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CAR LOADINGS

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Car loadings for the week ended January 3 amounted to 49,392 cars, as against 45,136 cars for the corresponding week last year and 45,013 cars for the previous week. The index number dropped from 139.8 for the previous week to 134.1.

In the eastern division total loadings increased from 29,231 cars a year ago to 33,624 and in the western division from 13,905 to 15,768 cars.

INDEX NUMBERS

(Adjusted for seasonal variations and Holidays)

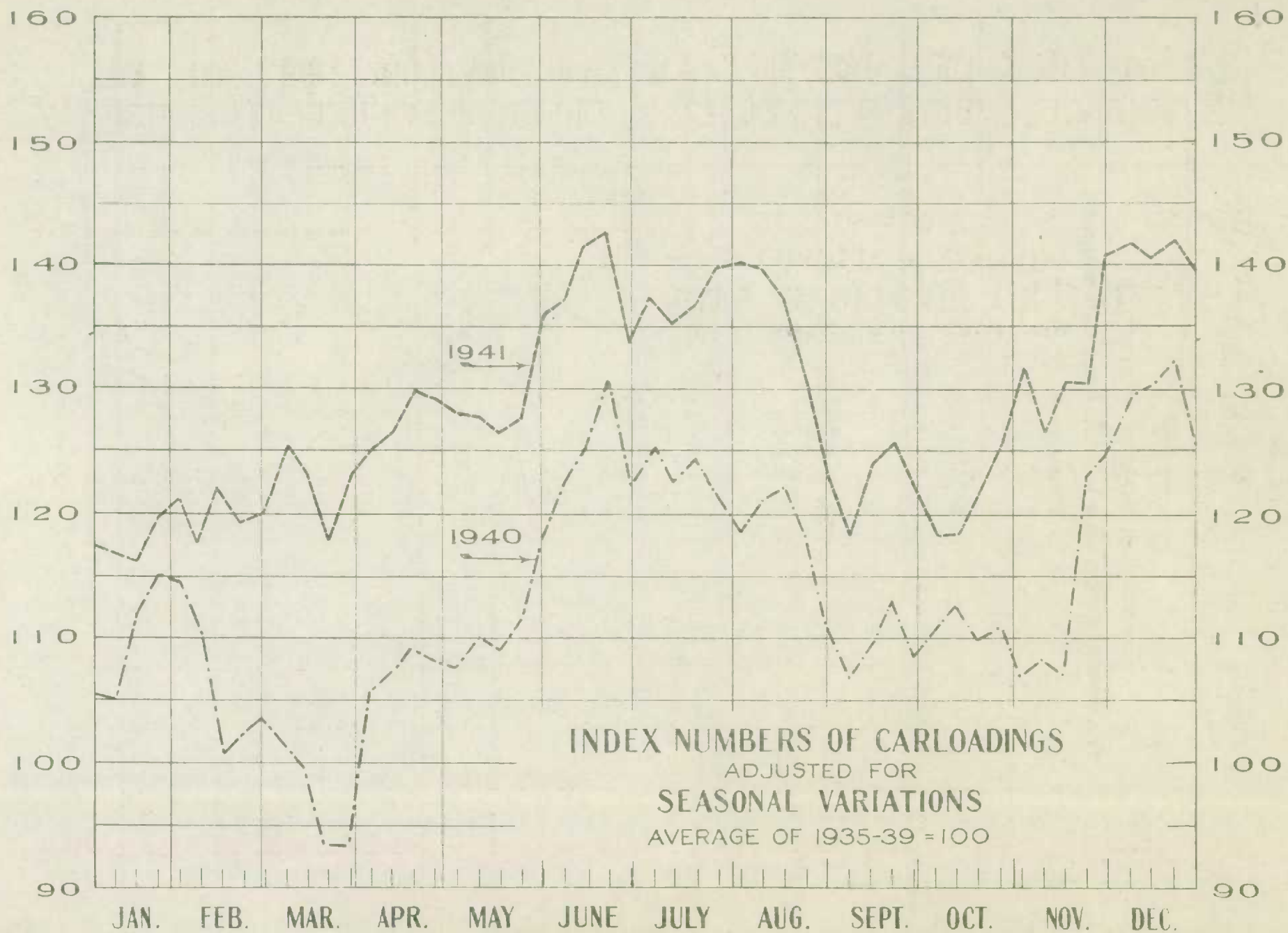
