182 070 | 2,890 | 181 408 | | |
| 30 | Coal coke and petroleum coke | 720 | 56 033 | 549 | 42 153 | | |
| 31 | Other refined petroleum and coal products | 717 | 54 570 | 776 | 61 365 | | |
| 32 | Sulphuric acid | 279 | 24 747 | 265 | 23 347 | | |
| 33 | Alumina | - | - | 1 | 90 | | |
| 34 | Other basic chemicals | 4,922 | 432 540 | 4,309 | 370 091 | | |
| 35 | Potash | 11,997 | 1 130 606 | 11,690 | 1 079 250 | | |
| 36 | Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 5,338 | 441 924 | 4,488 | 366 826 | | |
| 37 | Other chemical products and preparations | 404 | 33 117 | 274 | 23 215 | | |
| 38 | Plastic and rubber | 1,690 | 146 057 | 1,312 | 111 587 | | |
| 39 | Logs and other wood in the rough | 688 | 47 896 | 851 | 55 747 | | |
| 40 | Wood chips | 6,473 | 394 189 | 6,671 | 408 594 | | |
| 41 | Lumber | 7,797 | 616 692 | 7,585 | 583 883 | | |
| 42 | Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc) | 2,693 | 190 937 | 2,548 | 179 107 | | |
| 43 | Wood pulp | 6,204 | 475 685 | 5,756 | 459 088 | | |
| 44 | Newsprint | 1,700 | 106 741 | 1,808 | 112 287 | | |
| 45 | Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 659 | 43 892 | 326 | 19 900 | | |
| 46 | Cement | 1,403 | 128 243 | 1,528 | 137 480 | | |
| 47 | Other non-metallic mineral products | 371 | 29 658 | 442 | 37 688 | | |
| 48 | Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished | 534 | 42 022 | 475 | 36 333 | | |
| 49 | Copper - primary or semi-finished | 127 | 9 221 | 122 | 8 714 | | |
| 50 | Aluminum - primary or semi-finished | 34 | 2 546 | 65 | 5 332 | | |
| 51 | Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished | 222 | 15 161 | 133 | 9 113 | | |
| 52 | Articles of base metal | 384 | 27 332 | 727 | 55 145 | | |
| 53 | Machinery | 19 | 949 | 29 | 1 781 | | |
| 54 | Automobiles and mini-vans | 1,645 | 21 088 | 1,488 | 19 912 | | |
| 55 | Freight motor vehicles | 220 | 2 607 | 204 | 2 968 | | |
| 56 | Other vehicles | 225 | 6 023 | 59 | 2 157 | | |
| 57 | Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | - | - | - | - | | |
| 58 | Other transportation equipment | 441 | 11 814 | 204 | 6 543 | | |
| 59 | Metallic waste and scrap | 963 | 66 811 | 929 | 62 763 | | |
| 60 | Non-metallic waste and scrap | 896 | 57 517 | 456 | 23 757 | | |
| 61 | Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 218 | 10 080 | 206 | 9 787 | | |
| 62 | Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations | 6 | 139 | 4 | 171 | | |
| 63 | Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 48 | 1 775 | 79 | 2 703 | | |
| 64 | Less-than-carload shipments | ... | - | ... | - | | |
| Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³ | | 144,319 | 12 195 969 | 143,710 | 12 165 529 | | |
| | | Units | TEUs^o | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs^o | Metric tonnes |
| | Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.) | 51,652 | 105,359 | 873 701 | 46,844 | 96,228 | 792 159 |
| | Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.) | 3,112 | ... | 65 690 | 3,618 | ... | 68 524 |
| | Traffic received from United States connections | ... | ... | 107 087 | ... | ... | 454 115 |
| | TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED | ... | ... | 13 242 447 | ... | ... | 13 480 327 |
| | Traffic received from Canadian connections | ... | ... | 893 333 | ... | ... | 669 491 |
| | C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections | 448 | 968 | 5 842 | 347 | 699 | 5 478 |
| | T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections | 233 | ... | 2 598 | 1,166 | ... | 17 885 |

