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CAR LOADINGS

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Cars of revenue freight loaded in the ten provinces during the week ended Saturday, June 23rd, amounted to 84,721, down slightly from the preceding week, but 2,530 cars or 3.1 p.c. heavier than in the 25th period last year. The gain was mainly in the eastern division where 57,942 cars were reported against 55,489 cars one year ago while the west had 26,779 cars for the week, up 77 cars. Foreign receipts were 33,799 cars, compared to 33,682 last year. In the national commodity totals, grain shipments continued at a much better rate increasing from 6,161 cars in 1950 to 8,099 cars this year, while grain products rose 588 cars to 2,994 in a similar comparison. Vegetables improved from 200 to 434 carloads. Fresh meats were 119 cars better at 526. Bullion and matte, etc., totalled 601 cars against 490 cars a year ago. Pulpwood was featured with an impressive 7,280 cars loaded versus 4,695 cars last year, up 55 p.c., while woodpulp and paper rose 430 cars to 4,590. Gasoline, sugar, implements, fertilizers and canned goods also moved in greater volume. Iron and steel products required 2,304 cars against 1,919 in the 25th period of 1950. Miscellaneous manufactures posted a minor gain at 6,285 cars for the week. On the debit side, however, stood half the 32 commodity groups. Livestock was down from 1,500 to 1,251 cars and dairy products slipped from 127 to 99 carloads. Coal and coke shipments remained under last year's levels. Coal totalled 5,430 cars or 146 cars less while coke decreased by 86 carloads to 660. Ore shipments were maintained at 4,695 cars, up only 13. Building products eased from 5,674 to 5,238 cars, and other mine products declined 111 cars to 2,013. Lumber amounted to 5,251 cars or 359 under the corresponding week of 1950. Crude oil, while showing some current improvement, was only 501 cars against 1,330 in the same week of last June. Autos and trucks and parts registered a drop of 414 carloads to 1,362 as plant shutdowns and slowdowns threaten sizeable production declines. The L.C.L. business appears to be taking it on the chin from the five-day week and since June 1st has been substantially below the same week of 1950. The current week's total was 16,146 cars or 1,721 cars under last year, a drop of 9.6 p.c. The cumulative total for the first 25 weeks is 418,154 cars of L.C.L. merchandise against 419,661 in the same period of 1950, down 1,507 cars, whereas to June 2nd this year the increase over 1950 had been 2,610 cars.

Cumulative Canadian loadings of all freight in the first 25 weeks amounted to 1,963,497 cars, up 9.4 p.c. or 169,034 cars over the corresponding period of 1950. Foreign connections have contributed an additional 890,758 cars in the period, an increase of 124,181 cars.

In the United States, cumulative loadings are about 12 p.c. better this year as compared with 1950, and are up 5.6 p.c. over the same weeks of 1949, but currently under the 1948 record volume.

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
18	178.7	158.8	184.0	168.5	168.8	141.3
19	181.9	156.8	186.6	167.1	173.3	137.9
20	181.3	159.6	185.1	166.7	174.3	146.5
21	177.9	161.7	184.3	170.3	165.9	145.8
22	171.7	160.5	171.6	166.3	171.8	149.2
23	176.5	163.6	178.6	166.7	172.2	157.4
24	172.2	162.2	178.6	168.6	x 159.7	149.5
25	175.1	169.9	184.2	176.4	158.3	157.8