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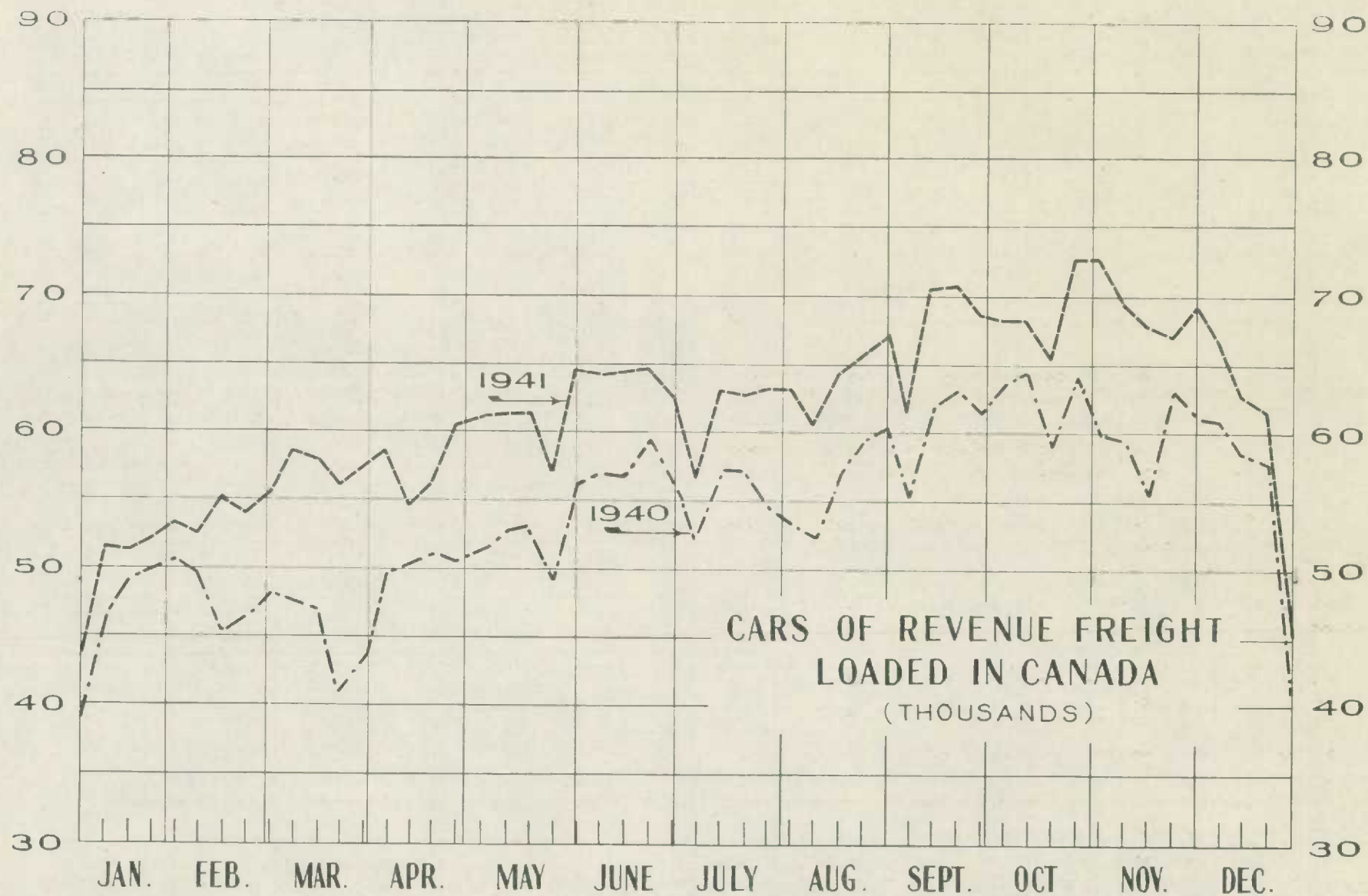
Week	TOTAL FOR CANADA		EASTERN DIVISION		WESTERN DIVISION		MERCHANDISE	
	1941	: 1940	1941	: 1940	1941	: 1940	1941	: 1940
46	130.6	106.9	142.9	117.6	119.2	96.4	124.1	112.7
47	130.5	122.8	145.3	131.1	115.3	117.1	118.6	114.1
48	140.0	124.6	151.9	132.1	128.1	117.2	123.1	115.0
49	141.0	129.3	147.2	129.4	129.0	125.5	124.5	115.7
50	140.3	130.0	142.3	128.4	134.0	130.3	121.5	118.8
51	142.0	132.3	146.9	126.4	130.6	139.9	123.3	115.5
52	x 139.3	125.3	x 151.2	131.2	116.3	111.0	124.6	114.8
	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941
1	134.1	117.1	147.6	110.0	108.7	95.9	116.7	110.7