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

TABLE 4. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Total¹

| MRC code | Commodity | January 2000 to October 2000 | | January 1999 to October 1999 | | | |
|--|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Cars | Metric tonnes | Cars | Metric tonnes | | |
| 1 | Wheat | 200,844 | 18 036 702 | 163,015 | 14 610 762 | | |
| 2 | Other cereal grains | 45,912 | 3 602 352 | 37,176 | 2 949 032 | | |
| 3 | Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 24,391 | 2 025 858 | 16,604 | 1 360 835 | | |
| 4 | Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | - | - | - | - | | |
| 5 | Colza seeds (Canola) | 41,976 | 3 316 551 | 36,039 | 2 866 639 | | |
| 6 | Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products | 7,984 | 651 344 | 5,016 | 412 438 | | |
| 7 | Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products | 16,363 | 1 302 681 | 16,031 | 1 271 226 | | |
| 8 | Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations | 4 | 301 | 31 | 2 160 | | |
| 9 | Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products | 10,939 | 793 685 | 11,106 | 799 327 | | |
| 10 | Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 23,016 | 1 794 886 | 21,181 | 1 642 960 | | |
| 11 | Sugar | 3,017 | 258 376 | 3,418 | 280 439 | | |
| 12 | Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c. | 598 | 35 903 | 282 | 17 552 | | |
| 13 | Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 616 | 47 099 | 599 | 44 297 | | |
| 14 | Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 30,972 | 2 564 762 | 21,164 | 1 806 646 | | |
| 15 | Salt | 10,723 | 1 002 708 | 11,515 | 1 074 641 | | |
| 16 | Phosphate rock | 3,929 | 355 555 | 494 | 42 750 | | |
| 17 | Sulphur | 65,614 | 6 204 785 | 68,017 | 6 408 378 | | |
| 18 | Gypsum | x | x | x | x | | |
| 19 | Other non-metallic minerals ² | 72,729 | 4 740 870 | 55,635 | 4 802 230 | | |
| 20 | Iron ores and concentrates | 346,755 | 33 315 801 | 285,489 | 26 097 620 | | |
| 21 | Copper ores and concentrates | 14,023 | 1 238 261 | 10,982 | 972 541 | | |
| 22 | Nickel ores and concentrates | 27,517 | 1 989 881 | 33,822 | 2 448 175 | | |
| 23 | Lead ores and concentrates | 11,173 | 917 645 | 6,412 | 520 060 | | |
| 24 | Zinc ores and concentrates | 10,940 | 969 652 | 3,707 | 323 960 | | |
| 25 | Other metallic ores and concentrates | 935 | 80 257 | 987 | 83 007 | | |
| 26 | Coal | 332,280 | 33 048 551 | 359,393 | 35 466 041 | | |
| 27 | Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 18,015 | 1 296 514 | 17,886 | 1 250 581 | | |
| 28 | Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 33,814 | 2 711 687 | 33,286 | 2 677 564 | | |
| 29 | Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs | 54,784 | 3 480 649 | 52,712 | 3 333 353 | | |
| 30 | Coal coke and petroleum coke | 17,952 | 1 089 548 | 16,337 | 1 022 718 | | |
| 31 | Other refined petroleum and coal products | 22,678 | 1 717 887 | 21,809 | 1 639 624 | | |
| 32 | Sulphuric acid | 22,452 | 1 998 848 | 20,616 | 1 827 230 | | |
| 33 | Alumina | 46,108 | 4 220 609 | 46,336 | 4 241 098 | | |
| 34 | Other basic chemicals | 76,600 | 6 406 370 | 74,213 | 6 189 443 | | |
| 35 | Potash | 129,557 | 12 340 253 | 121,991 | 11 178 911 | | |
| 36 | Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 51,755 | 4 346 500 | 50,259 | 4 209 584 | | |
