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CAR LOADINGS

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(Twenty-ninth week ended July 22, 1950)

No. 29

Carloadings in Canada during the 29th week ended July 22nd established a new record for that period at 80,663 cars, up 2,462 cars over the preceding week and 6,137 cars or 8.2 p.c. above the same week last year. Loadings have been well in advance of 1949 volume since the middle of May and for the last seven weeks have broken through on to an all time high plateau.

Twenty-two of the 32 commodity groups registered advances over the same week last year. Grain was up from 5,265 to 5,516 cars, ores from 4,175 to 4,577 cars, building products rose 220 cars to 5,437, logs from 886 to 1,136 cars and pulpwood increased 750 cars to 4,386 for the week. The jump in lumber shipments was spectacular from 3,675 to 6,076 cars. Gasoline was some 300 carloads heavier while crude rose 128 cars to 1,352. Sugar rose from 485 to 574 cars as the war scare caused some panic buying by housewives. Autos and trucks continue to roll off the assemblies in heavy volume and 1,667 carloads were shipped against 1,306 cars last year. Iron and steel was up 220 cars to 1,645. The woodpulp and paper group contributed 4,387 carloads compared with 3,546 cars one year earlier. Newspaper circulation in the United States rose with the Korean war news and demand is above current capacity of Canadian newsprint mills. Miscellaneous manufactures at 5,181 cars were 763 cars above the same period of last year.

The main declines were confined to grain products, hay and straw, fruit, meats, fertilizers, and L.C.L. merchandise off from 17,717 to 17,376 cars. Coal shipments were maintained at 5,227 cars for the week while coke rose from 403 to 569 cars.

Eastern division loadings were up from 50,399 cars in the 29th week last year to 54,416 cars with good gains in ores, pulpwood, lumber, gasoline and petroleum oils, autos, woodpulp and paper. The western total was 26,247 cars for the week compared with 24,127 cars one year earlier.

Receipts from foreign connections continue to exceed last year's levels. Loadings on United States railroads have rebounded sharply from the low of the holiday week of July 8th and are well above 1949 volume. Canadian-United States trade has been exceedingly active in the past three months. Some 31,720 cars were received from foreign connections during last week against 30,000 in the 29th period of 1949.

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
22	160.6	150.1	166.3	156.2	149.2	138.4
23	163.6	148.6	166.7	153.3	157.4	140.2
24	162.2	151.1	168.7	153.9	149.5	145.7
25	169.9	155.7	176.4	157.7	157.8	152.1
26	171.0	146.2	176.3	143.7	160.7	141.1
27	162.3	150.0	167.0	155.5	152.7	138.9
28	163.9	153.4	x 174.3	162.4	144.1	136.4
29	165.5	152.9	174.3	161.4	149.8	137.7