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Price per year \$1.50





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. 3, 1942	2,546	522	3,204	411	1,049	1,337	2,939	518	2,073	8,783	10,242	33,624	24,223
	Dec. 27, 1941	1,886	458	2,143	379	1,074	1,196	2,475	464	1,837	8,980	9,498	30,370	24,604
	" 20, 1941	3,111	583	3,811	472	1,766	1,567	3,340	698	2,057	11,266	12,144	40,815	30,945
	Jan. 4, 1941	1,414	506	3,494	570	986	1,596	2,400	654	1,471	8,174	7,966	29,231	23,331
Compared with prev. week		+ 660	+ 84	+ 1,061	+ 32	- 25	+ 141	+ 464	+ 54	+ 236	- 197	+ 744	+ 3,254	- 381
" " 1941		+ 1,132	+ 16	- 290	- 159	+ 63	- 259	+ 539	- 136	+ 602	+ 609	+ 2,276	+ 4,393	+ 892
WESTERN DIVISION	Jan. 3, 1942	2,681	1,192	2,419	74	949	247	511	812	1,660	2,573	2,650	15,768	1,264
	Dec. 27, 1941	3,162	764	2,002	64	834	240	472	662	1,571	2,501	2,371	14,643	1,360
	" 20, 1941	4,976	1,136	3,156	105	1,193	255	601	1,014	1,879	3,308	3,322	20,945	1,546
	Jan. 4, 1941	2,044	807	2,152	92	741	177	272	813	1,656	2,593	2,558	13,905	927
Compared with prev. week		- 481	+ 428	+ 417	+ 10	+ 115	+ 7	+ 39	+ 150	+ 89	+ 72	+ 279	+ 1,125	- 96
" " 1941		+ 637	+ 385	+ 267	- 18	+ 208	+ 70	+ 239	- 1	+ 4	- 20	+ 92	+ 1,863	+ 337
TOTAL FOR CANADA	Jan. 3, 1942	5,227	1,714	5,623	485	1,998	1,584	3,450	1,330	3,733	11,356	12,892	49,392	25,487
	Dec. 27, 1941	5,048	1,202	4,145	443	1,908	1,436	2,947	1,126	3,408	11,481	11,869	45,013	25,964
	" 20, 1941	8,087	1,719	6,967	577	2,959	1,822	3,941	1,712	3,936	14,574	15,466	61,760	32,491
	Jan. 4, 1941	3,458	1,313	5,646	662	1,727	1,773	2,672	1,467	3,127	10,767	10,524	43,136	24,258
Compared with prev. week		+ 179	+ 512	+ 1,478	+ 42	+ 90	+ 148	+ 503	+ 204	+ 325	- 125	+ 1,023	+ 4,379	- 477
" " 1941		+ 1,769	+ 401	- 23	- 177	+ 271	- 189	+ 778	- 137	+ 606	+ 589	+ 2,368	+ 6,256	+ 1,229
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	" 6, 1940	1,713	519	3,017	577	530	1,278	1,913	447	1,383	7,218	6,473	25,068	20,383
1942 Compared with 1941		+ 1,132	+ 16	- 290	- 159	+ 63	- 259	+ 539	- 136	+ 602	+ 609	+ 2,276	+ 4,393	+ 892
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	" 6, 1940	2,517	708	2,563	84	557	162	241	840	1,517	2,514	2,087	13,790	917
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	" 6, 1940	4,230	1,227	5,580	661	1,087	1,440	2,154	1,287	2,900	9,732	8,560	38,858	21,300
1942 Compared with 1941		+ 1,769	+ 401	- 23	- 177	+ 271	- 189	+ 778	- 137	+ 606	+ 589	+ 2,368	+ 6,256	+ 1,229

SUMMARY OF CAR LOADINGS

1941

Charts on pages 7-10 show the cars of each of the eleven groups of commodities loaded each week on Canadian railways for 1939, 1940 and 1941. It should be noted that the scales are not the same for all the charts. Comparisons are made below of the loadings for the 52 weeks of each year.

