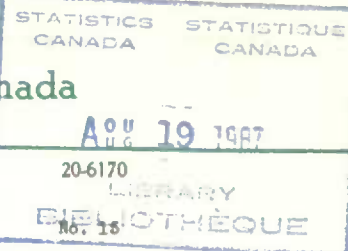


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CAR LOADINGS

(Fifteenth week ended April 14, 1951)

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The volume of freight loadings in the week of April 14th continued remarkably steady with the Canada total at 79,737 cars against 79,754 cars in the previous week. However, the advance over the 15th period of last year with 89,072 cars aggregated an impressive 10,665 cars or 15.4 p.c. Easter Monday occurred in the 15th week of 1950. The Eastern division reported 54,199 cars loaded during the week under review, the exact number as in the preceding week but a gain of 8,884 cars over the corresponding period of 1950 as coal, ores, building products, pulpwood, lumber, iron and steel, and autos posted splendid increases in the region. The western division showed 25,538 cars loaded against 25,757 cars one year earlier, up 7.5 p.c. with the grain and forest products movements much more active.

Receipts from foreign connections brought 56,059 cars or 4,257 cars more than in the same week last year for an increase of 13.4 p.c.

The national totals show grain up from 5,664 to 7,295 cars while grain products improved 203 cars over 1950 to 2,727 cars. Fresh meats increased from 371 to 411 cars. Coal shipments totalled 5,523 carloads, a gain of 1,117 cars all in the east. Ores and concentrates rose from 2,579 to 2,901 cars. Construction materials at 4,558 carloads improved by 983 cars. Other mine products were up 520 cars to 1,651. The forestry group continued buoyant with 5,657 cars of pulpwood loaded against 1,270 cars one year ago while lumber shipped totalled 4,173 cars, up 928 cars. Sugar advanced from 170 to 299 cars. Iron and steel demand continued strong with 2,254 carloads moving compared to 1,655 cars in the 15th period last year. Implements improved while autos and trucks shipments sparked by the Budget changes and strong demand, climbed from 1,512 to 2,101 carloads. Woodpulp and paper increased 373 cars to 5,089 for the week. Other manufactures at 6,525 cars compare with 5,069 cars one year earlier, a gain of 1,456 cars or over 28 p.c. L.C.L. merchandise amounted to 18,716 cars or 509 cars above last year.

The tight car situation has shown a little improvement with a reduction from mid-March in Canadian cars on foreign lines but the April 16th report on Freight Car Locations shows the number of cars owned by the reporting railways as 170,064 against 175,159 cars one year earlier. With the volume of loadings considerably above last year, deliveries of new box cars are urgent.

Cumulative loadings to April 14th totalled 1,121,419 cars against 1,027,544 cars in the same period last year (up 9.2 p.c.), and compare with 1,080,969 cars in the first 15 weeks of 1949. Receipts from foreign connections rose from 450,480 cars last year to 545,245 cars in the current cumulative.

INDEX NUMBERS

(Adjusted for seasonal variations and holidays)
(Average 1955-1959 = 100)

Week	TOTAL FOR CANADA		EASTERN DIVISION		WESTERN DIVISION	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
8	165.1	151.8	174.1	155.1	148.2	149.5
9	164.2	155.5	176.4	156.2	141.4	153.6
10	156.7	148.8	172.9	149.4	125.1	147.7
11	161.7	156.6	175.8	158.5	137.9	155.2
12	159.2	162.5	175.1	164.1	132.1	158.9
13	169.5	155.8	177.6	157.8	154.0	151.9
14	170.6	150.2	178.2	148.9	156.5	152.9
15	168.3	145.7	175.2	146.4	155.3	144.5

