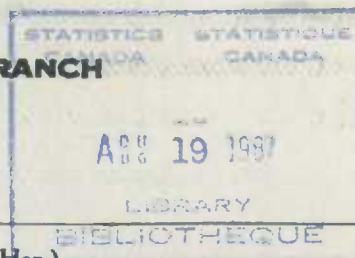


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CAR LOADINGS

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(Fifty-second Week ended December 28, 1940.)

Car loadings for the week ended December 28 dropped to 40,338 cars from 57,528 cars for the previous week. This was a greater decrease than usual for the holiday week, and the index number dropped from 101.2 to 95.8.

Compared with loading in the 52nd. week of 1939 of 36,866 cars, the increase was 9.4 per cent, all groups showing increases except coal and pulp and paper.

Total loadings for the 52 weeks amounted to 2,812,587 cars compared with 2,549,449 cars in 1939 and 2,432,786 cars in 1938.

Grain was lighter than in 1939 by 22,856 cars or 5.6 per cent, and other forest products declined by 3,120 cars, but all other groups showed increases.

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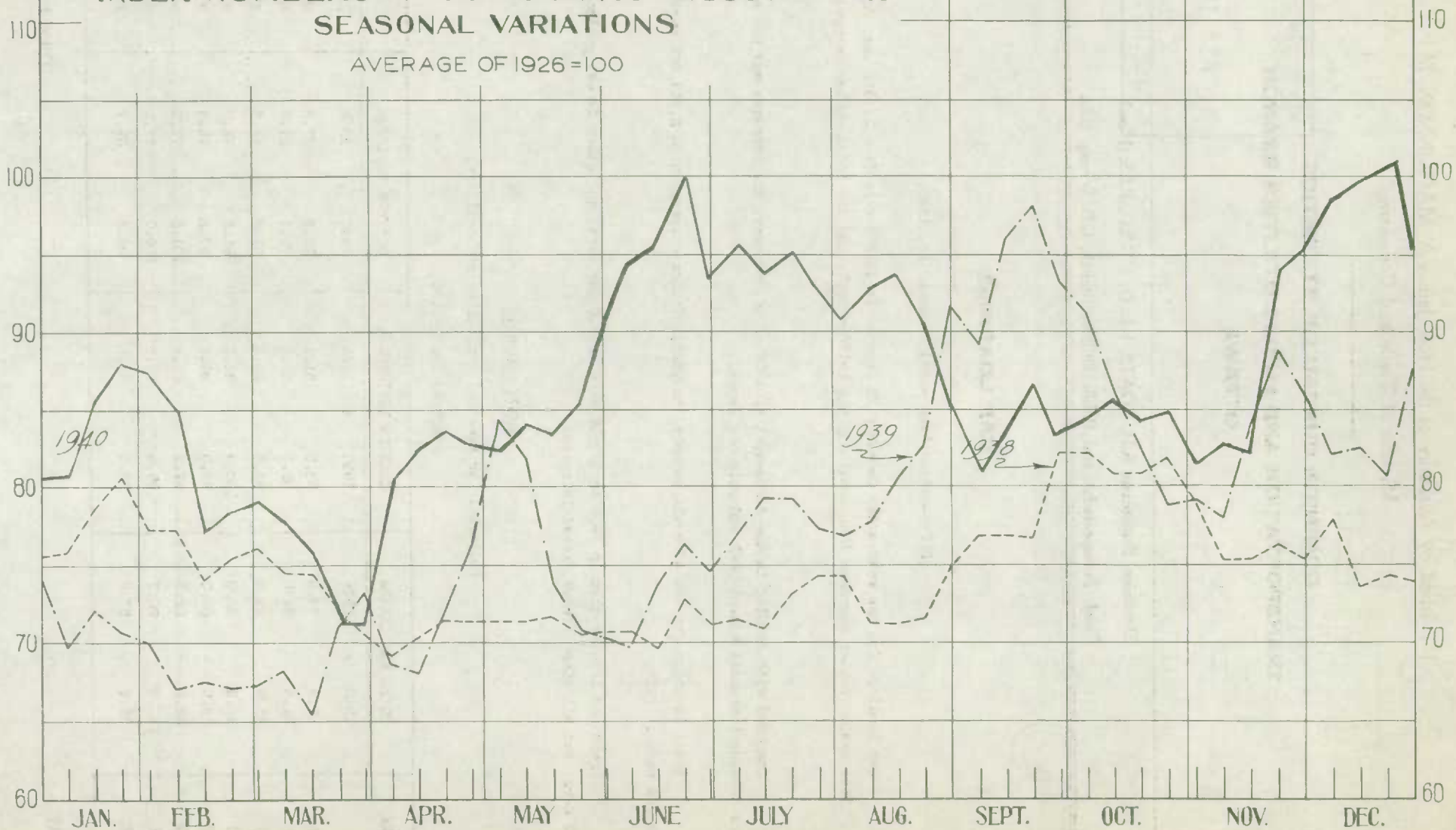
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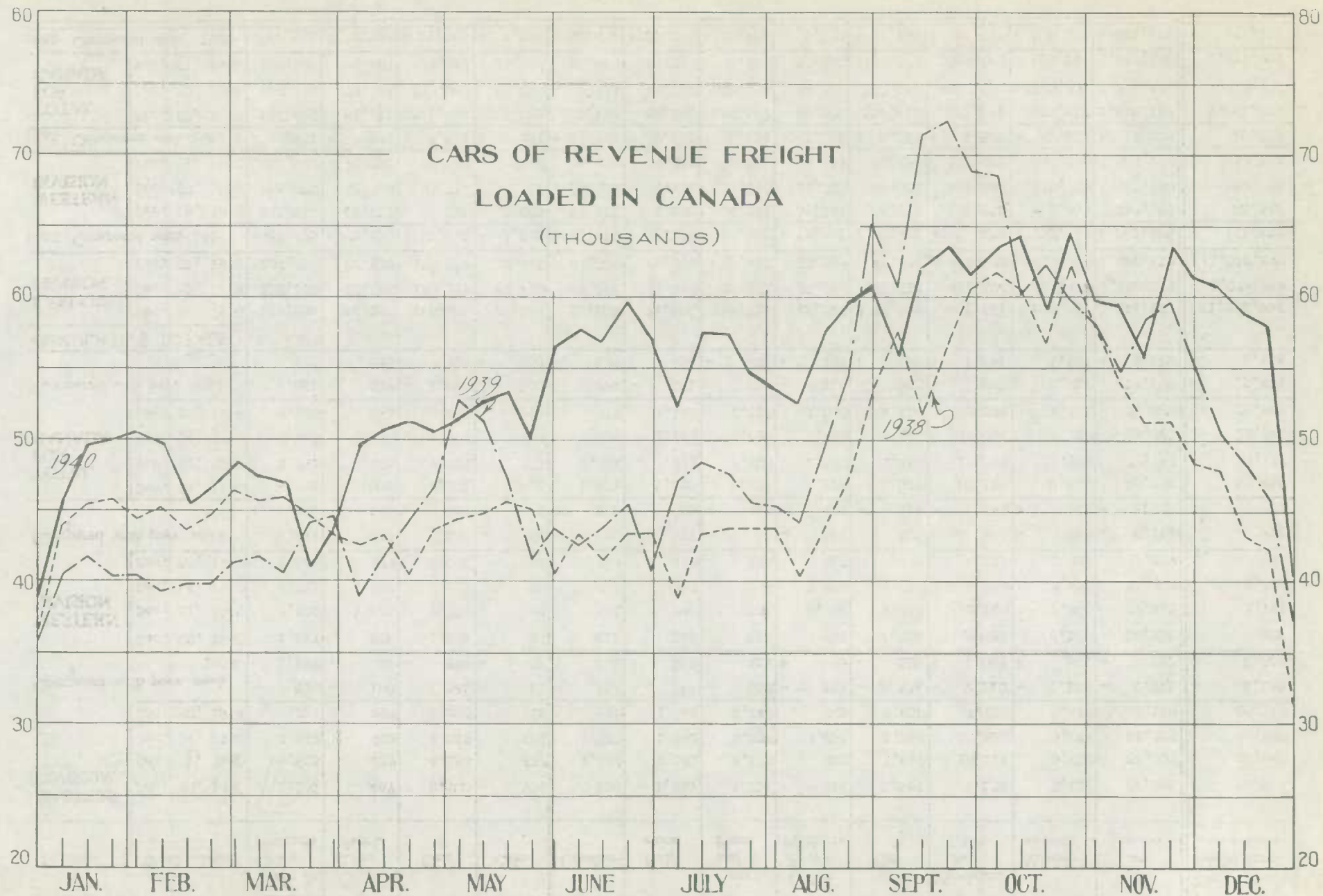
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WEEK	TOTAL FOR CANADA		EASTERN DIVISION		WESTERN DIVISION		MERCHANDISE	
	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939
45	82.8	77.9	90.5	81.1	76.8	77.9	85.2	80.3
46	81.8	84.0	89.1	89.2	75.1	81.3	86.0	82.8
47	93.9	88.9	99.3	90.3	91.2	92.3	87.0	80.7
48	95.3	86.0	100.0	92.7	91.3	78.0	87.8	81.8
49	98.8	82.0	98.0	84.8	97.8	75.0	88.2	80.2
50	99.4	82.5	97.2	82.4	101.5	75.5	90.6	81.4
51	101.2	80.7	95.6	81.8	109.0	77.1	88.1	76.3
52	95.8	87.6	99.4	96.5	86.5	69.7	87.6	77.6