Grain and grain products- The effect of the war on grain loadings was evident in both 1940 and 1941 inasmuch as the seasonal peaks during September and October did not develop. The peak in 1941 was reached in the middle of June. Loadings to the middle of August were 30 p.c. above 1940 loadings and 72 p.c. above 1939 loadings, and at the end of the year were 26 p.c. above 1940 and 19 p.c. above 1939 loadings.

Live stock- Loadings were heavier than in 1940 and 1939 for practically the entire year, the increase over 1940 at the end of the year being 8,477 cars or 10 p.c.

Coal- Loadings were well above those of 1939 and 1940 up to the first week in April. Light loadings from Nova Scotia mines reduced the total loadings in the eastern division as much as 2,000 cars per week as compared with 1940 loadings, and it was not until October that they were as heavy as in 1940. At the end of the year the eastern division showed a decrease from 1940 total of 20,835 cars or 10 p.c., whereas the western division showed an increase of 11,987 cars or 14 p.c.

Coke- Loadings held fairly steady throughout the year and at the end showed an increase over 1940 total of 2,162 cars or 7.5 p.c.

Lumber- Loadings continued heavy throughout the year, being particularly heavy during the first four months in comparison with loadings in previous years. The total for the year was 25,492 cars or 17.5 p.c. above 1940 total and 70 p.c. above 1939 total.

Pulpwood- The peak reached in the first week in February was the highest for some years and loadings remained well above those of 1940 and 1939 up to the end of October when they decreased to the 1939-1940 levels. The year's total was 97,130 cars or 17 p.c. above the 1940 total.

Pulp and paper- Loadings were heavy throughout the year and showed substantial increases during the last six months. Total for the year was 157,261 cars which was 15 p.c. above the 1940 total and 48 p.c. above the 1939 total.

Other forest products- Loadings were below those of 1940 and 1939 for most of the year and the total was 2 p.c. below 1940 and 5 p.c. below 1939 total.