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Price per year \$1.50

	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		
	June 23 1951	June 16 1951	June 9 1951	June 24 1950	June 23 1951	June 16 1951	June 9 1951	June 24 1950	June 23 1951	June 16 1951	June 9 1951	June 24 1950	June 23 1951	June 24 1950	June 25 1949	June 23 1951	June 24 1950	June 25 1949	June 23 1951	June 24 1950	June 25 1949
1. Grain	8,099	8,004	9,822	6,161	1,906	1,953	1,742	1,627	6,193	6,051	8,080	4,534	173,964	125,909	157,997	33,133	34,827	34,582	140,831	91,082	123,415
2. Grain Products	2,994	2,912	2,914	2,406	1,779	1,723	1,721	1,347	1,215	1,189	1,193	1,059	70,372	61,274	60,912	38,052	33,604	34,362	32,320	27,670	26,550
3. Hay and Straw	63	75	86	70	39	49	66	52	24	26	20	18	5,047	7,310	5,902	3,731	4,458	3,859	1,316	2,852	2,043
4. Fruits, fresh	68	102	99	75	63	80	48	71	5	22	51	4	5,754	6,613	4,292	1,179	1,572	1,391	4,575	5,041	2,901
5. Vegetables, fresh or green	434	404	439	200	360	348	391	168	74	56	48	32	19,035	21,257	19,034	17,410	19,885	17,290	1,625	1,372	1,744
6. Other Agricultural Products	110	134	128	144	90	106	109	115	20	28	19	29	4,676	4,592	4,742	3,469	3,577	3,725	1,207	1,015	1,017
7. Live Stock	1,251	1,394	1,214	1,500	494	508	480	531	757	886	734	969	31,457	38,368	37,844	12,324	15,398	16,503	19,133	22,970	21,541
8. Butter, Cheese, Eggs	99	92	98	127	29	29	28	53	70	63	70	74	2,317	2,393	2,444	967	1,289	1,310	1,350	1,104	1,134
9. Fresh Meats & Packing House Products (edible)	526	524	436	407	230	249	215	151	296	275	221	256	10,637	10,825	10,218	4,819	4,429	3,456	5,818	6,596	6,762
10. Other Packing House Products	48	46	84	46	26	27	38	33	22	19	46	13	1,147	1,176	899	717	715	505	430	461	394
11. Other Animal Products	63	77	90	73	55	62	75	63	8	15	15	10	2,443	2,254	2,234	1,844	1,490	1,598	599	764	636
12. Coal	5,430	5,307	5,528	5,576	3,937	3,730	4,042	3,894	1,493	1,577	1,486	1,682	137,401	149,250	137,432	83,148	85,019	77,896	54,253	64,231	59,536
13. Coke	660	569	569	746	582	482	466	638	78	87	103	108	15,195	16,818	16,236	12,786	14,225	13,077	2,409	2,593	2,159
14. Ores and Concentrates	4,695	4,321	4,493	4,682	2,793	2,753	2,778	2,826	1,902	1,568	1,715	1,856	74,735	72,043	70,330	50,285	48,020	48,915	24,450	24,023	21,415
15. Base Bullion, Matte, Pig & Ingot (non-ferrous metals)	601	583	613	490	449	352	428	364	152	231	185	126	13,932	13,014	11,761	9,433	8,924	8,166	4,499	4,090	3,595
16. Sand, Stone, Gravel, Plaster, Lime Brick, Cement, Sewer pipe, Tile	5,258	5,849	5,506	5,674	3,890	4,307	4,087	4,051	1,348	1,542	1,419	1,623	101,001	93,034	94,634	76,265	67,720	71,052	24,736	25,314	25,582
17. Other Mine Products	2,013	2,158	2,218	2,124	1,814	1,968	2,022	1,941	199	190	196	183	44,284	38,158	29,803	40,607	34,962	26,449	3,677	3,196	3,354
18. Logs, Piling, Cordwood	1,195	1,372	1,353	1,221	460	416	458	279	735	956	895	942	26,658	23,226	25,911	10,941	8,867	12,615	15,717	14,359	13,296
19. Pulpwood	7,280	6,746	6,815	4,695	6,364	5,999	6,179	4,312	916	747	636	383	143,348	76,418	103,122	114,012	60,842	81,976	29,336	15,576	21,146
20. Lumber, Lath, Shingles	5,251	5,172	4,845	5,610	3,101	3,101	2,847	3,542	2,150	2,071	1,998	2,068	104,876	92,359	78,595	58,504	54,777	44,630	46,372	37,582	33,965
21. Other Forest Products	504	554	510	650	397	467	389	351	107	87	121	299	10,381	9,924	12,576	8,344	7,746	8,403	2,037	2,178	4,173
22. Gasoline, Petroleum Oils & Pdts.	4,609	4,785	4,828	4,364	3,200	3,329	3,102	3,053	1,409	1,456	1,726	1,311	109,133	99,518	110,503	82,268	75,151	62,579	26,865	24,367	47,924
23. Crude Oil	501	375	408	1,330	6	6	5	4	495	369	403	1,326	9,794	29,709	3,922	105	146	18	9,689	29,563	3,904
24. Sugar	515	368	301	352	354	227	195	251	161	141	106	101	7,171	6,526	8,294	4,659	4,370	5,889	2,512	2,156	2,405
25. Iron & Steel Pdts. (manufactured)	2,304	2,214	2,228	1,919	2,089	1,988	2,024	1,745	215	226	204	174	54,479	44,177	45,992	50,259	40,790	42,874	4,220	3,387	3,118
26. Implements, Tractors Machinery, Boilers	971	830	882	802	790	656	722	608	181	174	160	194	19,861	19,279	21,558	15,764	14,978	16,937	4,097	4,501	4,621
27. Autos, Trucks and Parts	1,362	1,440	1,628	1,776	1,316	1,393	1,574	1,619	46	47	54	157	41,044	36,533	27,401	39,315	34,266	25,671	1,729	2,267	1,730
28. Fertilizers	390	473	539	338	135	224	302	181	255	249	237	157	21,815	21,845	21,915	13,732	13,854	14,791	8,083	7,991	7,124
29. Woodpulp and Paper	4,590	4,497	4,619	4,160	3,962	3,896	3,955	3,634	628	601	664	526	124,791	113,015	102,019	108,511	98,787	89,114	16,280	14,228	12,905
30. Canned Food Products	426	443	417	366	312	327	285	257	114	116	132	109	10,965	9,883	7,952	8,344	7,468	6,054	2,621	2,415	1,898
31. Other Products of Manufactures and Miscellaneous	6,285	6,501	6,368	6,240	4,915	5,136	5,021	4,754	1,370	1,365	1,347	1,486	147,630	128,102	127,379	121,021	105,601	104,130	26,609	22,501	23,249
32. Merchandise, L.C.L.	16,146	16,542	16,191	17,867	12,005	12,221	12,048	12,974	4,141	4,321	4,143	4,893	418,154	419,661	450,798	309,697	303,022	320,232	108,457	116,639	130,566
33. Total Revenue Cars Loaded	84,721	84,863	86,269	82,191	57,942	58,112	57,842	55,489	26,779	26,751	28,427	26,702	1,963,497	1,794,463	1,813,651	1,335,645	1,210,779	1,189,849	627,852	583,684	613,802
34. Received from Connections	33,799	34,068	33,509	33,682	30,747	31,117	30,802	30,735	3,052	2,951	2,707	2,947	890,758	766,577	789,226	822,905	704,315	721,516	67,853	62,262	67,710

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