| 37 | Other chemical products and preparations | 10,174 | 866 305 | 7,217 | 603 750 | | |
| 38 | Plastic and rubber | 33,684 | 2 772 406 | 31,739 | 2 576 511 | | |
| 39 | Logs and other wood in the rough | 37,605 | 1 970 273 | 37,590 | 2 090 065 | | |
| 40 | Wood chips | 76,331 | 4 603 618 | 76,379 | 4 460 209 | | |
| 41 | Lumber | 126,498 | 9 663 859 | 126,010 | 9 294 966 | | |
| 42 | Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc) | 47,766 | 3 480 529 | 41,057 | 2 895 275 | | |
| 43 | Wood pulp | 94,879 | 7 416 090 | 95,316 | 7 270 794 | | |
| 44 | Newsprint | 69,709 | 4 247 833 | 65,683 | 3 916 927 | | |
| 45 | Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 42,079 | 2 616 856 | 41,512 | 2 653 333 | | |
| 46 | Cement | 24,204 | 2 166 737 | 22,038 | 1 953 864 | | |
| 47 | Other non-metallic mineral products | 10,604 | 871 322 | 8,448 | 656 777 | | |
| 48 | Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished | 38,312 | 3 095 346 | 28,394 | 2 225 748 | | |
| 49 | Copper - primary or semi-finished | 6,364 | 516 579 | 12,130 | 1 027 063 | | |
| 50 | Aluminum - primary or semi-finished | 15,391 | 1 206 159 | 16,282 | 1 271 896 | | |
| 51 | Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished | 4,781 | 382 949 | 4,286 | 339 292 | | |
| 52 | Articles of base metal | 11,655 | 820 095 | 13,812 | 977 816 | | |
| 53 | Machinery | 2,109 | 97 506 | 2,000 | 98 288 | | |
| 54 | Automobiles and mini-vans | 88,940 | 1 575 661 | 81,427 | 1 407 481 | | |
| 55 | Freight motor vehicles | 95,267 | 1 661 375 | 92,031 | 1 622 343 | | |
| 56 | Other vehicles | 3,079 | 69 048 | 654 | 22 645 | | |
| 57 | Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 21,049 | 655 546 | 22,404 | 685 857 | | |
| 58 | Other transportation equipment | 12,748 | 269 710 | 10,908 | 276 533 | | |
| 59 | Metallic waste and scrap | 22,612 | 1 706 097 | 23,025 | 1 696 851 | | |
| 60 | Non-metallic waste and scrap | 10,209 | 615 779 | 9,292 | 526 717 | | |
| 61 | Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 2,971 | 163 489 | 3,821 | 180 411 | | |
| 62 | Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations | 12,943 | 572 204 | 16,700 | 655 205 | | |
| 63 | Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 4,803 | 212 763 | 3,372 | 121 682 | | |
| 64 | Less-than-carload shipments | ... | 4 | ... | 8 017 | | |
| Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³ | | 2,703,731 | 212 199 463 | 2,517,087 | 195 390 136 | | |
| | | Units | TEUs^o | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs^o | Metric tonnes |
| | Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.) | 1,256,739 | 2,537,572 | 20 489 951 | 1,122,600 | 2,287,605 | 18 263 351 |
| | Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.) | 79,130 | ... | 1 469 340 | 69,220 | ... | 1 294 471 |
| | Traffic received from United States connections | ... | ... | 20 452 672 | ... | ... | 18 306 261 |
| | TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED | ... | ... | 254 611 426 | ... | ... | 233 254 219 |
| | Traffic received from Canadian connections | ... | ... | 38 317 548 | ... | ... | 40 512 674 |
| | C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections | 145,732 | 287,275 | 1 913 408 | 140,498 | 273,917 | 1 837 715 |
| | T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections | 30,162 | ... | 481 393 | 28,113 | ... | 461 383 |