INDEX NUMBERS OF CARLOADINGS ADJUSTED FOR SEASONAL VARIATIONS

AVERAGE OF 1926 = 100





Division	Week ended	Grain & Grain Products	Live Stock	Coal	Coke	Lumber	Pulp-wood	Pulp and Paper	Other Forest Products	Ore	Merchandise, L.C.L.	Miscellaneous	Total Cars Loaded	Total Cars Rec'd from Connections
EASTERN DIVISION	Dec. 28, 1940	1,135	467	2,499	574	990	1,397	1,735	544	1,337	8,186	7,492	26,356	22,910
	Dec. 21, 1940	1,625	617	4,160	637	1,544	1,681	2,573	806	1,641	10,396	9,617	35,097	28,032
	Dec. 14, 1940	2,448	769	4,019	784	1,581	1,342	2,396	1,021	2,046	10,806	9,667	36,879	28,349
	Dec. 30, 1939	2,322	387	2,853	555	595	1,028	2,148	345	1,650	7,123	6,623	25,589	20,147
Compared with prev. week		- 490	- 150	- 1,661	- 63	- 554	- 364	- 638	- 262	- 304	- 2,210	- 2,125	- 8,741	- 5,122
" " 1939		- 1,187	+ 80	- 334	+ 39	+ 395	+ 369	- 413	+ 199	- 313	+ 1,063	+ 869	+ 767	+ 2,763
WESTERN DIVISION	Dec. 28, 1940	4,197	632	1,562	50	611	183	241	732	1,224	2,389	2,161	13,982	929
	Dec. 21, 1940	7,668	1,039	2,798	94	851	260	286	1,384	1,843	3,249	2,959	22,431	1,141
	Dec. 14, 1940	6,392	1,047	2,885	89	744	227	286	1,368	1,611	3,278	3,475	21,402	1,392
	Dec. 30, 1939	2,533	527	2,005	55	322	118	194	668	876	2,251	1,728	11,277	854
Compared with prev. week		- 3,471	- 407	- 1,236	- 44	- 240	- 77	- 45	- 652	- 619	- 860	- 798	- 8,449	- 212
" " 1939		+ 1,664	+ 105	- 443	- 5	+ 289	+ 65	+ 47	+ 64	+ 348	+ 138	+ 433	+ 2,705	+ 95
TOTAL FOR CANADA	Dec. 28, 1940	5,332	1,099	4,061	624	1,601	1,580	1,976	1,276	2,561	10,575	9,653	40,338	23,839
	Dec. 21, 1940	9,293	1,656	6,958	731	2,395	1,941	2,659	2,190	3,484	13,645	12,576	57,528	29,173
	Dec. 14, 1940	8,840	1,816	6,904	873	2,325	1,569	2,682	2,389	3,657	14,084	13,142	58,281	29,741
	Dec. 30, 1939	4,855	914	4,858	590	917	1,146	2,342	1,015	2,526	9,374	8,351	36,866	20,981
Compared with prev. week		- 3,961	- 557	- 2,897	- 107	- 794	- 361	- 683	- 914	- 923	- 3,070	- 2,923	- 17,190	- 5,334
" " 1939		+ 477	+ 185	- 777	+ 34	+ 684	+ 434	- 366	+ 263	+ 35	+ 1,201	+ 1,302	+ 3,472	+ 2,858
CUMULATIVE TOTALS														
EASTERN DIVISION	Dec. 28, 1940	142,283	36,100	213,825	25,226	92,106	74,032	118,713	42,217	91,637	507,734	500,247	1,844,120	1,235,998
	Dec. 30, 1939	118,608	33,284	196,173	23,583	61,192	51,839	94,674	33,222	80,714	475,504	469,498	1,598,291	1,074,866
	Dec. 31, 1938	104,659	32,838	172,879	19,420	51,706	66,900	80,417	31,852	75,831	475,088	415,948	1,525,518	1,016,870
1940 Compared with 1939		+ 23,675	+ 2,816	+ 17,652	+ 1,643	+ 30,914	+ 22,193	+ 24,039	+ 8,995	+ 10,923	+ 32,230	+ 70,749	+ 245,829	+ 161,132
WESTERN DIVISION	Dec. 28, 1940	242,346	48,217	87,221	3,863	53,421	8,892	14,694	54,585	86,788	175,835	192,605	968,467	65,336
	Dec. 30, 1939	288,877	42,730	83,810	3,512	38,679	6,475	11,740	66,700	76,931	171,628	160,176	951,158	54,965
	Dec. 31, 1938	232,902	41,743	85,088	3,648	32,292	17,846	10,702	55,175	77,476	170,002	180,396	907,268	55,954
1940 Compared with 1939		- 46,531	+ 5,487	+ 3,411	+ 351	+ 14,742	+ 2,417	+ 2,954	- 12,115	+ 9,857	+ 4,307	+ 32,429	+ 17,309	+ 10,371
TOTAL FOR CANADA	Dec. 28, 1940	384,629	84,317	301,046	29,089	145,527	82,924	133,407	96,802	178,425	683,569	692,852	2,812,587	1,301,334
	Dec. 30, 1939	407,485	76,014	279,983	27,095	99,871	58,314	106,414	99,922	157,645	647,032	589,674	2,549,449	1,129,831
	Dec. 31, 1938	337,561	74,581	257,967	23,068	83,998	84,746	91,119	87,005	151,307	645,090	596,344	2,432,786	1,072,824
1940 Compared with 1939		- 22,856	+ 8,303	+ 21,063	+ 1,994	+ 45,656	+ 24,610	+ 26,993	- 3,120	+ 20,780	+ 36,537	+ 103,178	+ 263,138	+ 171,503

