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(Seventeenth week ended April 28, 1951)

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The most active 17th week in car loading history was reported as the total for the period ended April 28th soared to 85,825 cars, an increase of 8,542 cars or 11.3 p.c. over the corresponding week of 1950, and up 3,944 over the preceding week of the current year. The previous record was 76,053 cars shown for the 17th week of 1947. Eastern loadings improved from 50,448 cars last year to 55,497, a gain of 10 p.c. or 5,049 cars while the western division, spurred by a spectacular jump in grain loadings, advanced from 24,833 to 28,326 cars. The Manitoba floods in April of 1950 had restricted local loadings considerably. Receipts from foreign connections totalled 35,504 cars or 3,634 cars above the same week last year. Recent volume of loadings in the United States has been pushing into new high territory.

Gains in the Canada totals include grain up from 5,447 cars in 1950 to 9,883 cars in the period under review, grain products, and fresh meats at 505 cars against 421 cars last year. Ores and concentrates improved from 3,250 to 3,879 cars while building products increased 360 cars to 5,018 and other mine products rose from 1,798 to 1,857 cars. Forestry items continued to boom with logs up from 991 cars to 1,114, pulpwood climbing to 3,225 cars from 1,504 one year earlier, lumber at 4,190 cars against 3,583 cars and other forest products 38 cars heavier at 422 cars. Woodpulp and paper totalled 4,912 carloads for the week, an increase of 347 cars. Gasoline and petroleum products at 3,883 cars improved by 87 cars. The heavy industries were very active with iron and steel producing 2,212 carloads up from 2,002, while implements improved 20 carloads and automobiles and parts amounted to 1,755 carloads against 1,364 cars one year ago. Fertilizers and canned goods advanced. Miscellaneous manufactures posted a gain of 885 cars to total 6,498 for the week. L.C.L. merchandise was up from 18,434 to 18,760 cars.

Improvement for the week was widespread and only 12 of the 32 commodity groups showed declines. Hay and straw, vegetables, livestock down from 1,813 to 1,592 cars, coal off from 5,462 to 5,073 cars, coke, and crude oil down sharply, due to the pipeline, from 1,327 to 258 carloads, were the principal decreases.

Cumulative loadings at Canadian stations for the first 17 weeks show a new record of 1,285,121 cars shipped compared with 1,174,550 cars in the similar period last year, 1,228,907 in 1949, and 1,251,412 cars, the previous peak in 1948. Receipts from foreign connections rose from 515,394 cars last year to 615,234 cars in the current period, an advance of no less than 100,840 cars, reflecting greatly increased intransit movements and American imports to Canada.

INDEX NUMBERS

(Adjusted for seasonal variations and holidays)

(Average 1935-1939 = 100)

Week	TOTAL FOR CANADA		EASTERN DIVISION		WESTERN DIVISION	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
10	156.7	148.8	172.9	149.4	125.1	147.7
11	161.7	156.6	175.8	158.3	137.9	153.2
12	159.2	162.3	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
16	x 169.2	152.4	x 175.7	155.7	157.5	146.4
17	177.0	159.0	180.3	163.7	170.9	149.3

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Price per year \$1.50

Prepared in the Transportation Section.

