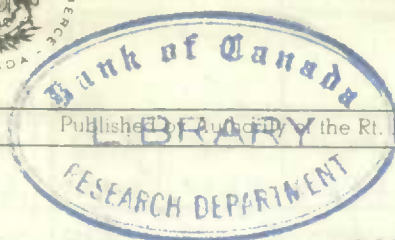




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Loadings for the week ending May 20th broke through to a new peak for the year at 76,989 cars compared to a revised 75,374 cars in the preceding week and 73,550 cars in the 20th period of last year, a gain of 3,439 cars or 4.7 p.c. Eastern division volume climbed from 50,075 cars in the corresponding week of 1949 to 52,081 cars with grain, coal, ores, other mine products, lumber, gasoline, autos and woodpulp and paper leading the advance. The Western region, moated by the rampaging Red and other rivers, reported a creditable 24,908 cars loaded as against 23,475 cars one year earlier. Live stock, coal, ores, building products, lumber were heavier. The strength of the current year's activity appears to be based more on domestic and United States demand for Canadian products.

National totals for the week show increases in hay and straw, vegetables up from 449 to 833 cars, live stock 200 cars heavier at 1,568, coal up from 4,790 to 5,451 cars, ores at 4,358 cars against 3,264, while bullion, building products and other mine products improved. Lumber totalled 4,265 cars compared with 3,489 cars one year ago with construction contracts at record levels. Implements registered a gain of 201 cars to 1,065, autos and trucks totalled 1,432 against 1,202 cars, fertilizers 1,260 compared with 891. Woodpulp and paper responding to continued heavy demand from the United States increased from 3,787 to 4,343 cars. Canned foods and miscellaneous manufactures also were up. Lower volume was continued for grain and grain products, dairy products, pulpwood off from 2,854 to 1,825 cars, and L.C.L. at 18,049 against 18,844 cars one year ago.

Receipts from foreign connections rose from 27,961 cars in the preceding week to 30,331 cars but were still under the 32,173 cars credited to the 20th week of 1949.

In the 20-week period of the current year, the Canadian total was 1,400,707 cars compared with 1,450,915 cars last year and 1,480,891 cars in 1948. The decline of 3.5 p.c. from 1949 was largely confined to grain, grain products, building products, logs, pulpwood off over 28,700 cars, sugar, implements and L.C.L. merchandise.

INDEX NUMBERS

(Adjusted for seasonal variations and Holidays)

(Average 1935-1939 = 100)

Week	TOTAL FOR CANADA		EASTERN DIVISION		WESTERN DIVISION	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
12	162.5	156.6	164.1	153.2	158.9	163.2
13	155.8	157.2	157.8	157.8	151.9	156.2
14	150.2	152.0	148.9	153.3	152.9	149.5
15	145.7	153.0	146.4	151.3	144.5	156.4
16	152.4	156.4	155.7	160.0	146.4	149.9
17	159.4	156.4	163.7	159.6	149.8	150.6
18	158.8	159.7	168.5	165.3	141.3	149.6
19	x 156.8	154.1	x 167.1	161.6	137.9	140.4
20	160.0	152.8	167.3	160.9	146.5	138.0