Note: 1939 figures contain revisions.

SUMMARY OF CAR LOADINGS

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Charts on pages 7-10 show the cars of the eleven groups of commodities loaded each week on Canadian railways for 1938, 1939, and 1940. It should be noted that the scales are not the same for all charts.

Comparisons are made below of the loadings for the first 51 weeks of each year. Data for the last week of 1940 will not be available in time to be included in this summary.

Grain and grain products Although loadings were fairly heavy for the first six months when the total was 51,012 cars over the corresponding total for 1939, and nearly double the 1938 loadings, the usual peak in September and October did not develop, and the total was 6 per cent, or 23,333 cars below the 1939 total, and only 44,310 cars above the 1938 total.

On December 22 there were 257,000,000 bushels of grain in western elevators to be moved, compared with 179,600,000 bushels in 1939.

Live stock Loadings showed little change week by week, but the total of 83,218 cars was 8,118 cars or 10.8 per cent above 1939 loadings.

Coal Loadings were above 1939 loadings throughout most of the year, and the total of 296,985 cars was 21,840 cars, or 8 per cent above 1939 loadings, the eastern division accounting for 82 per cent of the increase, and 71 per cent of the total loadings.

Coke Total loadings amounted to 28,465 cars, or 1960 cars more than in 1939. Over 80 per cent of this increase was made in the first six months when the totals were 14,273 cars in 1940, and 12,662 cars in 1939.

Lumber Heavy loadings were recorded throughout the year, increases over both 1939 and 1938 being shown for every week. A peak was reached in August at 4,515 cars, which was exceeded only four times before, in 1927, and 1928. The total was 143,926 cars as against 98,954 cars in 1939, and was by far the heaviest since 1929.

Pulpwood Loadings for the first three months were well above those of 1939, but below the unusually heavy loadings of 1938, and for the last seven months were above the loadings of both 1939, and 1938. The total for the 51 weeks was 81,344 cars as against 57,168 cars in 1939, 83,737 cars in 1938, and 80,278 cars in 1937. Whereas the cars of pulpwood ran from 100 to 130 per cent of the cars of pulp and paper shipped by rail in the twenties for the past nine years, they have run from 55 to 70 per cent, except in 1938 when there was an abnormal movement of pulpwood during January, February, and March, and the ratio reached 93 per cent.

Pulp and paper The improvement in loadings shown in the last four months of 1939 was continued throughout 1940, a peak of 3,131 cars being reached in the third week in June. The total for the 51 weeks was 131,431 cars, which was exceeded only in 1929 with 133,105 cars, and in 1937 with 132,329 cars.

Other forest products- Total loadings declined from 98,909 cars in 1930 to 95,526 cars, the decrease being all in the western division where the drop was 12,179 cars, or from 66,032 to 53,853 cars.

Ore- Loadings were the heaviest to date, amounting to 175,864 cars as against 155,119 cars in 1939, the previous high year, and 45,838 cars in 1933, the low record. Loadings were closely divided, the eastern division accounting for 90,300 cars, and the western division accounting for 85,564 cars.