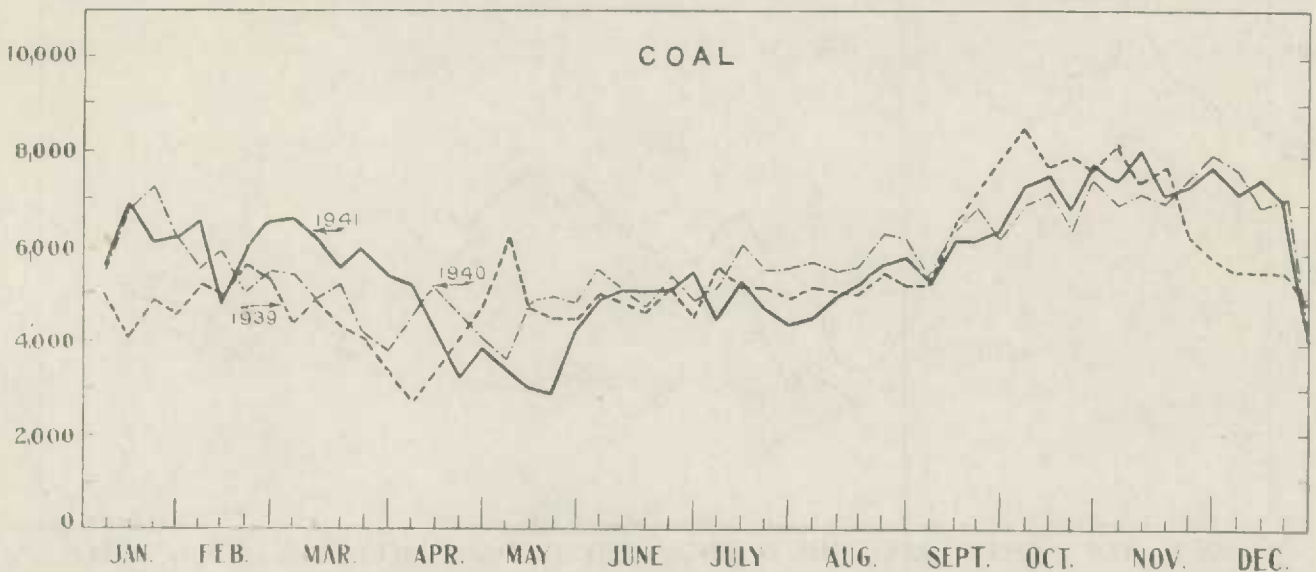
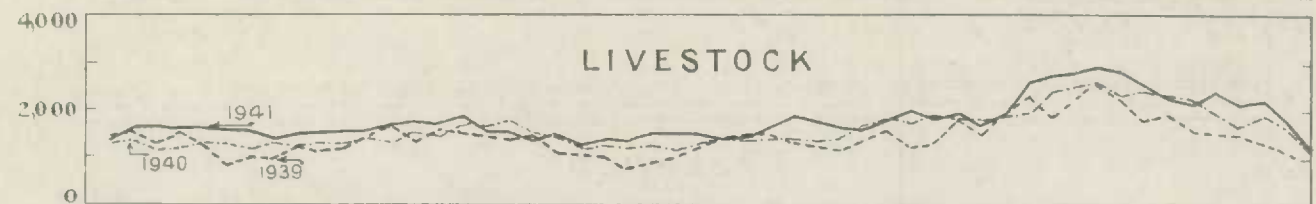
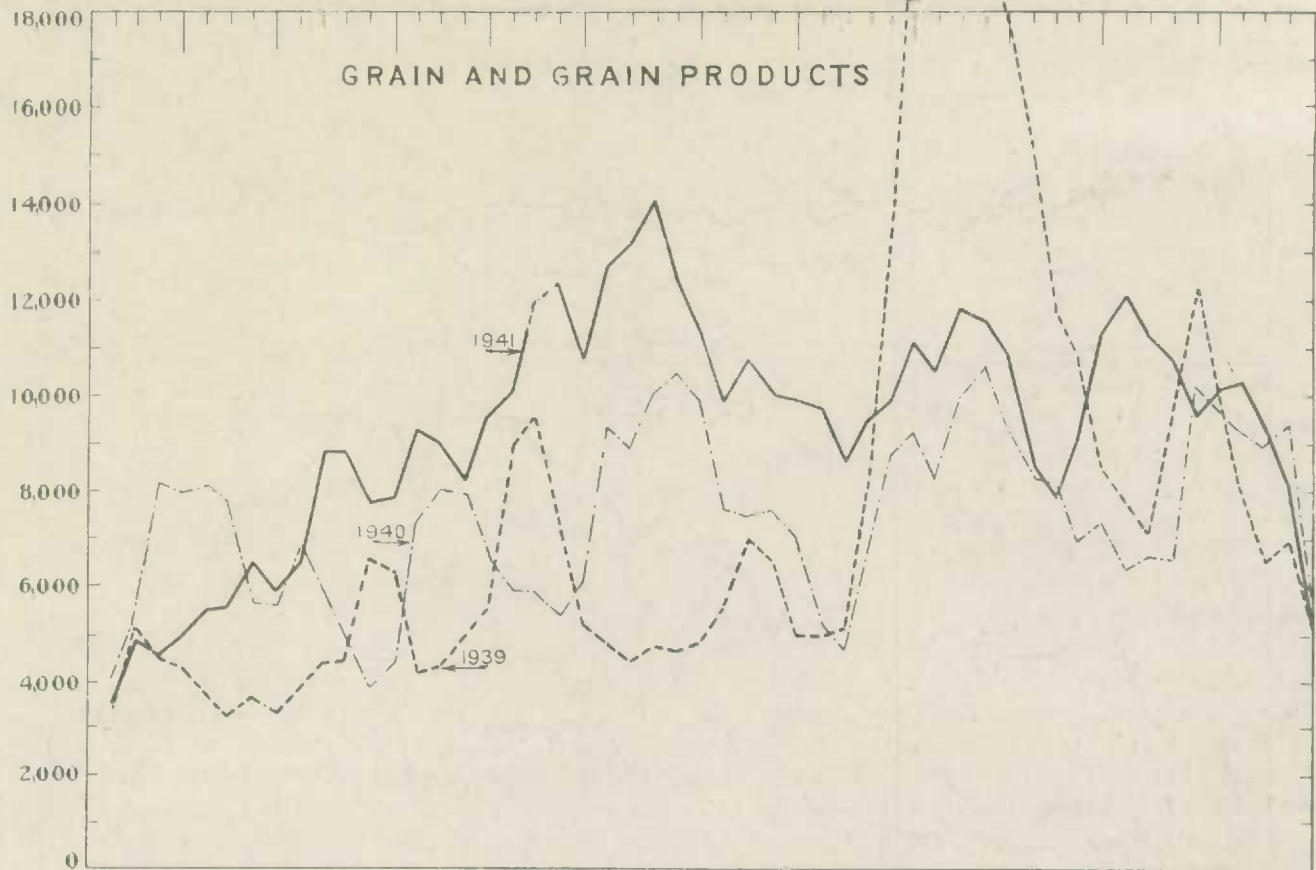
Ore- For the past nine years ore has shown each year increased loadings over the preceding year, ranging from 48 p.c. in 1934 to 13 p.c. in 1940 and 1941. The total for 1941 was 201,511 cars or an increase of 23,086 cars over 1940 total.

