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CAR LOADINGS

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Second Week ended January 13th, 1934.

A period of one week or even of two weeks is rather short upon which to base conclusions, but car loadings for the first two weeks of this year have shown such remarkable increases over the first two weeks of last year that even the most conservative might concede they indicate a marked improvement in general industrial conditions in Canada.

Loadings for the first week were 7,580 cars or 28 per cent heavier than in 1933 and for the second week, ended January 13th, the total of 41,389 cars was 8,763 cars or 27 per cent heavier than last year. This total is higher than for any total for the first thirty-two weeks of last year. The much colder weather undoubtedly affected the increase in coal loadings of 1,151 cars, but all other commodities also showed increases, miscellaneous freight leading with an increase of 2,721 cars. This commodity group has shown a fairly consistent increase for the past four months, passing the 1932 loadings last September and remaining well above the previous year's ever since. Merchandise also showed an increase over last year's loadings of 1,109 cars and the index number rose from 80.74 for the previous week to 85.65, the highest since March, 1932. All forest products, including pulp and paper, continued heavy, especially in the eastern division. Grain and grain products in the western division were lighter than last year, but there is 119 million bushels of grain in western country elevators, as against 122 million bushels at the same date in 1933. The index number for total loadings in the eastern division of 80.20 is, with two exceptions, the highest in over two and a half years.

Index Numbers

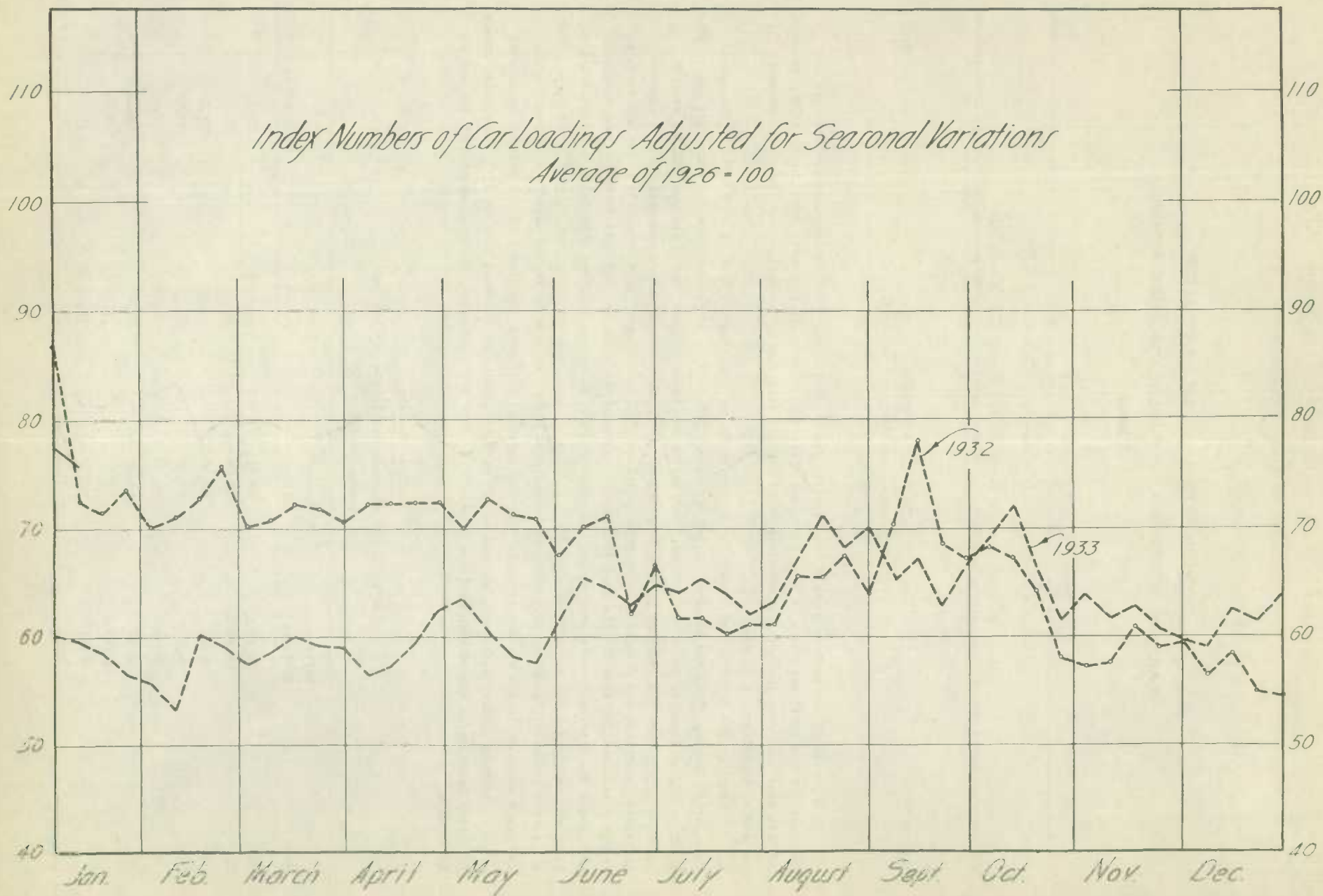
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Average, 1926 = 100