	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		
	July 22, 1950	July 15, 1950	July 8, 1950	July 23, 1949	July 22, 1950	July 15, 1950	July 8, 1950	July 23, 1949	July 22, 1950	July 15, 1950	July 8, 1950	July 23, 1949	To July 22, 1950	To July 23, 1949	To July 24, 1948	To July 22, 1950	To July 23, 1949	To July 24, 1948	To July 22, 1950	To July 23, 1949	To July 24, 1948
1. Grain	5,516	5,018	5,236	5,266	1,177	1,091	1,203	2,311	4,339	3,927	4,033	2,964	149,478	175,497	142,134	41,677	40,723	35,003	107,801	134,774	107,131
2. Grain Products	1,933	2,051	2,017	2,658	1,010	1,050	1,080	1,624	923	1,001	937	1,132	65,642	70,563	79,917	34,252	39,854	44,029	31,390	30,709	35,888
3. Hay and Straw	85	69	66	217	30	32	27	114	55	37	39	103	7,571	6,486	11,281	4,564	4,178	6,563	3,007	2,310	4,718
4. Fruits, fresh	77	84	101	183	43	67	92	45	34	17	9	138	6,936	4,804	5,585	1,819	1,838	2,729	5,117	3,166	2,856
5. Vegetables, fresh or green	348	262	240	300	220	169	181	205	128	93	59	95	22,320	20,289	19,644	20,631	18,100	17,311	1,689	2,189	2,333
6. Other Agricultural Products	92	106	102	145	53	84	78	116	39	22	24	29	4,985	5,276	5,187	3,858	4,175	3,640	1,127	1,101	1,547
7. Live Stock	1,659	1,394	1,468	1,686	606	593	613	648	1,053	801	855	1,038	44,273	43,857	55,788	17,717	18,720	23,190	26,558	25,137	32,598
8. Butter, Cheese, Eggs	156	181	162	152	74	88	78	75	82	73	84	77	3,012	3,001	4,083	1,604	1,570	1,934	1,408	1,431	2,149
9. Fresh Meats & Packing House Products (edible)	442	452	437	517	177	170	141	213	265	282	296	304	12,537	11,982	14,237	5,058	4,189	4,923	7,479	7,793	9,314
10. Other Packing House Products	42	44	29	34	25	26	9	18	17	18	20	16	1,330	1,044	1,705	793	580	1,015	537	464	690
11. Other Animal Products	78	100	74	82	60	68	44	59	18	32	30	23	2,594	2,598	3,897	1,722	1,835	2,908	872	763	989
12. Coal	5,227	4,657	5,442	5,231	3,755	3,692	3,963	3,932	1,472	965	1,479	1,299	189,342	156,941	161,185	99,690	92,579	95,407	89,652	64,382	65,758
13. Coke	569	595	774	403	477	499	666	293	92	96	108	110	19,441	17,201	18,010	16,457	14,606	16,076	2,984	2,595	1,934
14. Ores and Concentrates	4,577	4,248	3,646	4,175	2,938	3,089	2,557	2,349	1,639	1,159	1,089	1,826	87,790	85,693	78,902	59,051	58,896	54,288	28,739	26,997	24,614
15. Base Bullion, Matte, Pig & Ingot (non-ferrous metals)	562	439	441	430	323	263	307	287	239	176	134	163	14,856	13,566	13,840	10,123	9,438	10,538	4,733	4,128	3,304
16. Sand, Stone, Gravel, Plaster, Lime Brick, Cement, Sewer pipe, Tile	5,437	5,694	5,423	5,217	3,820	4,126	3,929	3,880	1,617	1,568	1,494	1,337	114,517	114,470	114,653	83,142	85,578	88,335	31,375	28,892	28,318
17. Other Mine Products	1,977	1,534	1,794	1,750	1,757	1,317	1,569	1,569	220	217	225	181	45,159	35,793	40,023	41,096	31,708	35,975	4,063	4,087	4,048
18. Logs, Piling, Cordwood	1,136	1,081	948	886	278	267	247	208	860	814	701	678	27,468	29,813	31,008	9,884	13,574	15,268	17,584	16,039	15,740
19. Pulpwood	4,386	4,293	4,451	3,636	4,083	4,006	4,158	3,271	303	287	293	365	93,430	116,581	170,945	76,715	93,702	140,517	16,715	22,879	30,428
20. Lumber, Lath, Shingles	6,076	5,822	5,680	5,675	3,761	3,648	3,586	2,162	2,315	2,174	2,084	1,513	114,938	93,309	109,394	68,833	53,249	65,023	46,105	40,060	44,371
21. Other Forest Products	501	553	645	466	383	390	347	351	118	163	298	115	12,351	14,541	17,548	9,266	9,717	14,098	3,085	4,824	3,450
22. Gasoline, Petroleum Oils & Pkts.	4,836	4,918	4,723	4,535	3,466	3,500	3,388	2,978	1,370	1,418	1,335	1,557	117,937	127,772	117,116	88,339	74,104	77,546	29,598	53,868	39,570
23. Crude Oil	1,352	1,258	1,474	1,224	5	7	8	28	1,347	1,251	1,466	1,196	35,093	8,415	No. 22	169	123	No. 22	34,924	8,292	No. 22
24. Sugar	574	495	515	485	348	293	320	262	226	202	195	223	8,725	10,117	8,846	5,827	6,887	6,445	2,898	3,230	2,401
25. Iron & Steel Pkts. (manufactured)	1,645	1,812	2,021	1,425	1,416	1,638	1,602	1,268	229	174	219	157	51,329	51,773	48,441	47,178	48,133	44,083	4,153	3,640	4,358
26. Implements, Tractors Machinery, Boilers	822	784	874	605	632	618	525	581	190	166	149	224	22,388	24,788	24,601	17,398	19,388	17,466	4,990	5,400	7,135
27. Autos, Trucks and Parts	1,667	1,583	1,834	1,336	1,561	1,505	1,575	1,272	106	78	59	64	42,916	32,244	26,643	40,287	30,239	25,099	2,629	2,005	1,544
28. Fertilizers	374	385	368	467	230	223	216	294	144	162	152	173	23,465	23,209	24,549	14,769	15,544	16,711	8,696	7,665	7,838
29. Woodpulp and Paper	4,357	4,228	4,015	3,546	3,777	3,686	3,516	3,078	580	542	499	468	129,221	115,536	125,081	112,912	100,878	109,354	16,309	14,658	15,727
30. Canned Food Products	603	536	609	462	429	411	430	333	174	125	179	129	12,307	9,722	8,656	9,295	7,237	6,280	3,012	2,485	2,376
31. Other Products of Manufactures and Miscellaneous	6,181	6,136	6,255	5,418	4,790	4,956	4,789	4,067	1,391	1,180	1,463	1,351	155,109	148,963	157,784	127,433	120,598	129,328	27,676	28,365	28,456
32. Merchandise, L.C.L.	17,376	17,409	17,429	17,717	12,714	12,859	12,723	12,628	4,662	4,550	4,706	5,089	486,277	520,735	526,364	351,415	369,994	368,252	134,862	150,741	158,112
33. Total Revenue Cars Loaded	80,663	78,201	78,893	74,526	54,416	54,431	54,177	50,399	26,247	23,770	24,716	24,127	2,104,737	2,096,379	2,167,025	1,422,972	1,391,530	1,477,330	681,765	704,849	689,695
34. Received from Connections	31,720	28,965	28,401	30,000	29,162	26,149	26,540	27,635	2,558	2,817	2,761	2,365	888,505	902,499	1,007,057	815,496	824,876	912,602	73,009	77,623	94,455

