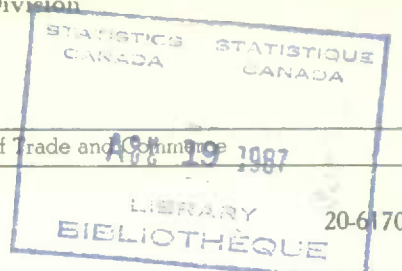


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Cars of revenue freight loaded at 89,273 during the 40th week declined 1,703 cars from the preceding period but were 191 cars above the 89,082 reported for the 40th week of last year. Eastern division activity continued at record levels and 57,578 cars were loaded compared with 53,724 cars in the corresponding period of 1949, a gain of 7.2 p.c. Western loadings were affected by a touch of winter whose vanguards brought early frost and some fleeting snows to northern districts and only 31,695 cars were loaded against 35,358 cars last year as grain, live stock, coal, gasoline and L.C.L. were down considerably. Among the Canada totals, betterment over the same week of last year was indicated in ores and concentrates up from 3,657 to 5,322 cars, base bullion, building products 552 cars heavier, other mine products, logs, pulpwood up from 2,193 to 3,268 cars, lumber at 5,689 cars against 4,134, and in other forest products. Gasoline increased fractionally but crude oil rose from 1,444 to 1,626 cars. Iron and steel manufactures moved in 2,078 carloads compared with 1,721 in the same period of 1949. Autos and trucks totalled 1,417 carloads against 1,361. Woodpulp and paper produced 4,571 cars, or 469 more than last year. Other manufactures and miscellaneous supplied 6,474 cars, up 698 carloads.

The main declines were in products of farm, garden and orchard. Grain dropped from 10,909 to 8,104 cars with a late harvest adversely affected by early frost. Vegetables were off from 1,410 to 845 cars and other agricultural products down 806 cars to 816. Live stock, reflecting price drops, decreased sharply at 1,877 cars against 2,724 last year. Dairy products totalled 90 cars, off from 237. Coal and coke were both lower with coal down 903 carloads to 7,262 for the week. L.C.L. merchandise grossed 18,353 cars compared to 18,834 one year earlier.

Receipts from foreign connections were heavier again at 35,312 cars against 30,834 in the same week of 1949.

Despite the 9-day rail strike towards the end of August, cumulative totals for the 40 weeks of the current year show 2,926,282 cars loaded, down only 61,530 from the similar period of 1949. Foreign receipts at 1,236,825 cars compare favourably with 1,230,949 cars to October 8th last year and should be encouraged by the recent freeing of Canadian currency and easing of import restrictions.

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(Adjusted for seasonal variations and holidays)

(Average 1935-1939 = 100)

Week	TOTAL FOR CANADA		EASTERN DIVISION		WESTERN DIVISION	
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
33	167.3	157.9	176.4	155.4	151.4	162.1
34	✓ 36.5	166.7	✓ 43.5	161.2	✓ 25.3	175.4
35	✓ 91.4	163.1	✓ 96.8	155.4	✓ 82.5	175.8
36	169.4	159.7	176.7	158.0	157.8	162.3
37	168.5	164.6	175.5	158.2	156.5	175.7
38	171.3	163.1	176.0	160.2	163.3	168.1
39	168.8	166.3	176.1	163.1	157.1	171.4
40	162.5	162.1	169.2	157.9	151.6	169.1