	T O T A L				EASTERN DIVISION				WESTERN DIVISION				Cumulative Totals from First Week of Year to Date								
	Week Ended				Week Ended				Week Ended				T O T A L			EASTERN DIVISION			WESTERN DIVISION		
	May 20	May 13	May 6	May 21	May 20	May 13	May 6	May 21	May 20	May 13	May 6	May 21	To			To			To		
	1950	1950	1950	1949	1950	1950	1950	1949	1950	1950	1950	1949	1950	1949	1948	1950	1949	1948	1950	1949	1948
1. Grain	4,978	6,223	5,291	5,406	1,753	1,951	980	1,583	3,225	4,272	4,311	3,823	98,761	132,335	99,962	27,123	26,896	22,593	71,638	105,459	77,369
2. Grain Products	2,599	2,104	2,236	2,649	1,258	1,138	1,219	1,487	1,141	966	1,017	1,162	46,265	48,414	56,399	23,781	27,050	30,316	22,484	21,364	26,083
3. Hay and Straw	185	212	257	91	134	133	193	52	51	79	64	39	6,839	5,534	9,708	4,118	3,636	5,507	2,721	1,898	4,201
4. Fruits, fresh	52	99	159	40	34	36	55	12	18	63	104	28	6,328	3,945	4,135	1,345	1,081	1,429	4,983	2,864	2,706
5. Vegetables, fresh or green	833	1,021	1,081	449	779	973	1,029	435	54	48	52	14	19,059	17,427	17,150	17,826	15,880	15,482	1,233	1,547	1,668
6. Other Agricultural Products	130	120	128	158	98	94	103	132	32	26	25	26	3,950	3,971	3,884	3,094	3,094	2,540	856	877	1,344
7. Live Stock	1,568	1,410	1,741	1,368	753	718	755	586	815	692	986	782	30,795	30,629	40,440	12,469	13,326	16,815	18,326	17,303	23,625
8. Butter, Cheese, Eggs	88	92	120	119	39	40	40	56	49	52	80	63	1,725	1,801	2,780	1,020	1,014	1,371	705	787	1,409
9. Fresh Meats & Packing House Products (edible)	429	369	411	397	196	201	197	148	233	168	214	249	8,739	8,222	10,504	3,573	2,681	3,696	5,166	5,541	6,808
10. Other Packing House Products	44	36	37	40	26	21	24	19	18	15	13	21	920	746	1,213	543	422	682	377	324	551
11. Other Animal Products	74	61	125	128	54	41	74	102	20	20	51	26	1,812	1,818	2,547	1,186	1,305	1,928	626	513	619
12. Coal	5,451	5,114	5,543	4,790	3,688	3,421	3,765	3,394	1,763	1,693	1,778	1,396	122,844	111,714	111,170	66,984	59,341	61,048	55,860	52,373	50,122
13. Coke	566	549	582	560	468	450	489	475	98	99	93	85	13,543	12,362	11,457	11,454	10,733	10,210	2,089	1,629	1,247
14. Ores and Concentrates	4,358	4,077	3,439	3,264	2,900	2,672	2,523	2,146	1,458	1,405	916	1,118	50,858	52,451	47,567	34,768	37,157	31,615	16,090	15,294	15,952
15. Base Bullion, Matte, Pig & Ingot (non-ferrous metals)	713	699	616	470	528	507	404	365	185	192	212	105	10,143	9,242	9,887	6,888	6,420	7,477	3,255	2,822	2,410
16. Sand, Stone, Gravel, Plaster, Lime Brick, Cement, Sewer pipe, Tile	5,759	5,274	4,857	5,066	3,880	3,846	3,801	3,843	1,879	1,428	1,056	1,223	65,943	68,834	67,892	48,486	52,147	53,412	17,457	16,687	14,480
17. Other Mine Products	1,742	1,769	1,650	1,342	1,615	1,615	1,557	1,165	127	154	93	177	27,418	22,979	25,277	25,126	20,457	22,744	2,292	2,522	2,533
18. Logs, Piling, Cordwood	1,128	1,058	1,073	1,176	255	211	241	504	873	847	832	672	17,111	20,365	21,724	7,275	10,762	10,695	9,836	9,603	11,029
19. Pulpwood	1,823	1,800	1,523	2,854	1,767	1,733	1,452	2,654	56	67	71	200	58,564	87,276	115,202	44,150	67,735	90,843	14,414	19,541	24,359
20. Lumber, Lath, Shingles	4,265	3,945	3,646	3,489	2,511	2,333	2,174	2,090	1,754	1,610	1,472	1,399	66,610	59,237	71,289	38,958	33,297	40,291	27,652	25,940	30,998
21. Other Forest Products	455	453	462	503	371	383	397	328	84	70	65	175	7,223	8,766	10,927	5,787	6,554	9,109	1,436	2,212	1,818
22. Gasoline, Petroleum Oils & Pds.	4,332	4,353	3,870	5,398	2,916	3,021	2,746	2,663	1,416	1,332	1,124	2,735	76,881	89,268	73,217	59,891	49,179	52,646	16,990	40,089	20,571
23. Crude Oil	998	1,124	1,234	No. 22	3	2	8	No. 22	995	1,122	1,226	No. 22	23,322	Included in No. 22	122	Included in No. 22	Included in No. 22	23,200	Included in No. 22	Included in No. 22	Included in No. 22
24. Sugar	347	324	276	304	250	204	199	216	97	120	77	88	4,949	6,552	5,623	3,287	4,851	4,280	1,662	1,701	1,343
25. Iron & Steel Pds. (manufactured)	1,785	1,767	1,908	1,773	1,523	1,603	1,875	1,648	262	164	233	125	35,103	37,569	33,701	32,629	35,148	30,876	2,474	2,421	2,825
26. Implements, Tractors Machinery, Boilers	1,065	779	916	864	671	621	722	683	394	158	194	181	15,214	17,581	17,355	11,859	13,884	12,254	3,555	3,697	5,101
27. Autos, Trucks and Parts	1,432	1,279	1,124	1,202	1,326	1,204	1,068	1,100	106	75	56	102	28,492	21,770	18,650	26,905	20,387	17,554	1,587	1,383	1,096
28. Fertilizers	1,260	1,257	1,388	891	929	949	1,003	696	351	308	385	195	19,071	19,567	20,597	12,212	13,469	14,149	6,858	6,098	6,448
29. Woodpulp and Paper	4,343	4,320	4,322	3,787	3,819	3,807	3,807	3,308	524	513	515	479	91,778	83,894	89,200	80,155	73,286	77,908	11,623	10,608	11,292
30. Canned Food Products	446	414	466	321	284	294	318	209	162	120	148	112	8,002	5,904	5,507	6,151	4,480	4,034	1,851	1,424	1,473
31. Other Products of Manufactures and Miscellaneous	5,892	6,049	5,804	5,807	4,569	4,956	4,570	4,555	1,323	1,093	1,234	1,252	101,688	99,573	107,417	85,454	82,505	89,727	16,234	17,068	17,690
32. Merchandise, L.C.L.	18,049	17,225	17,643	18,844	12,684	12,869	13,045	13,421	5,365	4,356	4,598	5,423	330,757	361,169	368,510	238,229	256,521	257,095	92,528	104,648	111,415
33. Total Revenue Cars Loaded	76,989	75,374	73,928	73,550	52,081	52,047	50,633	50,075	24,908	23,327	23,295	23,475	1,400,707	1,450,915	1,480,891	942,848	954,698	1,000,326	457,859	496,217	480,565
34. Received from Connections	50,331	27,961	31,893	32,173	27,913	25,333	29,658	29,483	2,418	2,628	2,235	2,690	605,579	636,274	719,394	557,077	582,235	651,500	48,502	54,039	67,894