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

TABLE 5. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Eastern Division

| MRC code | Commodity | January 2000 to October 2000 | | January 1999 to October 1999 | | | |
|--|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Cars | Metric tonnes | Cars | Metric tonnes | | |
| 1 | Wheat | 4,127 | 371 053 | 5,720 | 513 319 | | |
| 2 | Other cereal grains | 3,737 | 332 571 | 3,775 | 331 255 | | |
| 3 | Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 550 | 46 837 | 445 | 38 533 | | |
| 4 | Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | - | - | - | - | | |
| 5 | Colza seeds (Canola) | 703 | 53 097 | 715 | 57 344 | | |
| 6 | Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products | 970 | 85 990 | 651 | 57 169 | | |
| 7 | Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products | 5,489 | 430 687 | 5,459 | 423 579 | | |
| 8 | Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations | 4 | 301 | 19 | 1 424 | | |
| 9 | Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products | 433 | 31 990 | 433 | 31 305 | | |
| 10 | Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 1,936 | 144 230 | 1,967 | 146 252 | | |
| 11 | Sugar | 2,877 | 245 517 | 3,177 | 258 346 | | |
| 12 | Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c. | 188 | 12 053 | 66 | 3 828 | | |
| 13 | Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 233 | 15 319 | 241 | 14 667 | | |
| 14 | Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 13,366 | 1 011 658 | 8,401 | 682 830 | | |
| 15 | Salt | 8,509 | 812 188 | 9,349 | 889 855 | | |
| 16 | Phosphate rock | 3,925 | 355 219 | 494 | 42 750 | | |
| 17 | Sulphur | 797 | 71 163 | 781 | 69 995 | | |
| 18 | Gypsum | x | x | x | x | | |
| 19 | Other non-metallic minerals ² | 67,994 | 4 320 233 | 51,203 | 4 407 845 | | |
| 20 | Iron ores and concentrates | 346,755 | 33 315 801 | 285,488 | 26 097 541 | | |
| 21 | Copper ores and concentrates | 8,396 | 733 908 | 7,487 | 660 748 | | |
| 22 | Nickel ores and concentrates | 27,517 | 1 989 881 | 33,822 | 2 448 175 | | |
| 23 | Lead ores and concentrates | 5,449 | 455 261 | 651 | 51 509 | | |
| 24 | Zinc ores and concentrates | 9,910 | 879 140 | 2,942 | 256 433 | | |
| 25 | Other metallic ores and concentrates | 128 | 9 546 | 170 | 10 623 | | |
| 26 | Coal | 31,572 | 2 595 128 | 27,222 | 2 288 570 | | |
| 27 | Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 12,809 | 937 168 | 12,852 | 894 736 | | |
| 28 | Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 15,989 | 1 335 966 | 16,834 | 1 383 006 | | |
| 29 | Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs | 32,103 | 2 040 256 | 32,066 | 2 027 420 | | |
| 30 | Coal coke and petroleum coke | 11,762 | 609 400 | 10,142 | 549 984 | | |
| 31 | Other refined petroleum and coal products | 14,070 | 1 031 177 | 13,096 | 946 876 | | |
| 32 | Sulphuric acid | 19,520 | 1 739 293 | 18,081 | 1 601 749 | | |
| 33 | Alumina | 46,070 | 4 217 797 | 46,321 | 4 239 829 | | |
| 34 | Other basic chemicals | 29,544 | 2 309 553 | 27,704 | 2 184 117 | | |
| 35 | Potash | 8,689 | 795 284 | 8,415 | 771 539 | | |
| 36 | Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 4,168 | 372 929 | 3,561 | 313 627 | | |
| 37 | Other chemical products and preparations | 7,862 | 673 433 | 5,533 | 461 896 | | |
| 38 | Plastic and rubber | 20,591 | 1 649 798 | 18,758 | 1 476 041 | | |
| 39 | Logs and other wood in the rough | 25,527 | 1 120 360 | 21,499 | 1 003 776 | | |
| 40 | Wood chips | 13,976 | 808 674 | 13,105 | 705 780 | | |
| 41 | Lumber | 47,543 | 3 493 478 | 45,388 | 3 233 190 | | |
| 42 | Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc) | 21,785 | 1 625 915 | 19,650 | 1 433 334 | | |
| 43 | Wood pulp | 37,052 | 2 737 257 | 37,150 | 2 662 839 | | |
| 44 | Newsprint | 52,459 | 3 170 085 | 48,602 | 2 846 768 | | |
| 45 | Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 36,562 | 2 253 232 | 33,323 | 2 087 428 | | |
| 46 | Cement | 11,487 | 1 019 994 | 10,714 | 936 183 | | |
| 47 | Other non-metallic mineral products | 6,776 | 557 812 | 4,138 | 302 742 | | |
| 48 | Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished | 32,597 | 2 650 978 | 24,831 | 1 954 831 | | |
| 49 | Copper - primary or semi-finished | 5,121 | 425 321 | 10,939 | 942 162 | | |
| 50 | Aluminum - primary or semi-finished | 14,786 | 1 162 138 | 15,597 | 1 220 649 | | |
| 51 | Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished | 3,086 | 268 010 | 2,773 | 235 941 | | |
| 52 | Articles of base metal | 6,809 | 478 778 | 7,316 | 508 780 | | |
| 53 | Machinery | 1,838 | 84 136 | 1,511 | 72 282 | | |
| 54 | Automobiles and mini-vans | 73,777 | 1 377 242 | 67,887 | 1 230 765 | | |
| 55 | Freight motor vehicles | 93,007 | 1 630 854 | 90,297 | 1 596 510 | | |
| 56 | Other vehicles | 2,604 | 53 204 | 118 | 2 563 | | |
| 57 | Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 21,047 | 655 507 | 22,404 | 685 857 | | |
| 58 | Other transportation equipment | 10,112 | 191 742 | 8,850 | 205 496 | | |
| 59 | Metallic waste and scrap | 13,117 | 1 045 202 | 13,833 | 1 077 424 | | |
| 60 | Non-metallic waste and scrap | 4,751 | 293 792 | 4,652 | 274 088 | | |
| 61 | Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 1,036 | 73 194 | 1,827 | 83 844 | | |
| 62 | Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations | 12,889 | 570 479 | 16,661 | 654 092 | | |
| 63 | Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 3,988 | 184 109 | 2,976 | 108 569 | | |
| 64 | Less-than-carload shipments | ... | 4 | ... | 8 017 | | |
| Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³ | | 1,322,474 | 93 962 321 | 1,190,082 | 82 708 628 | | |
| | | Units | TEUs^o | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs^o | Metric tonnes |
| | Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.) | 799,896 | 1,600,423 | 12 848 540 | 717,374 | 1,457,999 | 11 483 641 |
| | Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.) | 49,743 | ... | 846 073 | 40,605 | ... | 725 112 |
| | Traffic received from United States connections | ... | ... | 19 484 619 | ... | ... | 13 895 463 |
| | TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED | ... | ... | 127 141 553 | ... | ... | 108 812 844 |
| | Traffic received from Canadian connections | ... | ... | 31 202 995 | ... | ... | 33 155 640 |
| | C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections | 143,459 | 282,394 | 1 880 290 | 137,845 | 268,512 | 1 796 589 |
| | T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections | 27,966 | ... | 452 639 | 17,916 | ... | 307 976 |