	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		
	April 28	April 21	April 14	April 29	April 28	April 21	April 14	April 29	April 28	April 21	April 14	April 29	To			To			To		
	1951	1951	1951	1950	1951	1951	1951	1950	1951	1951	1951	1950	1951	1950	1949	1951	1950	1949	1951	1950	1949
1. Grain	9,889	7,990	7,295	5,447	1,538	1,243	1,118	834	8,351	6,747	6,177	4,613	97,326	80,996	113,273	18,680	21,166	21,460	78,646	59,830	91,813
2. Grain Products	3,096	2,760	2,727	2,634	1,703	1,392	1,356	1,429	1,393	1,368	1,371	1,205	47,673	42,045	40,346	25,241	22,685	22,410	22,432	19,360	17,936
3. Hay and Straw	93	133	140	275	70	93	93	205	23	40	47	70	4,340	6,185	5,204	3,273	3,658	3,436	1,067	2,527	1,768
4. Fruits, fresh	294	283	213	293	67	43	43	63	227	240	170	230	4,739	6,018	3,775	799	1,220	1,015	3,940	4,798	2,760
5. Vegetables, fresh or green	1,008	968	879	1,195	930	911	806	1,127	78	57	73	68	14,558	16,124	15,782	13,370	15,045	14,305	1,188	1,079	1,477
6. Other Agricultural Products	128	133	163	160	101	110	127	135	27	23	36	25	3,698	3,572	3,472	2,663	2,799	2,651	1,035	773	821
7. Live Stock	1,392	1,389	1,400	1,813	598	608	596	787	794	781	804	1,026	21,102	26,076	26,511	8,169	10,243	11,402	12,933	15,833	15,109
8. Butter, Cheese, Eggs	97	72	85	103	39	34	54	54	58	38	31	49	1,617	1,425	1,449	711	901	843	906	524	606
9. Fresh Meats & Packing House Products (edible)	505	427	411	421	244	201	201	182	261	226	210	239	6,810	7,530	7,008	3,050	2,979	2,227	3,760	4,551	4,781
10. Other Packing House Products	26	27	41	45	12	12	34	19	14	15	7	26	801	803	636	535	472	363	266	331	273
11. Other Animal Products	113	81	74	132	87	72	58	91	26	9	16	41	1,701	1,542	1,523	1,329	1,007	1,098	372	535	425
12. Coal	5,073	4,914	5,323	5,462	3,501	3,370	3,531	3,472	1,572	1,544	1,792	1,990	96,499	106,747	97,853	53,546	56,121	49,523	42,953	50,626	48,330
13. Coke	497	586	588	639	385	485	487	523	112	101	101	116	10,588	11,848	10,601	8,999	10,049	9,218	1,589	1,799	1,383
14. Ores and Concentrates	3,879	3,180	2,901	3,250	2,758	2,371	2,183	2,181	1,121	809	718	1,069	41,572	38,984	42,550	28,863	26,673	30,542	12,709	12,311	12,008
15. Base Bullion, Matte, Pig & Ingot (non-ferrous metals)	555	501	607	557	404	325	354	368	151	176	253	189	9,430	8,112	7,653	6,333	5,446	5,256	3,097	2,666	2,397
16. Sand, Stone, Gravel, Plaster, Lime Brick, Cement, Sewer pipe, Tile	5,018	4,625	4,558	4,658	3,824	3,388	3,464	3,514	1,194	1,237	1,094	1,144	57,598	50,004	53,658	44,028	36,910	40,746	13,570	13,094	12,912
17. Other Mine Products	1,857	2,080	1,631	1,798	1,699	1,933	1,478	1,666	158	147	153	132	28,465	22,257	18,682	26,223	20,339	16,673	2,242	1,918	2,009
18. Logs, Piling, Cordwood	1,114	1,180	1,066	991	296	234	307	268	818	946	759	723	16,823	13,852	17,511	8,064	6,568	9,631	8,759	7,284	7,880
19. Pulpwood	3,225	2,987	3,637	1,504	2,939	2,659	3,126	1,396	286	328	511	108	95,512	53,414	80,087	69,834	39,194	61,067	25,678	14,220	19,020
20. Lumber, Lath, Shingles	4,190	4,183	4,173	3,583	2,294	2,314	2,231	2,075	1,896	1,869	1,942	1,508	67,640	54,747	49,189	36,522	31,931	27,470	31,118	22,816	21,719
21. Other Forest Products	422	344	440	384	352	292	376	292	70	52	64	92	6,223	5,851	7,217	4,944	4,634	5,537	1,279	1,217	1,680
22. Gasoline, Petroleum Oils & Pds.	3,883	3,798	3,618	3,796	2,803	2,752	2,743	2,728	1,080	1,046	875	1,068	71,462	64,319	73,598	57,316	51,201	41,544	14,146	13,118	32,054
23. Crude Oil	258	275	305	1,327	4	3	3	3	254	272	302	1,324	6,443	19,966	No. 22	69	109	No. 22	6,374	19,857	No. 22
24. Sugar	193	206	299	247	152	152	172	171	41	54	127	76	4,352	3,989	5,487	2,813	2,621	4,031	1,539	1,368	1,456
25. Iron & Steel Pds. (manufactured)	2,212	2,129	2,234	2,002	1,988	1,923	2,064	1,842	224	206	170	160	37,073	29,604	31,982	34,524	27,789	30,003	2,549	1,815	1,979
26. Implements, Tractors Machinery, Boilers	991	1,035	1,036	971	756	742	756	765	235	293	280	206	12,895	12,445	14,838	10,255	9,836	11,690	2,640	2,609	3,148
27. Autos, Trucks and Parts	1,755	1,834	2,101	1,364	1,690	1,759	2,015	1,317	65	75	86	47	28,361	24,655	18,203	27,055	23,305	17,135	1,306	1,350	1,068
28. Fertilizers	1,403	1,199	1,062	1,234	939	751	601	874	464	448	461	360	14,593	15,174	16,108	9,595	9,339	10,653	4,998	5,835	5,455
29. Woodpulp and Paper	4,912	5,058	5,089	4,565	4,285	4,385	4,447	3,987	627	653	642	578	87,759	78,869	72,451	76,396	68,798	63,233	11,363	10,071	9,218
30. Canned Food Products	487	454	400	384	549	284	311	303	138	150	89	81	7,378	6,462	4,915	5,810	5,041	3,831	1,568	1,421	1,084
31. Other Products of Manufactures and Miscellaneous	6,498	6,556	6,525	5,613	5,147	5,155	5,462	4,686	1,351	1,401	1,063	927	97,241	81,835	82,739	81,921	69,251	69,241	15,320	12,584	13,498
32. Merchandise, L.C.L.	18,760	18,532	18,716	18,454	13,543	13,494	13,602	13,091	5,217	5,038	5,114	5,343	282,849	279,100	304,606	210,116	200,891	216,349	72,733	78,209	88,257
33. Total Revenue Cars Loaded	83,823	79,879	79,737	75,281	55,497	53,490	54,199	50,448	28,326	26,389	25,538	24,833	1,285,121	1,174,550	1,228,907	881,046	788,221	804,583	404,075	386,329	424,324
34. Received from Connections	35,504	35,485	36,059	31,870	32,591	32,767	33,196	29,378	2,913	2,718	2,863	2,432	616,234	515,394	540,991	570,903	474,173	494,998	45,331	41,221	45,993

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