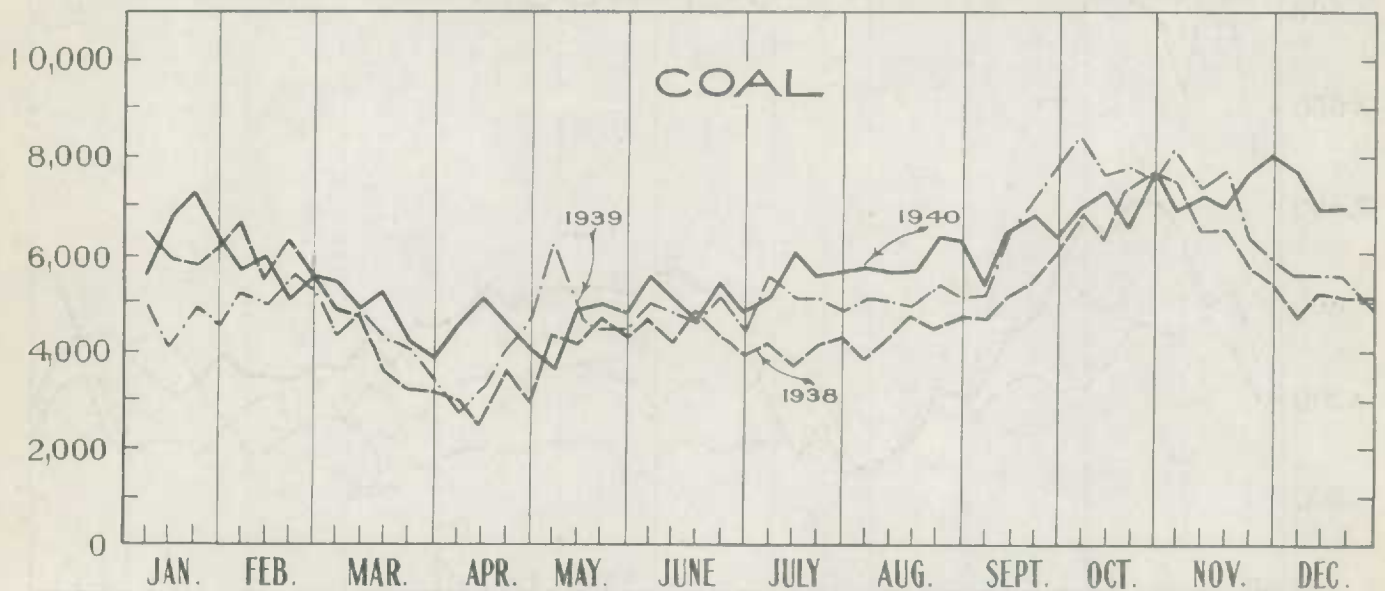
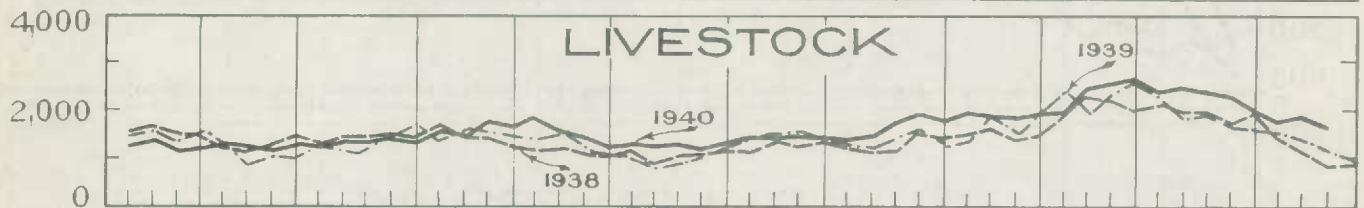
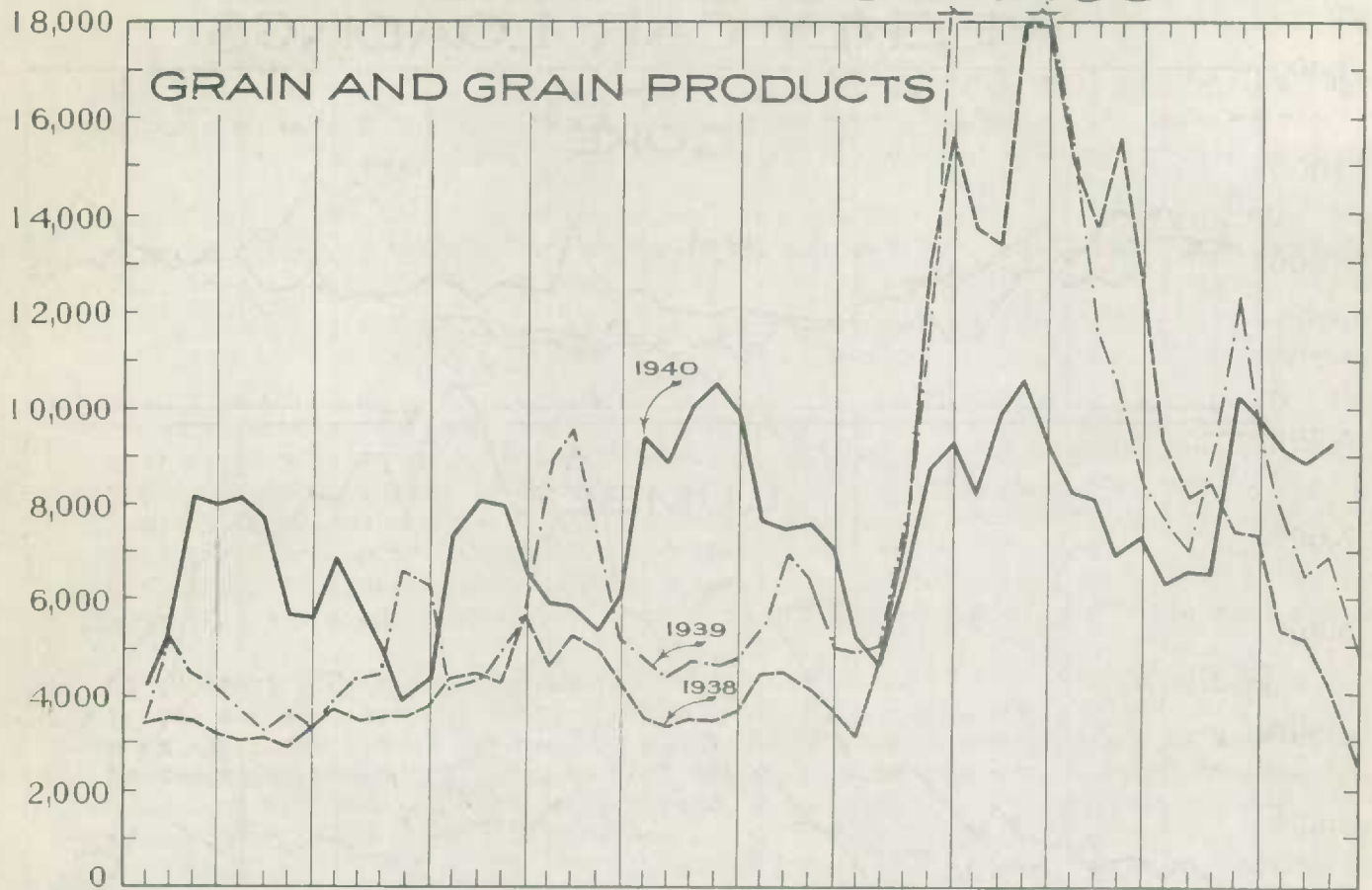
Merchandise- Loadings were the heaviest since 1931, amounting to 672,994 cars as against 637,658 cars in 1939, and 636,046 cars in 1938. The eastern division showed an increase of 6.6 per cent, or from 468,381 cars in 1939 to 499,548 cars, and the western division showed an increase of 2.5 per cent, or from 169,277 cars to 173,446 cars.