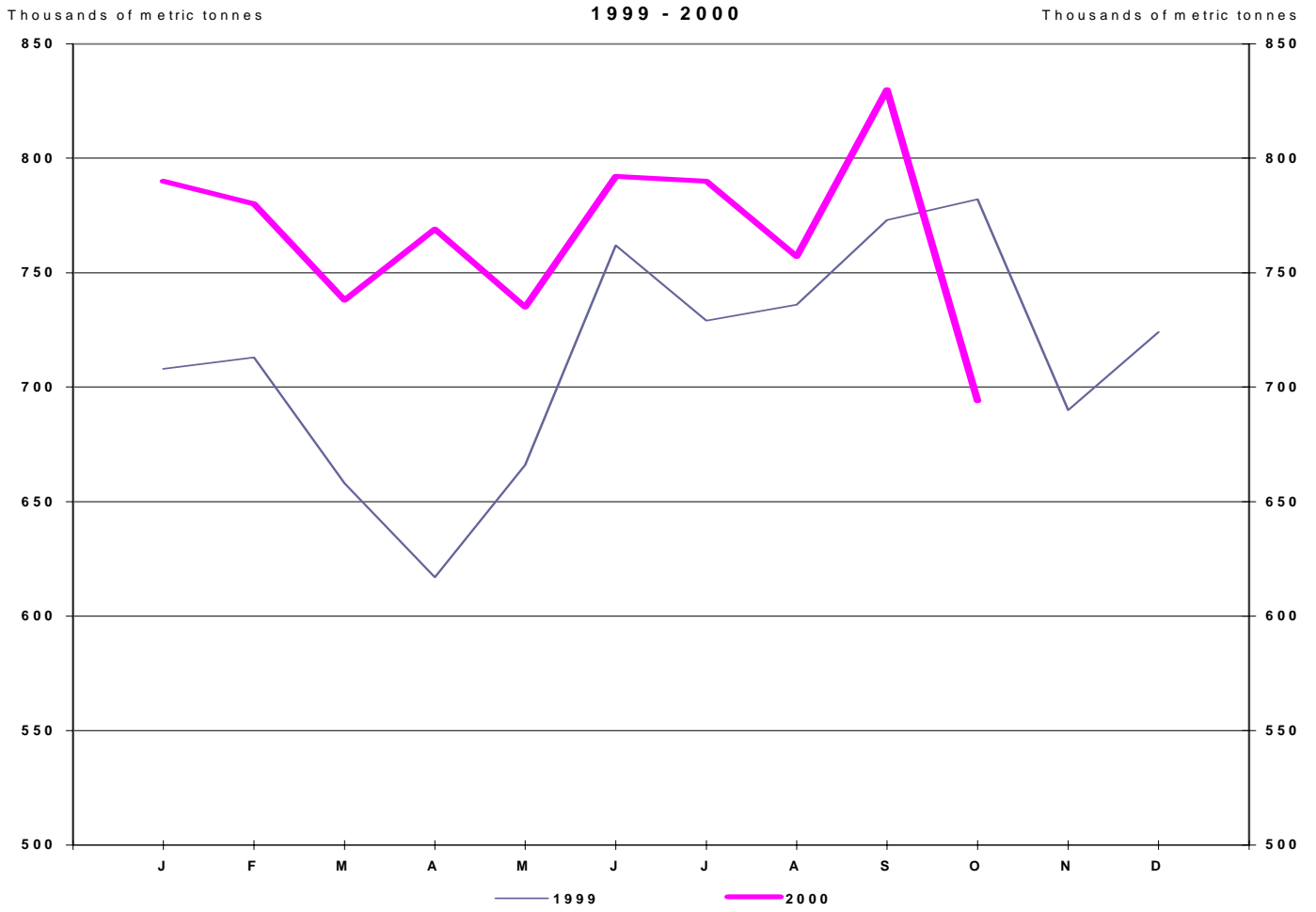
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TABLE 6. Revenue Freight Loaded on Lines in Canada - Western Division

