

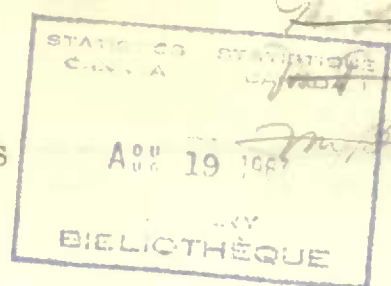
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CAR LOADINGS

Car loadings on Canadian railways in the holiday week ending December 31st totalled 49,063 cars compared with 52,419 cars in the closing week of last year, off 3,356 cars.

Storm conditions in the western division caused delay in the loading and movement of freight, particularly in the mountain regions of British Columbia where heavy snow and extreme cold were experienced while the coastal area suffered from flash floods which undermined roadbed. Due to the irregularities of the present calendar, comparisons with previous years are somewhat disturbed. The Christmas holiday fell in the last week of 1949 whereas in 1948 and 1947 New Year's Day was in the last period, and consequently the index numbers are affected.

Eastern division loadings during the last week of 1949 were 34,590 cars against 35,491 one year earlier, while the western division beset by snow, cold and floods contributed 14,473 cars compared with 16,928 cars in the 52nd week of 1948.

Loadings of most commodities were lighter in the week under review with only fresh meats, lumber, gasoline and petroleum oils, autos and trucks, and fertilizers registering significant gains over the last week of 1948. Gasoline and oils at 4,038 cars were up from 3,307 while autos jumped from 885 to 1,395 cars as the last of the year's models rolled from most plants.

Cumulative totals for the 52 weeks of 1949 show some 3,906,655 cars of revenue freight loaded on Canadian railways compared with 4,038,456 cars in 1948 and 3,947,817 cars in a similar period of 1947. The decline from 1948 was 3.3 p.c. or 131,801 cars, while a minor recession of 41,162 cars was experienced from the 1947 volume.

Receipts from foreign connections were down sharply during 1949 and at 1,597,056 compare with 1,790,081 cars in 1948 and 1,918,122 cars in 1947.

Western division loadings during the year improved over both 1948 and 1947 due to wheat, ores, and Alberta oil, while the eastern division volume showed a 5.8 p.c. drop from 1948 and were 3 p.c. under 1947.

Total cars of revenue freight loaded on railways in the United States during 1949 were some 16 p.c. below 1948 due principally to strikes in steel and coal whereas the Canadian experience shows a recession of only 3.3 p.c. from 1948.

INDEX NUMBERS

(Adjusted for seasonal variations and holidays)

(Average 1935-1939 = 100)

Week	TOTAL FOR CANADA		EASTERN DIVISION		WESTERN DIVISION	
	1949	: 1948	1949	: 1948	1949	: 1948
45	155.2	160.2	156.7	165.3	153.0	151.8
46	159.6	167.3	157.7	166.3	162.9	169.2
47	154.8	167.2	155.2	167.2	154.0	167.2
48	153.9	161.1	158.2	168.3	146.9	149.4
49	157.2	158.9	158.0	166.0	155.9	147.1
50	158.5	161.3	160.9	169.3	154.3	147.3
51	x 143.8	/ 193.9	x 147.2	/ 193.7	137.7	/ 194.3
52	159.3	170.2	169.9	174.3	138.9	162.3

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/ Holiday week.

