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CAR LOADINGS
(Fifth week ended February 4, 1950)

Car loadings of revenue freight reported for the week ended February 4th increased to 67,737 cars from 64,053 cars in the previous week but were still 5,051 cars or 6.9 p.c. under the 5th period of last year. Track blockages again delayed movement in British Columbia where snowslides were frequent. Western division loadings were thus 20,105 cars against 24,935 cars one year earlier, while the eastern region from the Head of the Lakes to Newfoundland totalled 47,632, down only fractionally from the 47,853 cars reported for the 5th week of 1949.

Declines in national totals were registered in grain off from 5,156 cars to 3,169 cars, and in fruit, vegetables, ores, building materials, logs down from 1,158 to 643 cars, pulpwood at 4,384 cars compared with 7,004 cars in the same week of last year, and in L.C.L. merchandise which dropped from 17,510 to 15,928 cars.

Increased loadings were reported for grain products, live stock up from 1,248 to 1,392 cars, fuels, base bullion, other mine products, gasoline and petroleum at 4,810 cars against 4,339, sugar, iron and steel, autos and trucks which jumped from 786 to 1,328 cars, and in canned food products. The drop in western division was severe in grain at 1,874 cars compared with 4,214 cars in the corresponding week of 1949, and pulpwood sagged from 1,767 to 1,006 cars and lumber was off from 1,359 to 1,019 cars.

Receipts from foreign connections continued considerably below last year's level due in part to coal strikes in the United States, where total car loadings for the first four weeks of the current year were 15.9 p.c. below the same period of 1949. In the same comparison Canadian loadings were down 13.8 p.c. Receipts from connections to February 4th were 139,215 cars this year as against 158,128 cars in the first 5 weeks of 1949 and 171,250 cars in 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
50	158.5	161.3	160.9	169.3	154.3	147.3
51	143.8	193.9	147.2	193.7	137.7	194.3
52	159.3	170.2	169.6	174.3	138.9	162.3
	1950	1949	1950	1949	1950	1949
1	152.4	144.8	164.8	150.0	131.8	136.4
2	142.8	164.0	149.7	163.4	130.5	165.0
3	138.1	155.5	146.7	157.9	122.1	151.0
4	140.7	158.6	155.4	162.0	113.6	152.2
5	151.8	163.0	160.5	161.1	134.5	166.8