| MRC code | Commodity | January 2000 to October 2000 | | January 1999 to October 1999 | | | |
|--|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| | | Cars | Metric tonnes | Cars | Metric tonnes | | |
| 1 | Wheat | 196,717 | 17 665 649 | 157,295 | 14 097 443 | | |
| 2 | Other cereal grains | 42,175 | 3 269 781 | 33,401 | 2 617 777 | | |
| 3 | Fresh, chilled or dried vegetables | 23,841 | 1 979 021 | 16,159 | 1 322 302 | | |
| 4 | Fresh, chilled or dried fruit and nuts | - | - | - | - | | |
| 5 | Colza seeds (Canola) | 41,273 | 3 263 454 | 35,324 | 2 809 295 | | |
| 6 | Other oil seeds and nuts and other agricultural products | 7,014 | 565 354 | 4,365 | 355 269 | | |
| 7 | Feed, cereal straw, eggs and other animal products | 10,874 | 871 994 | 10,572 | 847 647 | | |
| 8 | Meat, fish, seafood, and preparations | - | - | 12 | 736 | | |
| 9 | Milled grain products and preparations, and bakery products | 10,506 | 761 695 | 10,673 | 768 022 | | |
| 10 | Animal or vegetable fats, oils and flours | 21,080 | 1 650 656 | 19,214 | 1 496 708 | | |
| 11 | Sugar | 140 | 12 859 | 241 | 22 093 | | |
| 12 | Prepared foodstuffs n.e.c. | 410 | 23 850 | 216 | 13 724 | | |
| 13 | Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages | 383 | 31 780 | 358 | 29 630 | | |
| 14 | Sand, gravel and crushed stone | 17,606 | 1 553 104 | 12,763 | 1 123 816 | | |
| 15 | Salt | 2,214 | 190 520 | 2,166 | 184 786 | | |
| 16 | Phosphate rock | 4 | 336 | - | - | | |
| 17 | Sulphur | 64,817 | 6 133 622 | 67,236 | 6 338 383 | | |
| 18 | Gypsum | x | x | x | x | | |
| 19 | Other non-metallic minerals ² | 4,735 | 420 637 | 4,432 | 394 385 | | |
| 20 | Iron ores and concentrates | - | - | 1 | 79 | | |
| 21 | Copper ores and concentrates | 5,627 | 504 353 | 3,495 | 311 793 | | |
| 22 | Nickel ores and concentrates | - | - | - | - | | |
| 23 | Lead ores and concentrates | 5,724 | 462 384 | 5,761 | 468 551 | | |
| 24 | Zinc ores and concentrates | 1,030 | 90 512 | 765 | 67 527 | | |
| 25 | Other metallic ores and concentrates | 807 | 70 711 | 817 | 72 384 | | |
| 26 | Coal | 300,708 | 30 453 423 | 332,171 | 33 177 471 | | |
| 27 | Gasoline and aviation turbine fuel | 5,206 | 359 346 | 5,034 | 355 845 | | |
| 28 | Fuel oils and crude petroleum | 17,825 | 1 375 721 | 16,452 | 1 294 558 | | |
| 29 | Gaseous hydrocarbons, including LPGs | 22,681 | 1 440 393 | 20,646 | 1 305 933 | | |
| 30 | Coal coke and petroleum coke | 6,190 | 480 148 | 6,195 | 472 734 | | |
| 31 | Other refined petroleum and coal products | 8,608 | 686 710 | 8,713 | 692 748 | | |
| 32 | Sulphuric acid | 2,932 | 259 555 | 2,535 | 225 481 | | |
| 33 | Alumina | 38 | 2 812 | 15 | 1 269 | | |
| 34 | Other basic chemicals | 47,056 | 4 096 817 | 46,509 | 4 005 326 | | |
| 35 | Potash | 120,868 | 11 544 969 | 113,576 | 10 407 372 | | |
| 36 | Fertilizers (excluding potash) | 47,587 | 3 973 571 | 46,698 | 3 895 957 | | |
| 37 | Other chemical products and preparations | 2,312 | 192 872 | 1,684 | 141 854 | | |