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Price per year \$1.50

Prepared in Transportation Section

	TOTAL				EASTERN DIVISION				WESTERN DIVISION				Cumulative Totals from First Week of Year to Date								
													TOTAL			EASTERN DIVISION			WESTERN DIVISION		
	Week Ended				Week Ended				Week Ended				To			To			To		
	April 14 1951	April 7 1951	March 31 1951	April 15 1950	April 14 1951	April 7 1951	March 31 1951	April 15 1950	April 14 1951	April 7 1951	March 31 1951	April 15 1950	April 14 1951	April 15 1950	April 16 1949	April 14 1951	April 15 1950	April 16 1949	April 14 1951	April 15 1950	April 16 1949
1. Grain	7,295	7,097	5,490	5,664	1,118	1,289	1,270	1,039	6,177	5,808	4,220	4,625	79,447	69,679	96,915	15,899	19,580	16,662	63,548	50,099	80,253
2. Grain Products	2,727	2,794	2,868	2,524	1,356	1,383	1,439	1,324	1,571	1,411	1,429	1,200	41,817	36,763	34,894	22,146	19,843	19,214	19,671	16,920	15,680
3. Hay and Straw	140	223	269	327	95	164	193	219	47	59	76	108	4,114	5,569	4,805	3,110	3,208	3,193	1,004	2,361	1,612
4. Fruits, fresh	213	235	307	252	43	41	42	59	170	194	265	193	4,162	5,493	3,552	689	1,118	939	3,473	4,375	2,613
5. Vegetables, fresh or green	879	848	855	1,068	806	753	758	991	73	95	97	77	12,582	13,982	13,776	11,529	13,065	12,451	1,053	917	1,325
6. Other Agricultural Products	163	178	236	146	127	120	182	129	36	58	54	17	3,437	3,263	3,157	2,452	2,539	2,402	985	724	755
7. Live Stock	1,400	1,329	1,490	1,577	596	528	525	728	804	801	965	849	18,321	22,543	23,341	6,963	8,730	9,940	11,358	13,813	13,401
8. Butter, Cheese, Eggs	85	86	88	75	54	46	37	37	51	40	51	38	1,448	1,253	1,254	638	814	760	810	439	494
9. Fresh Meats & Packing House Products (edible)	411	420	593	371	201	203	186	165	210	217	207	206	5,878	6,688	6,165	2,605	2,605	1,940	3,275	4,083	4,225
10. Other Packing House Products	41	54	67	37	34	33	52	23	7	21	15	14	748	717	534	511	436	296	237	281	238
11. Other Animal Products	74	136	113	94	58	109	90	39	16	27	23	55	1,507	1,349	1,324	1,170	878	940	337	471	384
12. Coal	5,323	4,677	5,556	4,206	3,531	2,832	3,157	2,126	1,792	1,845	2,399	2,080	86,512	96,779	89,620	46,675	49,793	43,902	59,837	46,986	45,718
13. Coke	588	620	565	585	487	522	491	494	101	98	74	91	9,505	10,567	9,538	8,129	9,001	8,314	1,376	1,566	1,224
14. Ores and Concentrates	2,901	2,388	2,153	2,379	2,183	1,774	1,454	1,646	718	614	699	733	34,513	33,426	36,307	23,734	22,767	26,134	10,779	10,659	10,173
15. Base Bullion, Matte, Pig & Ingot (non-ferrous metals)	607	655	644	541	354	430	460	373	253	205	184	168	8,374	7,131	6,701	5,604	4,820	4,648	2,770	2,311	2,053
16. Sand, Stone, Gravel, Plaster, Lime Brick, Cement, Sewer pipe, Tile	4,558	4,120	3,623	3,575	3,464	3,271	2,825	2,567	1,094	849	798	1,008	47,955	41,030	44,786	36,816	30,147	33,872	11,139	10,883	10,914
17. Other Mine Products	1,631	1,760	1,555	1,311	1,478	1,615	1,404	1,202	153	145	151	109	24,528	18,942	16,538	22,591	17,285	14,779	1,937	1,657	1,759
18. Logs, Piling, Cordwood	1,066	1,114	1,017	1,012	307	363	500	307	759	751	517	705	14,529	11,805	15,983	7,534	5,974	9,199	6,995	5,831	6,784
19. Pulpwood	3,637	4,973	6,159	1,270	3,126	3,917	4,650	1,068	511	1,056	1,509	202	89,300	50,698	76,372	64,236	36,720	57,792	25,064	13,978	18,580
20. Lumber, Lath, Shingles	4,173	4,257	4,364	3,245	2,231	2,415	2,273	1,889	1,942	1,842	2,091	1,356	59,267	47,612	43,393	31,914	27,783	24,259	27,353	19,829	19,134
21. Other Forest Products	440	376	401	324	376	315	326	261	64	61	75	63	5,457	5,085	6,310	4,300	4,041	4,939	1,157	1,044	1,371
22. Gasoline, Petroleum Oils & Pds.	3,618	3,837	4,380	3,780	2,743	2,948	3,384	2,944	875	889	996	836	63,781	56,647	63,556	51,761	45,569	36,835	12,020	11,078	26,721
23. Crude Oil	305	373	480	1,193	3	6	3	5	302	367	477	1,188	5,910	17,431	No. 22	62	101	No. 22	5,848	17,330	No. 22
24. Sugar	299	484	265	170	172	283	181	116	127	201	84	54	3,953	3,410	4,909	2,509	2,205	3,629	1,444	1,205	1,280
25. Iron & Steel Pds. (manufactured)	2,234	2,355	2,575	1,655	2,064	2,195	2,392	1,520	170	160	183	135	32,732	25,667	28,145	30,613	24,154	26,437	2,119	1,513	1,708
26. Implements, Tractors Machinery, Boilers	1,036	1,006	860	975	756	699	655	719	280	307	205	256	10,869	10,513	12,653	8,757	8,357	9,984	2,112	2,156	2,669
27. Autos, Trucks and Parts	2,101	1,891	1,845	1,312	2,015	1,744	1,703	1,235	86	147	142	77	24,772	21,962	15,561	23,606	20,776	14,685	1,166	1,186	876
28. Fertilizers	1,062	918	757	1,062	601	611	506	709	461	307	251	353	11,991	12,754	13,068	7,905	7,632	8,286	4,086	5,122	4,782
29. Woodpulp and Paper	5,089	5,161	5,465	4,716	4,447	4,499	4,771	4,108	642	662	694	608	77,809	69,787	64,522	67,726	60,928	56,194	10,083	8,859	8,328
30. Canned Food Products	400	420	432	350	311	324	338	276	89	96	94	74	6,457	5,710	4,208	5,177	4,458	3,318	1,280	1,252	890
31. Other Products of Manufactures and Miscellaneous	6,525	6,430	6,360	5,069	5,462	5,399	5,470	4,174	1,063	1,051	890	895	84,187	70,793	72,118	71,619	60,042	60,762	12,568	10,751	11,356
32. Merchandise, L.C.L.	18,716	18,539	17,586	18,207	13,602	13,368	13,005	12,823	5,114	5,171	4,581	5,384	245,557	242,296	266,964	183,079	174,995	190,019	62,478	67,301	76,945
33. Total Revenue Cars Loaded	79,737	79,734	79,218	69,072	54,199	54,199	54,722	45,315	25,538	25,535	24,496	23,757	1,121,419	1,027,344	1,080,969	772,059	690,364	706,724	349,360	336,980	374,245
34. Received from Connections	36,059	37,893	37,892	31,802	33,196	34,818	34,718	29,129	2,863	3,075	3,174	2,673	545,245	450,480	478,326	505,545	414,325	437,506	39,700	36,155	40,820

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