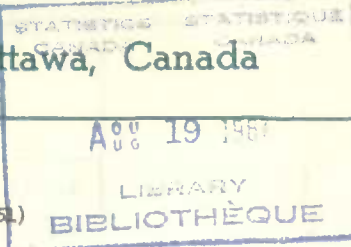


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## CAR LOADINGS

(Eighteenth week ended May 5, 1951)

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Revenue freight loadings during the 18th week ended May 5th continued at record levels to total 83,200 cars, an increase of 9,308 carloads or 12.6 p.c. over the corresponding period of 1950. In the preceding week of the current year a revised total of 83,862 cars were loaded. Western loadings were up from 23,235 cars last year to 27,841 in the week under review, a betterment of 4,546 cars with grain and grain products, building materials and forestry items featured in the advance. Eastern volume amounted to 55,559 cars or 4,762 cars above the 18th week of 1950. Grain, coal, building products, pulpwood, iron and steel, autos and paper continued to move in much greater volume than last year throughout the eastern area. Receipts from foreign connections during the week were a healthy 35,019 cars, some 9.8 p.c. or 3,126 cars above the corresponding week one year ago.

The commodity totals for the ten provinces show appreciable advances in grain up from 5,212 to 10,068 cars while grain products moved up from 2,370 to 5,021 carloads. (Wheat supplies held in Canada at the end of April totalled 285 million bushels compared with 191 million at the same time last year. Unfortunately, unusually large proportions of current supply are of low-grade, and marketing presents difficulties. Coarse grain holdings were also much higher.) Fruits and meats also moved in better volume. Building products amounted to 5,579 cars against 4,857. Forestry items posted considerable gains in pulpwood advancing 2,163 cars to 3,686 cars as world demand for paper appeared insatiable. Lumber at 3,983 cars rose 329 cars over loadings during the 18th period of 1950. Gasoline and petroleum oils moved up from 3,870 to 4,001 cars. The iron and steel plants contributed 2,255 carloads during the week against 1,902. Implements were also heavier while autos and trucks continued to pour off the assembly lines with 1,800 railway cars loaded compared to 1,124 cars last year. Fertilizers at 1,595 were up 207 carloads. The woodpulp and paper total was 4,853 cars or 524 cars above the similar period of 1950. Miscellaneous items totalled 8,496 cars against 5,652 while L.C.L. freight aggregated 18,113 cars, an increase of 2.3 p.c. or 411.

The principal declines were in hay and straw, vegetables, live stock off from 1,741 to 1,354 cars, coal, ores, bullion, crude oil down from 1,254 to 327 cars and in canned foods.

Minor flooding in some western areas did not seriously interfere with loadings there although brief embargoes were necessary.

Cumulative loadings to May 5th were 1,368,360 cars or 119,918 cars above the same weeks of 1950 while foreign connections supplied an additional 650,661 cars compared with 547,287 cars in the similar period of last year.

## 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
11	161.7	156.6	175.8	158.3	137.9	153.2
12	159.2	182.3	173.1	184.1	132.1	158.9
13	169.5	155.8	177.8	157.8	154.0	151.9
14	170.6	150.2	178.2	148.9	156.5	152.9
15	168.5	145.7	175.2	146.4	155.3	144.5
16	169.2	152.4	175.7	155.7	157.5	146.4
17	x 177.1	159.0	x 180.5	165.7	x 170.6	149.8
18	178.8	158.8	184.2	168.5	168.8	141.3