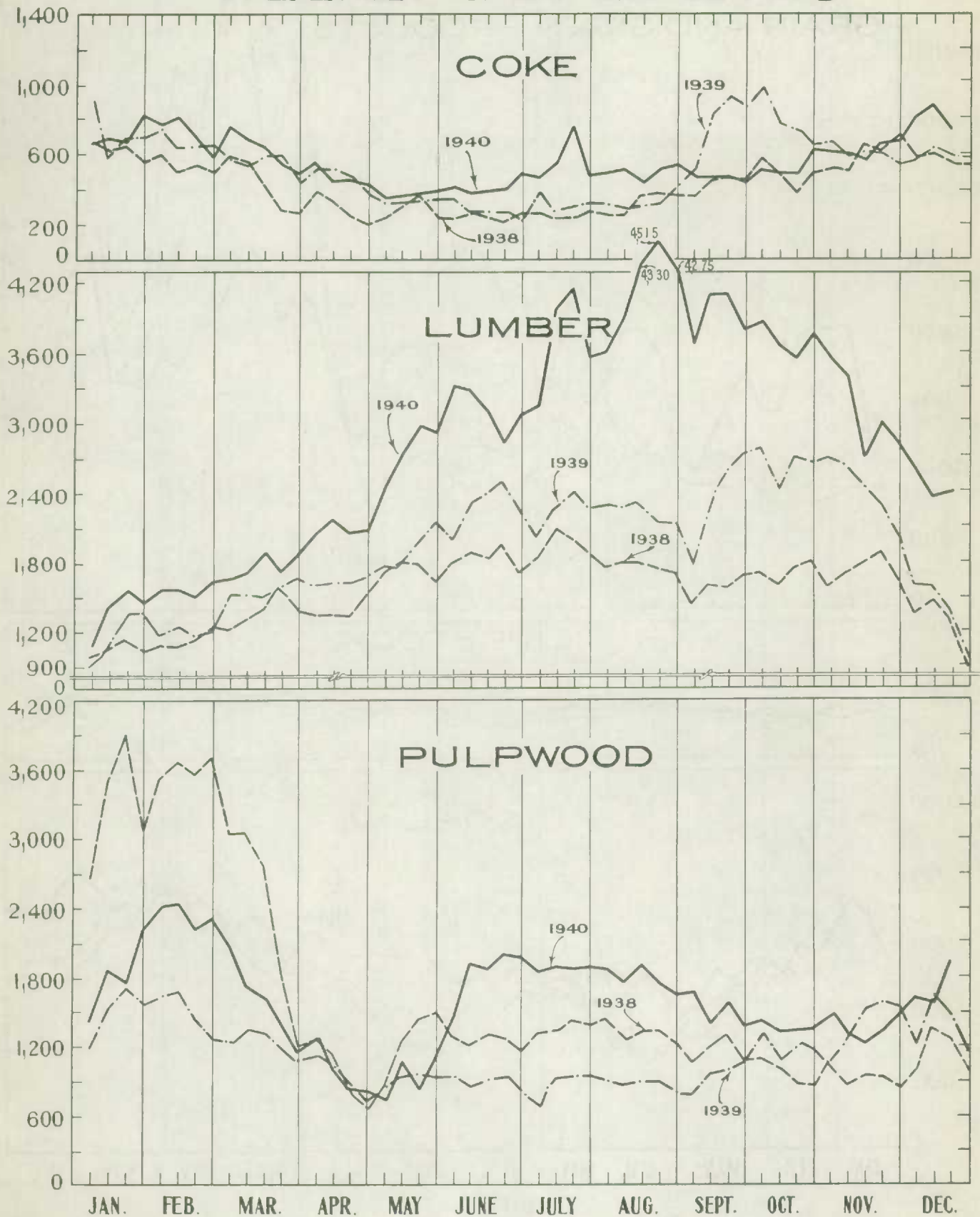
Miscellaneous- This group is approximately 9 per cent agricultural products, 3 per cent animal products, mostly dressed meats and other packing house products, and 37 per cent mine products, sand, gravel, and stone making up about 38 per cent of this, and manufactures and miscellaneous accounted for the remaining 51 per cent. In this last group, gasoline, oils, cement, fertilizers, iron, and steel (bar, sheet, structural, pipe) were the largest items. Total loadings amounted to 683,199 cars, the heaviest since 1930 and, 101,876 cars or 17.5 per cent above the 1939 total.