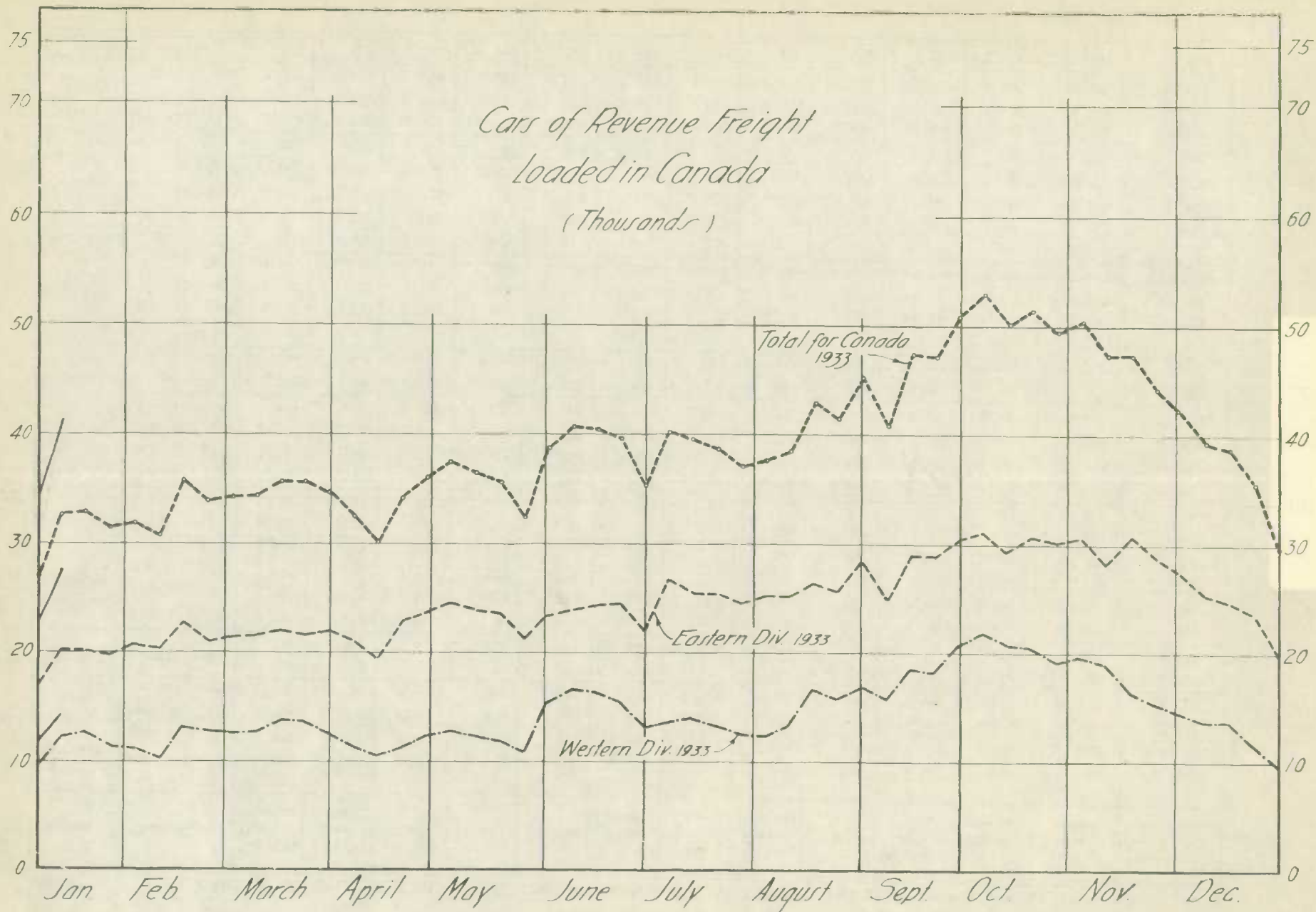
Week	Western Division	Eastern Division	Total for Canada	Merchandise
47	49.85	69.38	60.91	71.55
48	49.23	67.54	59.73	71.57
49	51.45	64.70	59.25	73.09
50	55.66	67.37	62.58	73.12
51	54.98	65.94	61.77	68.77
52	57.92	67.76	64.04	69.11
1	72.63	79.77	77.10	80.74
2	68.63	80.20	75.77	85.65

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*Index Numbers of Car Loadings Adjusted for Seasonal Variations
Average of 1926 - 100*