	T O T A L				EASTERN DIVISION				WESTERN DIVISION				Cumulative Totals from First Week of Year to Date								
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	Week Ended				Week Ended				Week Ended				To			To			To		
	Feb. 4 1950	Jan. 28 1950	Jan. 21 1950	Feb. 5 1949	Feb. 4 1950	Jan. 28 1950	Jan. 21 1950	Feb. 5 1949	Feb. 4 1950	Jan. 28 1950	Jan. 21 1950	Feb. 5 1949	Feb. 4 1950	Feb. 5 1949	Feb. 7 1948	Feb. 4 1950	Feb. 5 1949	Feb. 7 1948	Feb. 4 1950	Feb. 5 1949	Feb. 7 1948
1. Grain	3,169	3,018	3,800	5,156	1,295	1,244	1,510	942	1,874	1,774	2,290	4,214	18,593	31,854	31,495	6,575	5,033	6,532	12,018	26,821	24,983
2. Grain Products	2,328	2,094	2,235	2,271	1,257	1,143	1,189	1,554	1,071	951	1,046	937	10,529	11,329	14,655	5,596	6,410	7,746	4,933	4,919	6,909
3. Hay and Straw	416	504	264	531	259	191	162	169	157	113	102	162	1,459	1,835	2,686	921	1,343	1,773	538	492	915
4. Fruits, fresh	296	221	275	557	79	49	45	87	217	172	230	270	1,493	1,765	1,061	509	345	301	984	1,420	760
5. Vegetables, fresh or green	847	886	855	913	797	859	821	829	50	27	34	84	4,212	4,165	4,377	4,044	3,793	3,923	168	372	454
6. Other Agricultural Products	282	189	210	266	224	156	154	200	58	53	56	66	1,057	1,261	1,479	806	956	605	251	305	874
7. Live Stock	1,392	1,555	1,522	1,248	582	543	560	503	810	812	962	745	7,439	7,791	11,634	2,754	3,090	3,976	4,685	4,701	7,658
8. Butter, Cheese, Eggs	71	71	80	57	41	46	53	41	30	25	27	16	435	572	1,052	286	385	527	149	187	525
9. Fresh Meats & Packing House Products (edible)	435	437	504	433	180	156	182	153	255	281	322	280	2,547	2,205	2,975	963	605	902	1,584	1,600	2,073
10. Other Packing House Products	57	41	37	44	38	25	16	28	19	16	21	16	258	191	327	164	103	147	94	88	180
11. Other Animal Products	93	106	122	82	75	69	56	62	18	37	66	20	514	471	632	333	341	471	181	130	161
12. Coal	7,390	6,899	7,012	7,562	3,438	3,626	3,369	3,324	3,952	3,273	3,643	4,038	34,234	35,674	27,686	16,385	16,544	15,041	17,849	19,130	12,645
13. Coke	769	767	728	613	628	681	624	506	141	86	104	107	3,532	3,234	2,295	3,027	2,821	2,125	505	413	170
14. Ores and Concentrates	2,255	2,042	2,056	2,435	1,581	1,562	1,400	1,687	654	680	656	748	10,496	12,453	10,240	7,097	8,913	6,571	3,399	3,540	3,669
15. Base Bullion, Matte, Pig & Ingot (non-ferrous metals)	656	456	510	466	530	324	348	291	126	132	162	175	2,475	2,161	2,520	1,731	1,528	1,983	744	633	537
16. Sand, Stone, Gravel, Plaster, Lime Brick, Cement, Sewer pipe, Tile	2,279	2,375	2,350	2,575	1,660	1,753	1,773	1,893	619	622	577	682	11,422	12,473	12,130	8,647	9,443	9,257	2,775	3,030	2,873
17. Other Mine Products	1,470	1,244	1,288	1,083	1,375	1,148	1,199	972	95	96	89	111	6,367	6,751	5,551	5,915	6,237	4,935	452	514	616
18. Logs, Piling, Cordwood	643	517	419	1,158	415	319	249	795	228	198	170	363	2,245	5,212	5,824	1,354	3,076	2,664	891	2,136	3,160
19. Pulpwood	4,384	3,922	3,078	7,004	3,378	2,966	2,076	5,237	1,006	956	1,002	1,767	17,120	27,647	33,965	12,837	20,951	26,659	4,283	6,696	7,306
20. Lumber, Lath, Shingles	2,963	2,539	2,638	2,912	1,944	1,778	1,722	1,553	1,019	761	916	1,359	12,455	13,653	18,286	8,209	7,667	10,030	4,246	5,986	8,256
21. Other Forest Products	322	295	305	363	259	265	257	285	63	28	48	78	1,421	2,044	2,495	1,208	1,675	2,119	213	369	376
22. Gasoline, Petroleum Oils & Pdts.	3,868	3,881	3,804	4,339	3,135	3,112	3,069	2,555	733	769	735	1,784	18,899	20,979	18,486	15,031	13,109	14,058	3,868	7,870	4,428
23. Crude Oil	942	781	775	No. 22	7	2	6	No. 22	935	779	769	No. 22	4,188	Included	in No. 22	25	Included	in No. 22	4,163	Included	in No. 22
24. Sugar	278	227	204	198	181	148	130	123	97	79	74	75	1,102	1,161	1,016	680	616	680	422	345	336
25. Iron & Steel Pdts. (manufactured)	1,863	1,710	1,673	1,781	1,778	1,627	1,595	1,699	85	83	78	82	8,302	8,824	7,672	7,890	8,386	7,226	412	438	446
26. Implements, Tractors Machinery, Boilers	636	518	517	677	535	428	434	552	101	90	83	125	2,624	3,490	3,510	2,190	2,860	2,731	434	630	779
27. Autos, Trucks and Parts	1,328	1,636	1,315	786	1,255	1,576	1,270	746	73	60	45	40	6,520	4,037	4,019	6,243	3,758	3,798	277	279	221
28. Fertilizers	603	604	539	763	493	461	346	407	110	143	193	356	2,776	3,365	4,360	1,935	1,882	2,776	841	1,483	1,584
29. Woodpulp and Paper	4,658	4,603	4,431	4,670	4,056	4,037	3,866	4,120	602	566	565	550	21,834	22,298	21,856	19,035	19,489	18,941	2,799	2,809	2,915
30. Canned Food Products	485	384	385	224	374	320	312	184	111	64	73	40	1,832	1,318	1,485	1,471	1,021	1,113	361	297	372
31. Other Products of Manufactures and Miscellaneous	4,653	4,550	4,752	4,711	4,003	3,959	4,104	4,004	650	591	648	707	22,713	24,204	25,286	19,565	20,462	21,244	3,148	3,742	4,042
32. Merchandise, L.C.L.	15,926	15,363	15,386	17,510	11,780	11,527	11,367	12,572	4,146	3,836	4,019	4,938	74,893	86,243	85,287	55,225	62,284	60,401	19,668	23,959	24,886
33. Total Revenue Cars Loaded	67,737	64,033	64,069	72,788	47,632	45,880	44,264	47,853	20,105	18,153	19,805	24,935	315,986	360,660	366,347	218,651	235,326	241,255	97,335	125,334	125,087
34. Received from Connections	28,971	29,123	28,892	32,176	26,645	27,113	27,100	29,278	2,326	2,010	1,792	2,898	139,215	158,128	171,250	129,626	145,226	154,794	9,589	12,902	16,456