Total loadings were the heaviest since 1930 exceeding the 1939 total by 10 per cent. This increase was made in the first eight months, the total at the end of the third week in August being up by 250,178 cars, or 16.8 per cent. The light movement of western grain in the Autumn reduced the peak usually reached in September or October, and almost completely offset the increases in the other commodity groups. The increase for the last 18 weeks in the total loadings was only 9,488 cars, but fair increases were recorded in the last 5 weeks.

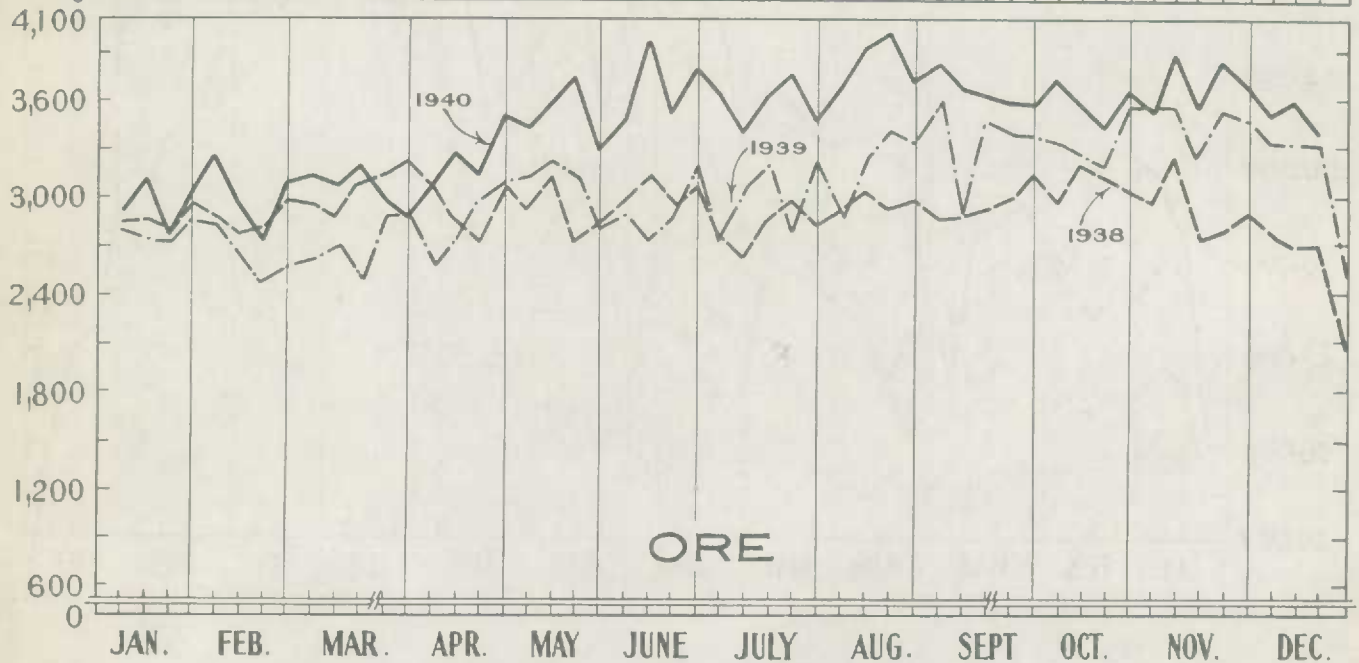
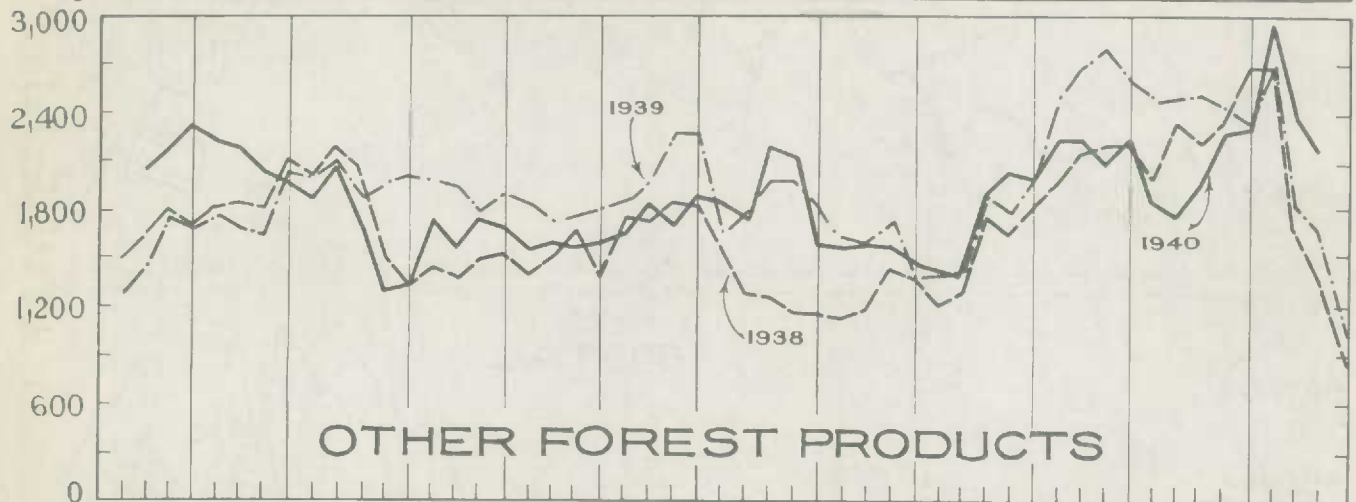
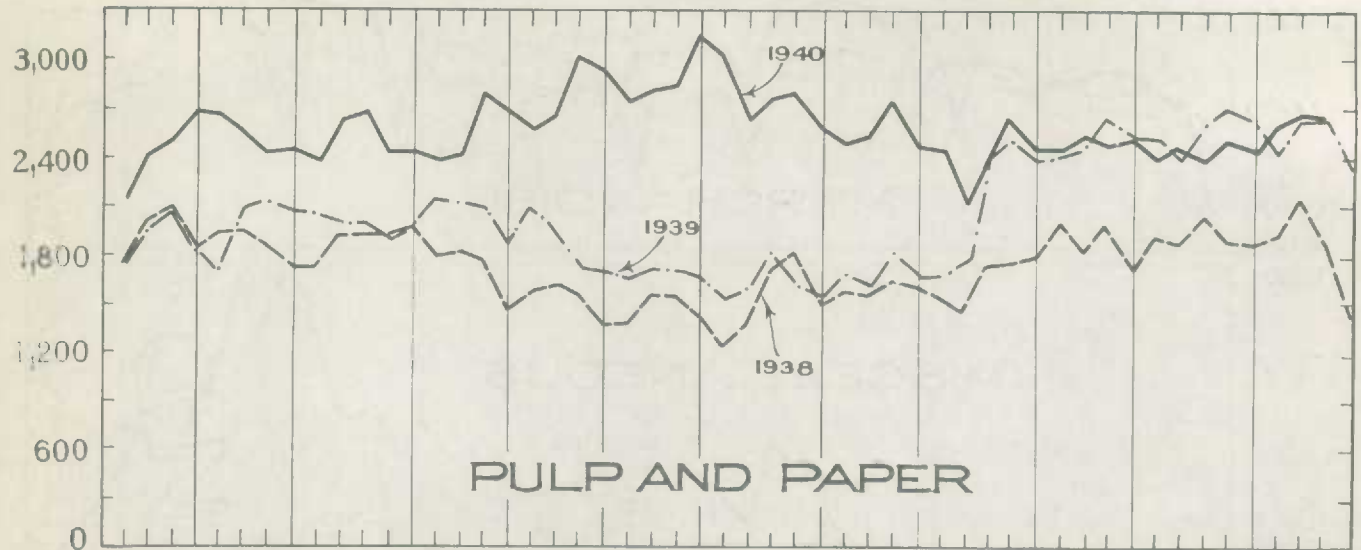
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