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Price per year \$1.50

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	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		
	To				To				To				To			To			To		
	May 5 1951	April 28 1951	April 21 1951	May 6 1950	May 5 1951	April 28 1951	April 21 1951	May 6 1950	May 5 1951	April 28 1951	April 21 1951	May 6 1950	May 5 1951	May 6 1950	May 7 1949	May 5 1951	May 6 1950	May 7 1949	May 5 1951	May 6 1950	May 7 1949
1. Grain	10,068	9,902	7,990	5,212	1,723	1,549	1,243	901	8,345	8,353	6,747	4,311	107,407	86,208	120,810	20,414	22,067	23,689	86,993	64,141	97,121
2. Grain Products	3,021	3,107	2,760	2,370	1,694	1,714	1,392	1,353	1,327	1,393	1,368	1,017	50,705	44,415	43,069	26,946	24,038	23,982	23,759	20,577	19,087
3. Hay and Straw	102	95	133	257	71	70	93	193	31	23	40	64	4,442	6,442	5,334	3,344	3,851	3,517	1,098	2,591	1,817
4. Fruits, fresh	233	300	283	159	48	67	43	55	185	233	240	104	4,978	6,177	3,824	847	1,275	1,042	4,131	4,902	2,782
5. Vegetables, fresh or green	880	1,003	968	1,081	819	925	911	1,029	61	78	57	52	15,433	17,205	16,424	14,184	16,074	14,919	1,249	1,131	1,505
6. Other Agricultural Products	118	129	133	128	96	102	110	103	22	27	23	25	3,817	3,700	3,629	2,780	2,902	2,798	1,057	798	831
7. Live Stock	1,354	1,394	1,389	1,741	566	600	608	755	788	794	781	986	22,458	27,817	27,904	8,737	10,998	12,098	13,721	16,819	15,806
8. Butter, Cheese, Eggs	90	97	72	120	36	39	34	40	54	58	38	80	1,707	1,545	1,564	747	941	900	980	604	664
9. Fresh Meats & Packing House Products (edible)	486	505	427	411	220	244	201	197	266	261	226	214	7,296	7,941	7,419	3,270	3,176	2,374	4,026	4,765	5,045
10. Other Packing House Products	29	26	27	37	15	12	12	24	14	14	15	13	830	840	672	550	496	379	280	344	293
11. Other Animal Products	90	113	81	125	56	87	72	74	34	26	9	51	1,791	1,667	1,622	1,385	1,081	1,152	406	586	470
12. Coal	5,256	5,073	4,914	5,543	3,928	3,501	3,370	3,765	1,328	1,572	1,544	1,778	101,755	112,290	102,225	57,474	59,886	52,653	44,281	52,404	49,572
13. Coke	536	505	586	582	436	393	485	489	100	112	101	93	11,132	12,430	11,201	9,443	10,538	9,735	1,689	1,892	1,466
14. Ores and Concentrates	3,292	3,847	3,180	3,439	2,212	2,750	2,371	2,523	1,080	1,097	809	916	44,832	42,423	46,185	31,067	29,196	32,987	13,765	13,227	13,198
15. Base Bullion, Matte, Pig & Ingot (non-ferrous metals)	540	555	501	615	362	404	325	403	178	151	176	212	9,970	8,727	8,250	6,695	5,849	5,681	3,275	2,878	2,569
16. Sand, Stone, Gravel, Plaster, Lime Brick, Cement, Sewer pipe, Tile	5,379	5,042	4,625	4,857	4,089	3,842	3,388	3,801	1,290	1,200	1,237	1,056	63,001	54,861	58,316	48,135	40,711	44,216	14,866	14,150	14,100
17. Other Mine Products	1,328	1,856	2,080	1,650	1,192	1,698	1,933	1,557	136	158	147	93	29,792	23,907	19,984	27,414	21,896	17,821	2,378	2,011	2,163
18. Logs, Piling, Cordwood	1,081	1,116	1,180	1,073	235	296	234	241	846	820	946	832	17,906	14,925	18,341	8,299	6,809	9,919	9,607	8,116	8,422
19. Pulpwood	3,686	3,225	2,987	1,523	3,485	2,939	2,659	1,452	201	286	328	71	99,198	54,937	81,951	73,319	40,646	62,763	25,879	14,291	19,188
20. Lumber, Lath, Shingles	3,983	4,169	4,183	3,654	2,147	2,291	2,314	2,182	1,856	1,878	1,869	1,472	71,602	58,401	52,350	38,666	34,113	29,263	32,936	24,288	23,087
21. Other Forest Products	445	431	344	461	371	354	292	396	74	77	52	65	6,677	6,312	7,717	5,317	5,030	5,877	1,360	1,282	1,840
22. Gasoline, Petroleum Oils & Pdts.	4,001	3,886	3,798	3,870	2,884	2,809	2,752	2,746	1,117	1,077	1,046	1,124	75,486	68,189	78,707	60,206	53,947	44,026	15,260	14,242	34,681
23. Crude Oil	327	258	275	1,234	3	4	3	8	324	254	272	1,226	6,770	21,200	No. 22	72	117	No. 22	6,696	21,083	No. 22
24. Sugar	273	193	206	275	190	152	152	198	83	41	54	77	4,625	4,264	5,821	3,003	2,819	4,287	1,622	1,445	1,534
25. Iron & Steel Pdts. (manufactured)	2,235	2,220	2,129	1,902	2,014	1,997	1,923	1,669	221	223	206	233	39,316	31,506	33,892	36,547	29,458	31,760	2,769	2,048	2,132
26. Implements, Tractors Machinery, Boilers	1,116	990	1,035	917	920	755	742	723	196	235	293	194	14,010	13,362	15,810	11,174	10,559	12,478	2,836	2,803	3,332
27. Autos, Trucks and Parts	1,800	1,777	1,834	1,124	1,762	1,712	1,759	1,068	38	65	75	56	50,183	25,779	19,402	28,839	24,373	18,195	1,344	1,406	1,207
28. Fertilizers	1,595	1,395	1,199	1,388	1,080	926	751	1,003	515	469	448	385	16,180	16,562	17,480	10,662	10,342	11,735	5,518	6,220	5,745
29. Woodpulp and Paper	4,853	4,878	5,038	4,329	4,210	4,285	4,385	3,814	643	593	653	515	92,578	83,198	76,401	80,606	72,612	66,712	11,972	10,586	9,689
30. Canned Food Products	394	495	434	461	261	358	284	313	133	137	150	148	7,780	6,923	5,269	6,080	5,354	4,067	1,700	1,569	1,302
31. Other Products of Manufactures and Miscellaneous	6,498	6,532	6,556	5,652	4,985	5,174	5,155	4,418	1,511	1,358	1,401	1,234	103,771	87,487	88,222	86,933	73,669	73,547	16,838	13,818	14,675
32. Merchandise, L.C.L.	18,113	18,750	18,532	17,702	13,249	13,534	13,494	13,104	4,864	5,216	5,038	4,598	300,952	296,802	323,466	223,356	213,995	229,699	77,596	82,807	93,767
33. Total Revenue Cars Loaded	83,200	83,862	79,879	73,892	55,359	55,583	53,490	50,597	27,841	28,279	26,389	23,295	1,368,360	1,248,442	1,303,261	936,491	858,818	854,271	431,869	409,624	448,990
34. Received from Connections	35,019	34,829	35,485	31,893	32,103	32,004	32,767	29,658	2,916	2,825	2,718	2,235	650,661	547,287	573,231	602,419	503,831	524,639	48,242	43,456	48,592

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