| 38 | Plastic and rubber | 13,093 | 1 122 608 | 12,981 | 1 100 470 | | |
| 39 | Logs and other wood in the rough | 12,078 | 849 913 | 16,091 | 1 086 289 | | |
| 40 | Wood chips | 62,355 | 3 794 944 | 63,274 | 3 754 429 | | |
| 41 | Lumber | 78,955 | 6 170 381 | 80,622 | 6 061 776 | | |
| 42 | Other wood products (plywood, veneer, etc) | 25,981 | 1 854 614 | 21,407 | 1 461 941 | | |
| 43 | Wood pulp | 57,827 | 4 678 833 | 58,166 | 4 607 955 | | |
| 44 | Newsprint | 17,250 | 1 077 748 | 17,081 | 1 070 159 | | |
| 45 | Paper and paperboard, except printed products | 5,517 | 363 624 | 8,189 | 565 905 | | |
| 46 | Cement | 12,717 | 1 146 743 | 11,324 | 1 017 681 | | |
| 47 | Other non-metallic mineral products | 3,828 | 313 510 | 4,310 | 354 035 | | |
| 48 | Iron and steel - primary or semi-finished | 5,715 | 444 368 | 3,563 | 270 917 | | |
| 49 | Copper - primary or semi-finished | 1,243 | 91 258 | 1,191 | 84 901 | | |
| 50 | Aluminum - primary or semi-finished | 605 | 44 021 | 685 | 51 247 | | |
| 51 | Other non-ferrous metal - primary or semi-finished | 1,695 | 114 939 | 1,513 | 103 351 | | |
| 52 | Articles of base metal | 4,846 | 341 317 | 6,496 | 469 036 | | |
| 53 | Machinery | 271 | 13 370 | 489 | 26 006 | | |
| 54 | Automobiles and mini-vans | 15,163 | 198 419 | 13,540 | 176 716 | | |
| 55 | Freight motor vehicles | 2,260 | 30 521 | 1,734 | 25 833 | | |
| 56 | Other vehicles | 475 | 15 844 | 536 | 20 082 | | |
| 57 | Parts and accessories for motor vehicles | 2 | 39 | - | - | | |
| 58 | Other transportation equipment | 2,636 | 77 968 | 2,058 | 71 037 | | |
| 59 | Metallic waste and scrap | 9,495 | 660 895 | 9,192 | 619 427 | | |
| 60 | Non-metallic waste and scrap | 5,458 | 321 987 | 4,640 | 252 629 | | |
| 61 | Other manufactured and miscellaneous goods | 1,935 | 90 295 | 1,994 | 96 567 | | |
| 62 | Pool car traffic of freight forwarders and shipper associations | 54 | 1 725 | 39 | 1 113 | | |
| 63 | Mixed loads or unidentified freight | 815 | 28 654 | 396 | 13 113 | | |
| 64 | Less-than-carload shipments | ... | - | ... | - | | |
| Total non-Intermodal Traffic Loaded³ | | 1,381,257 | 118 237 142 | 1,327,005 | 112 681 508 | | |
| | | Units | TEUs^o | Metric tonnes | Units | TEUs^o | Metric tonnes |
| | Container-on-flat-car (C.O.F.C.) | 456,843 | 937,149 | 7 641 411 | 405,226 | 829,606 | 6 779 710 |
| | Trailer-on-flat-car (T.O.F.C.) | 29,387 | ... | 623 267 | 28,615 | ... | 569 359 |
| | Traffic received from United States connections | ... | ... | 968 053 | ... | ... | 4 410 798 |
| | TOTAL TRAFFIC CARRIED | ... | ... | 127 469 873 | ... | ... | 124 441 375 |
| | Traffic received from Canadian connections | ... | ... | 7 114 553 | ... | ... | 7 357 034 |
| | C.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections | 2,273 | 4,881 | 33 118 | 2,653 | 5,405 | 41 126 |
| | T.O.F.C. included in receipts from U.S. connections | 2,196 | ... | 28 754 | 10,197 | ... | 153 407 |