Merchandise- Total loadings for the 52 weeks were 741,881 cars, the highest since 1931 and an increase over 1940 total of 58,309 cars or 8.5 p.c. Because of heavier loading per car the tonnage data when available will probably show a still greater increase.

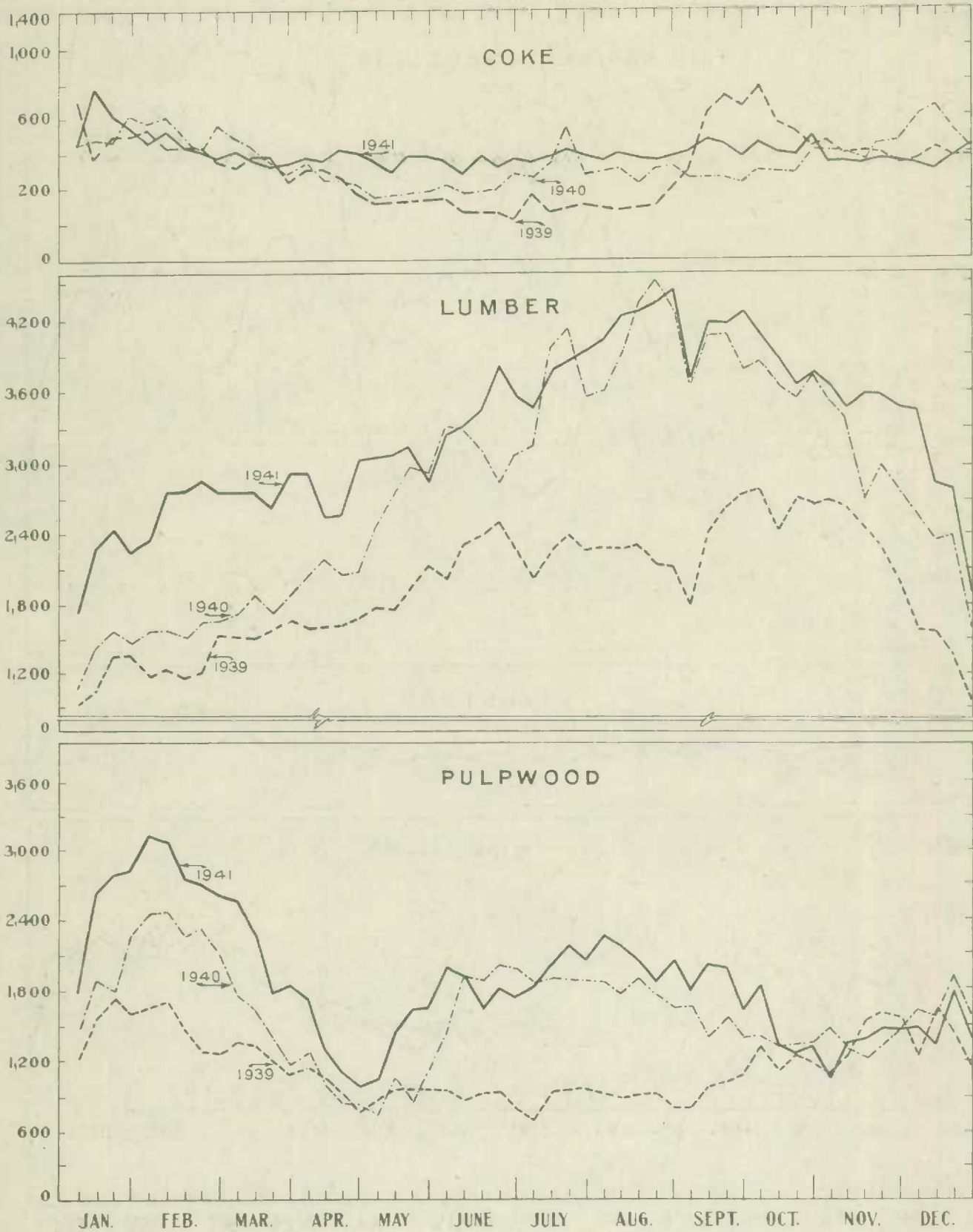
Miscellaneous- Total for 1941 was 825,771 cars which was exceeded only in 1928 and 1929. The increase over 1940 total was 132,898 cars or 19 p.c.