	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		
	To				To				To				To			To			To		
	Oct. 7 1950	Sept. 30 1950	Sept. 23 1950	Oct. 8 1949	Oct. 7 1950	Sept. 30 1950	Sept. 23 1950	Oct. 8 1949	Oct. 7 1950	Sept. 30 1950	Sept. 23 1950	Oct. 8 1949	Oct. 7 1950	Oct. 8 1949	Oct. 9 1948	Oct. 7 1950	Oct. 8 1949	Oct. 9 1948	Oct. 7 1950	Oct. 8 1949	Oct. 9 1948
1. Grain	8,104	8,620	7,665	10,909	1,656	1,586	1,371	2,033	6,448	7,034	6,294	8,876	212,840	280,153	232,712	56,673	57,311	53,254	156,167	222,842	179,458
2. Grain Products	2,885	3,023	2,825	2,880	1,416	1,617	1,544	1,440	1,469	1,406	1,281	1,440	91,897	99,272	109,713	47,907	55,645	61,327	43,990	43,627	48,386
3. Hay and Straw	308	317	244	533	215	199	162	232	93	118	82	301	9,711	10,148	15,637	5,803	5,488	8,656	3,908	4,660	6,981
4. Fruits, fresh	506	557	792	576	169	167	318	144	337	390	474	432	10,546	12,554	13,458	3,066	4,106	5,463	7,480	8,448	7,995
5. Vegetables, fresh or green	845	1,048	1,070	1,410	715	914	908	1,239	130	134	162	171	28,010	27,467	27,657	25,005	23,819	23,761	3,005	3,648	3,896
6. Other Agricultural Products	816	394	173	1,422	182	97	115	201	634	297	58	1,221	7,414	10,225	8,950	4,968	6,033	5,032	2,446	4,192	3,918
7. Live Stock	1,877	2,197	2,236	2,724	644	913	733	803	1,233	1,284	1,503	1,921	62,394	66,115	84,812	23,942	26,638	34,222	38,452	39,477	50,590
8. Butter, Cheese, Eggs	90	102	118	237	44	54	50	156	46	48	68	81	4,314	5,039	6,098	2,219	2,579	2,995	2,095	2,460	3,103
9. Fresh Meats & Packing House Products (edible)	445	444	472	539	188	174	170	195	257	270	302	344	16,884	17,399	20,356	6,713	6,182	6,930	10,171	11,217	13,426
10. Other Packing House Products	69	39	47	54	42	18	21	32	27	21	26	22	1,781	1,491	2,339	1,029	792	1,407	752	699	932
11. Other Animal Products	115	98	103	148	95	74	73	123	20	24	30	25	3,651	3,628	5,089	2,474	2,623	3,737	1,177	1,005	1,352
12. Coal	7,262	7,081	7,028	8,165	3,972	3,953	3,987	4,498	3,290	3,128	3,041	3,667	232,303	226,634	235,169	137,394	135,448	139,183	94,909	91,186	95,986
13. Coke	688	753	688	752	615	679	605	617	73	74	83	135	26,303	22,895	25,254	22,538	19,026	22,464	3,765	3,869	2,790
14. Ores and Concentrates	5,322	4,768	5,149	3,657	3,318	2,703	3,223	2,742	2,004	2,065	1,926	1,415	134,011	130,335	119,043	88,911	84,845	81,387	45,100	45,490	37,656
15. Base Bullion, Matte, Pig & Ingot (non-ferrous metals)	541	566	612	487	373	386	365	325	168	180	247	162	20,897	19,317	18,984	13,919	13,201	14,256	6,978	6,116	4,728
16. Sand, Stone, Gravel, Plaster, Lime Brick, Cement, Sewer pipe, Tile	5,472	5,487	5,515	4,920	4,001	4,025	3,919	3,708	1,471	1,462	1,596	1,212	166,642	172,716	176,933	120,763	128,339	131,112	45,879	44,377	45,821
17. Other Mine Products	2,110	2,204	2,032	1,940	1,912	1,806	1,753	1,744	198	308	279	196	65,571	54,451	59,597	58,852	48,197	53,086	6,719	6,254	6,511
18. Logs, Piling, Cordwood	1,183	1,217	1,353	1,062	317	317	318	260	866	900	1,035	802	38,927	40,449	42,980	12,557	15,998	19,244	26,370	24,451	23,736
19. Pulpwood	3,268	3,325	3,462	2,193	3,080	3,008	3,161	1,944	188	317	301	249	129,368	147,399	217,702	109,687	121,963	181,507	19,681	25,436	36,195
20. Lumber, Lath, Shingles	5,689	6,094	6,228	4,134	3,659	3,787	3,911	2,525	2,030	2,307	2,317	1,609	172,094	136,415	161,184	104,040	78,779	96,650	68,654	57,636	64,534
21. Other Forest Products	487	506	528	465	371	409	405	327	116	97	123	138	17,302	19,821	23,791	13,226	13,772	19,190	4,076	6,049	4,601
22. Gasoline, Petroleum Oils & Pds.	4,602	4,742	4,920	4,545	3,515	3,526	3,507	3,106	1,087	1,216	1,413	1,439	166,274	178,458	171,549	122,774	107,639	109,779	43,500	70,819	61,770
23. Crude Oil	1,626	1,504	1,342	1,444	4	4	4	8	1,622	1,500	1,338	1,436	49,947	21,588	No. 22	213	291	No. 22	49,734	21,297	No. 22
24. Sugar	422	450	388	435	261	313	303	270	161	117	85	165	13,404	14,345	13,433	8,872	9,417	9,330	4,532	4,928	4,103
25. Iron & Steel Pds.(manufactured)	2,078	2,092	2,125	1,721	1,733	1,876	1,867	1,553	345	216	258	168	69,329	69,094	65,337	62,941	63,577	59,448	6,388	5,517	5,889
26. Implements, Tractors Machinery, Boilers	495	534	532	507	351	393	398	362	144	141	134	145	28,108	31,069	32,187	21,285	23,466	22,912	6,823	7,603	9,275
27. Autos, Trucks and Parts	1,417	1,492	1,643	1,381	1,343	1,279	1,505	1,202	74	113	138	99	55,749	43,539	35,920	52,229	40,855	33,753	3,520	2,704	2,167
28. Fertilizers	543	582	581	509	246	269	234	240	297	313	347	260	28,533	28,419	30,470	17,666	18,291	19,771	10,867	10,128	10,699
29. Woodpulp and Paper	4,571	4,649	4,411	4,102	4,016	4,086	3,882	3,651	555	563	529	471	172,341	155,726	169,735	150,280	136,095	148,016	22,061	19,631	21,719
30. Canned Food Products	610	721	827	641	457	518	575	462	153	203	252	179	18,460	15,392	14,512	13,683	11,199	10,102	4,777	4,193	4,410
31. Other Products of Manufactures and Miscellaneous	6,474	6,692	6,750	5,776	5,151	5,321	5,419	4,493	1,323	1,301	1,331	1,283	216,467	209,127	222,817	175,764	167,384	180,282	40,703	41,743	42,535
32. Merchandise, L.C.L.	18,353	18,698	18,448	18,834	13,517	13,868	13,493	13,540	4,836	4,830	4,955	5,294	654,210	717,132	722,643	473,617	509,341	505,905	180,593	207,791	216,738
33. Total Revenue Cars Loaded	89,273	90,976	90,307	89,082	57,578	58,599	58,299	53,724	31,695	32,377	32,008	35,358	2,926,282	2,987,812	3,086,061	1,961,010	1,938,319	2,064,161	965,272	1,049,493	1,021,900
34. Received from Connections	35,312	36,131	35,419	30,834	32,333	33,167	32,683	27,357	2,919	2,964	2,736	2,877	1,236,825	1,230,949	1,377,058	1,135,896	1,125,823	1,249,691	100,929	105,126	127,367



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