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

Freight Loaded - Daily Average¹



¹ Daily average calculated by dividing total freight loaded by the number of days in the month.

Methodology and concepts

The *Monthly Carloadings* publication is published monthly to collect data which is essential for the analysis of the Railway Transport Industry and the assessment of its contribution to the Canadian economy. The data is also used by various Government Departments to develop policy and to monitor the industry. Close to 40 carriers participate in this survey. These carriers must report the number of cars and tonnes of revenue freight for: non-intermodal traffic loaded, traffic received from other rail carriers, intermodal traffic loaded and intermodal traffic received from U.S. connections. The twenty equivalent units (TEUs) are estimated using the dimension of containers used for the intermodal transport of freight. The empty containers returned, are not included.

The data is collected through the use of a questionnaire, which has to be returned to Statistics Canada on or before the eighth working day following the reference month. Manual and automated edits are performed on the received data. Afterwards, carriers' data are aggregated and presented in the different tables of the publication. These tables show data for: Canada, Eastern and Western divisions¹. The cumulative data are contained in tables 4, 5 and 6 as well as the revised data of the previous months.

In 1999, the monthly Railway Carloadings survey was affected by the implementation of SCTG. The categories of the current publication consist of an aggregation of the SCTG categories. Comparison of the new and old series of goods is not necessarily appropriate. The impact on bulk commodities such as wheat, potash and coal are negligible. However, the comparison of residual categories or of manufactured products categories is not appropriate. It is also worth noting that, starting in January 1999, the number of carriers surveyed has more than doubled from the eighteen carriers surveyed previously.

A list of goods included in each of the new categories used in the monthly Railway Carloadings survey is available on demand. For further information, please contact Francesca Thibeault, Transportation Division, Statistics Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0T6, (Telephone : 613-951-0123, fax : 613-951-0009, Internet : thibfra@statcan.ca).

¹ The Eastern and Western Divisions, for statistical purposes, are separated by an imaginary line running from Thunder Bay to Armstrong, Ontario. Freight loaded at Thunder Bay is included in the Western Division while loadings at Armstrong are reported in the Eastern Division.

Footnotes:

- ¹ Data included in table 1 and 4 represent about 40 railway carriers.
- ² Includes carloadings of gypsum.
- ³ Excludes goods transported in containers or trailers on flat cars.

Symbols:

- ... figures not appropriate or not applicable.
- nil or zero.
- ^r revised figures.
- ^e estimated figures.
- ^x confidential figures.

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