Total- Loadings were well above those of 1940 and 1939 for practically the whole year, and for the 52 weeks amounted to 3,189,447 cars. In 1926, 1927, 1928 and 1929 a greater number of cars were loaded but the tons of revenue freight loaded in 1941 was probably greater than in any previous year. Tonnage loaded during the first 9 months was the heaviest in the history of the railways and was 7.5 p.c. above the previous record made in 1929. An analysis of the average tons per car is made in another report "Railway Revenue Freight Loadings", just issued.

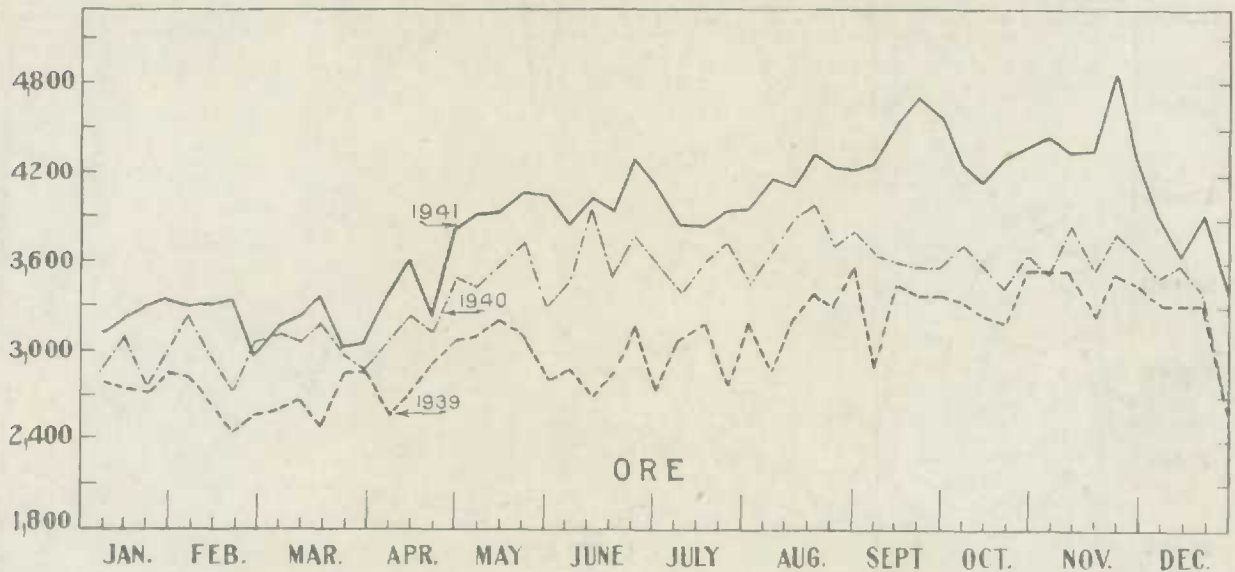
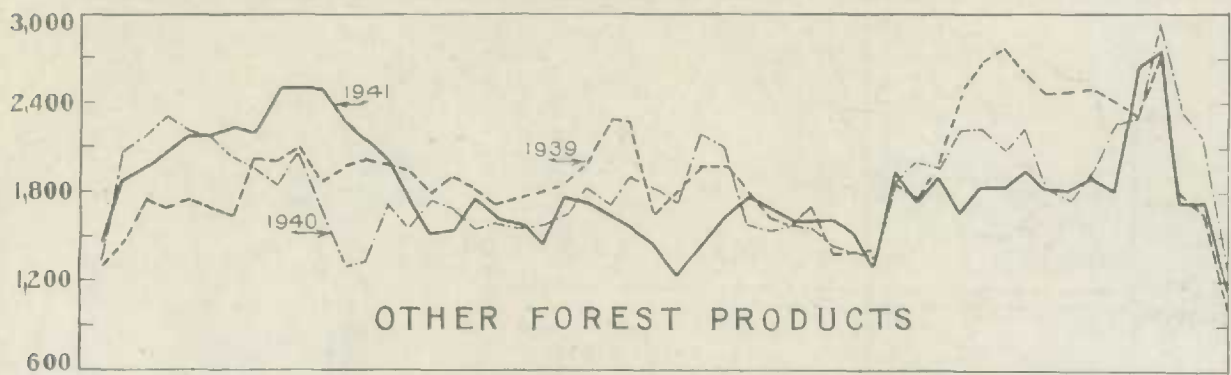
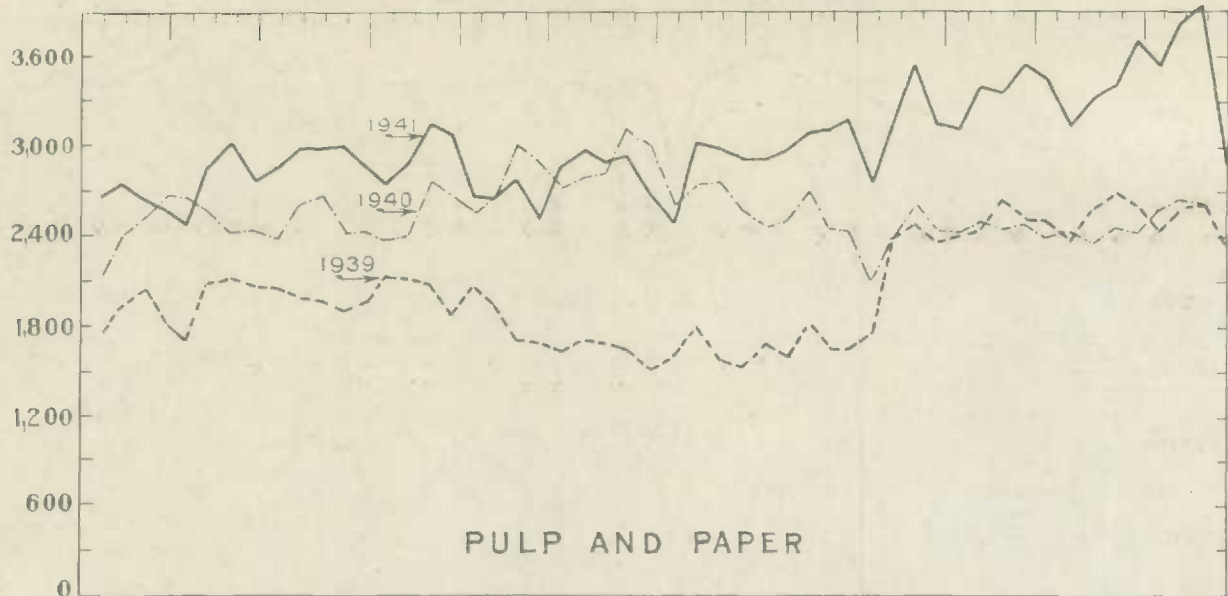
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