Price per year \$2.00

	TOTAL				EASTERN DIVISION				WESTERN DIVISION				Cumulative Totals from First Week of Year to Date								
	Week Ended				Week Ended				Week Ended				TOTAL			EASTERN DIVISION			WESTERN DIVISION		
	Dec. 31	Dec. 24	Dec. 17	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Dec. 24	Dec. 17	Jan. 1	Dec. 31	Dec. 24	Dec. 17	Jan. 1	To			To			To		
	1949	1949	1949	1949	1949	1949	1949	1949	1949	1949	1949	1949	1949	1949	1948	1949	1949	1948	1949	1949	1948
1. Grain	3,532	5,875	6,912	4,031	1,294	1,205	1,581	693	2,238	4,670	5,331	3,338	380,813	335,949	388,906	81,915	78,060	100,154	298,898	257,889	268,752
2. Grain Products	1,527	2,112	2,428	1,823	854	1,148	1,282	1,103	673	964	1,146	720	130,712	141,564	175,232	72,590	79,552	93,849	58,122	62,012	81,583
3. Hay and Straw	145	289	371	217	101	177	249	153	44	112	122	64	14,598	21,818	22,185	7,715	11,812	14,906	6,883	10,006	7,279
4. Fruits, fresh	243	199	489	329	131	84	249	89	112	115	240	240	19,260	19,435	19,659	6,830	7,122	6,404	12,430	12,313	13,255
5. Vegetables, fresh or green	539	668	819	612	503	620	733	574	36	48	86	38	41,410	41,872	45,281	36,606	36,913	39,722	4,804	4,959	5,559
6. Other Agricultural Products	251	272	375	228	216	130	168	116	35	142	207	112	18,728	18,425	16,194	9,545	9,684	8,045	9,183	8,741	8,149
7. Live Stock	990	1,212	1,880	1,060	431	481	641	437	559	731	1,239	623	95,077	116,957	108,252	36,022	45,295	43,603	59,055	71,662	64,649
8. Butter, Cheese, Eggs	86	144	123	73	64	118	70	50	22	26	53	23	6,448	7,463	8,692	3,505	3,958	5,215	2,943	3,505	3,477
9. Fresh Meats & Packing House Products (edible)	454	563	789	348	209	216	256	150	245	347	533	198	25,329	27,719	23,539	9,093	9,329	8,164	16,236	18,390	15,375
10. Other Packing House Products	30	42	50	33	20	25	20	19	10	17	30	14	2,027	2,962	3,290	1,083	1,704	2,095	944	1,258	1,195
11. Other Animal Products	65	90	101	92	48	58	71	64	17	32	30	28	4,942	6,616	6,609	3,507	4,826	4,531	1,435	1,790	2,018
12. Coal	4,369	6,898	7,382	4,754	2,194	3,310	3,562	2,308	2,175	3,588	3,820	2,446	311,939	317,528	268,211	178,366	180,253	132,796	133,573	137,369	135,415
13. Coke	551	718	797	650	488	596	686	580	63	122	111	70	31,532	32,678	30,086	26,240	28,948	25,962	5,292	3,730	4,124
14. Ores and Concentrates	1,681	2,164	2,189	2,153	1,113	1,431	1,445	1,508	568	733	744	651	164,664	156,965	140,898	107,201	108,074	85,907	57,463	48,891	54,991
15. Base Bullion, Matte, Pig & Ingot (nonferrous metals)	281	373	447	446	184	247	229	293	97	126	218	153	24,998	25,252	22,381	16,616	18,563	16,075	8,382	6,689	6,306
16. Sand, Stone, Gravel, Plaster, Lime Brick, Cement, Sewer pipe, Tile	1,847	2,278	2,722	1,848	1,462	1,728	2,206	1,414	385	550	516	434	216,263	226,234	211,212	161,150	168,126	159,693	55,113	58,108	51,519
17. Other Mine Products	986	1,217	1,402	937	915	1,137	1,283	877	71	80	119	60	74,528	79,301	69,430	66,695	71,117	61,843	7,833	8,184	7,587
18. Logs, Piling, Cordwood	311	541	827	502	145	171	219	226	166	370	608	276	50,813	55,397	60,131	18,630	22,823	23,472	32,183	32,574	36,659
19. Pulpwood	2,149	2,892	2,647	2,664	1,739	2,337	2,197	2,137	410	555	450	527	173,852	253,218	225,047	144,950	212,052	192,913	28,882	41,166	32,134
20. Lumber, Lath, Shingles	1,743	2,987	3,479	1,660	1,151	1,705	2,108	935	592	1,282	1,371	725	178,692	203,283	208,561	104,191	122,311	129,835	74,501	80,972	78,726
21. Other Forest Products	301	357	487	300	261	267	401	239	40	90	86	61	27,816	32,711	37,072	20,032	26,511	30,870	7,784	6,200	6,202
22. Gasoline, Petroleum Oils & Pds.	3,126	3,653	3,637	3,307	2,542	2,879	2,851	2,179	584	774	786	1,128	222,719	219,502	198,769	141,003	140,650	138,259	81,716	78,852	60,510
23. Crude Oil	912	801	710	No. 22	6	5	5	No. 22	906	796	705	No. 22	33,729	Included in No. 22	369	Included in No. 22	33,360	Included in No. 22	33,360	Included in No. 22	
24. Sugar	207	148	215	373	126	96	151	280	81	52	64	93	17,933	17,332	14,270	11,920	12,217	9,847	6,013	5,115	4,423
25. Iron & Steel Pds. (manufactured)	1,286	1,528	1,757	1,455	1,256	1,519	1,661	1,373	50	79	96	82	88,087	84,786	79,119	81,048	77,164	72,794	7,039	7,622	6,325
26. Implements, Tractors Machinery, Boilers	400	555	563	461	346	438	440	393	54	117	123	68	36,990	40,328	33,416	27,942	29,360	23,569	9,048	10,968	9,847
27. Autos, Trucks and Parts	1,395	1,345	1,092	885	1,335	1,286	1,063	845	60	59	29	40	56,787	48,624	51,993	53,408	45,849	49,324	3,379	2,775	2,669
28. Fertilizers	500	657	650	369	242	311	298	295	258	346	352	74	36,320	37,949	37,821	21,983	23,873	22,435	14,337	14,076	15,386
29. Woodpulp and Paper	3,328	4,289	4,378	3,420	2,923	3,643	3,744	2,951	405	646	634	469	204,458	220,129	214,736	178,497	191,071	186,616	25,961	29,058	28,120
30. Canned Food Products	261	235	264	267	223	201	224	230	38	34	40	37	20,315	20,152	20,959	14,829	14,182	14,225	5,486	5,970	6,734
31. Other Products of Manufactures and Miscellaneous	3,575	4,472	4,845	3,833	3,075	3,820	4,026	3,295	500	652	819	538	271,172	288,059	284,686	216,612	232,487	231,848	54,560	55,572	52,838
32. Merchandise, L.C.L.	11,992	15,683	17,192	13,283	9,013	11,228	12,455	9,685	2,979	4,455	4,737	3,598	923,724	938,148	921,180	659,356	661,453	659,718	264,368	276,695	261,462
33. Total Revenue Cars Loaded	49,063	65,327	72,019	52,419	34,590	42,617	46,574	35,491	14,473	22,710	25,445	16,928	3,906,655	4,038,456	3,947,817	2,519,449	2,675,345	2,594,749	1,387,206	1,363,111	1,353,068
34. Received from Connections	24,520	29,206	30,524	27,323	22,669	26,674	27,963	24,929	1,851	2,532	2,561	2,394	1,597,056	1,790,081	1,918,122	1,458,473	1,625,427	1,745,025	138,583	164,654	173,097

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