*Cars of Revenue Freight
Loaded in Canada
(Thousands)*



Division	Week ended	Grain & Grain Products	Live Stock	Coal	Coke	Lumber	Pulp- wood	Pulp and Paper	Other Forest Products	Ore	Merchand- ise, L.C.L.	Miscell- aneous	Total Cars Loaded	Total Cars Rec'd from Connections
EASTERN DIVISION	Jan. 13, 1934	1,826	505	3,483	993	771	1,545	1,889	715	376	8,751	6,335	27,189	20,104
	Jan. 6, "	1,709	515	2,680	1,391	539	1,140	1,764	603	314	7,053	5,093	22,401	18,110
	Dec. 30, 1933	1,083	347	2,564	929	430	763	1,346	424	440	6,705	4,370	19,401	13,632
	Jan. 14, 1933	1,302	488	2,659	729	308	659	1,315	561	100	7,958	4,203	20,282	16,318
Compared with prev. week		+ 517	- 10	+ 803	- 398	+ 232	+ 405	+ 125	+ 112	+ 62	+ 1,698	+ 1,242	+ 4,788	+ 1,994
1933		+ 524	+ 17	+ 824	+ 264	+ 463	+ 886	+ 574	+ 154	+ 276	+ 793	+ 2,132	+ 6,907	+ 3,786
WESTERN DIVISION	Jan. 13, 1934	2,996	938	2,750	54	313	147	170	1,220	657	3,089	1,866	14,200	911
	Jan. 6, "	1,785	833	3,438	122	243	110	147	1,012	514	2,430	1,327	11,961	681
	Dec. 30, 1933	1,225	511	3,316	157	278	65	123	684	419	2,145	1,036	9,959	637
	Jan. 14, 1933	3,428	713	2,423	146	110	51	141	780	502	2,773	1,277	12,344	752
Compared with prev. week		+ 1,211	+ 105	- 688	- 68	+ 70	+ 37	+ 23	+ 208	+ 143	+ 659	+ 539	+ 2,239	+ 230
1933		- 432	+ 225	+ 327	- 92	+ 203	+ 96	+ 29	+ 440	+ 155	+ 316	+ 589	+ 1,856	+ 159
TOTAL FOR CANADA	Jan. 13, 1934	4,822	1,443	6,233	1,047	1,084	1,692	2,059	1,935	1,033	11,840	8,201	41,389	21,015
	Jan. 6, "	3,094	1,348	6,118	1,513	782	1,250	1,911	1,615	828	9,483	6,420	34,362	18,791
	Dec. 30, 1933	2,308	858	5,880	1,086	708	828	1,469	1,108	859	8,850	5,406	29,360	14,269
	Jan. 14, 1933	4,730	1,201	5,082	875	418	710	1,456	1,341	602	10,731	5,480	32,626	17,070
Compared with prev. week		+ 1,728	+ 95	+ 115	- 466	+ 302	+ 442	+ 148	+ 320	+ 205	+ 2,357	+ 1,781	+ 7,027	+ 2,224
1933		+ 92	+ 242	+ 1,151	+ 172	+ 666	+ 982	+ 603	+ 594	+ 431	+ 1,109	+ 2,721	+ 8,763	+ 3,945
CUMULATIVE TOTALS														
EASTERN DIVISION	Jan. 13, 1934	3,135	1,020	6,163	2,384	1,310	2,685	3,653	1,318	690	15,804	11,428	49,590	38,214
	" 14, 1933	2,520	952	4,569	1,311	593	1,243	2,395	994	263	14,375	8,132	37,347	30,762
	" 16, 1932	3,396	1,132	5,812	1,382	1,443	2,100	3,394	1,046	659	19,394	12,052	51,810	37,189
1934 Compared with 1933		+ 615	+ 68	+ 1,594	+ 1,073	+ 717	+ 1,442	+ 1,258	+ 324	+ 427	+ 1,429	+ 3,296	+ 12,243	+ 7,452
WESTERN DIVISION	Jan. 13, 1934	4,781	1,771	6,188	176	556	257	317	2,232	1,171	5,519	3,193	26,161	1,592
	" 14, 1933	5,064	1,329	4,721	260	208	107	250	1,675	988	5,105	2,354	22,061	1,303
	" 16, 1932	5,153	1,698	6,132	301	614	49	286	1,387	1,419	6,033	4,144	27,216	2,258
1934 Compared with 1933		- 283	+ 442	+ 1,467	- 84	+ 348	+ 150	+ 67	+ 557	+ 183	+ 414	+ 839	+ 4,100	+ 289
TOTAL FOR CANADA	Jan. 13, 1934	7,916	2,791	12,351	2,560	1,866	2,942	3,970	3,550	1,861	21,323	14,621	75,751	39,806
	" 14, 1933	7,584	2,281	9,290	1,571	801	1,350	2,645	2,669	1,251	19,480	10,486	59,408	32,065
	" 16, 1932	8,549	2,830	11,944	1,683	2,057	2,149	3,680	2,433	2,078	25,427	16,196	79,026	39,447
1934 Compared with 1933		+ 332	+ 510	+ 3,061	+ 989	+ 1,065	+ 1,592	+ 1,325	+ 881	+ 610	+ 1,843	+ 4,135	+ 16,343	+ 7,741

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