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CAR LOADINGS

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(Thirty-seventh week ended September 15, 1951)

Carloadings of revenue freight in the ten provinces amounted to 86,822 during the period ended September 15th and compare with 75,021 cars in the holiday week of September 8th. The total for the 37th period of 1950 had been 88,029 cars indicating a decrease of 1.4 p.c. or 1,207 cars due mainly to declines in L.C.L. shipments, livestock, lumber and crude oil. Receipts from connections last week were down from 34,840 in 1950 to 32,729 cars.

The eastern division reported 57,661 cars loaded against 58,055 cars last year while the west declined from 29,974 to 29,161 cars despite a considerably heavier grain movement. Commodities showing improvement over the same week of 1950 included grain up from 5,940 to 8,912 cars under pressure of a record harvest, grain products up 180 cars to 2,988, and fresh fruits advancing 170 cars to 745 for the week. Ores increased 351 cars to 4,869 and building products gained 369 cars to 6,005 cars. Other mine products joined in the advance, up 139 cars. Pulpwood totalled 5,192 carloads compared with 5,228 cars one year earlier. Implements were much better at 647 cars against 501. The woodpulp and paper shipments required 4,750 cars or 266 above the corresponding period of 1950.

The major declines were in livestock off from 2,267 to 1,633 cars, dairy products, coal, bullion, logs down from 1,251 to 1,085 cars, lumber at 4,442 against 6,077 cars and crude oil which slipped from 1,434 to 537 cars due to the pipelines. Autos and trucks moved in lighter volume, requiring 1,593 cars compared with 1,776 cars, a drop of 22 p.c. Canned food were off 264 carloads at 601. Other manufactures totalled 5,985 cars or 867 cars under last year while L.C.L. dropped 1,979 cars to 16,649. Heavier loadings in some cases in early September last year were due to the backlog accumulated during the late August strike. However, the steady drop in L.C.L. shipments since the inauguration of the 5 day work week on June 1st this year suggests that the railways take immediate steps to review this phase of freight operations. Faster service or pooling arrangements are possibilities.

The year to date totals show a record 2,936,344 cars loaded compared with 2,655,225 cars in the corresponding week of 1950 and 2,725,123 cars in 1949. A huge harvest is under way and grain loadings for the balance of the year should be of peak proportions if ample shipping and storage space can be made available.

Carloadings in the United States have been running below 1950 and 1948 levels for the past two months but cumulative totals for this year are about 7.5 p.c. above both 1950 and 1949.

INDEX NUMBERS

(Adjusted for seasonal variations and holidays)

(Average 1935-1959 = 100)

Week	TOTAL FOR CANADA		EASTERN DIVISION		WESTERN DIVISION	
	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950
30	174.9	168.3	179.0	171.1	167.6	165.4
31	169.5	168.1	175.2	169.0	159.0	166.6
32	165.3	165.6	170.3	169.0	156.0	155.8
33	165.5	167.1	172.6	176.2	153.2	151.4
34	159.7	36.6 ♂	170.2	43.5 ♂	142.8	25.3 ♂
35	158.3	91.5 ♂	169.3	97.0 ♂	140.2	82.5 ♂
36	158.6	169.4	170.8	176.7	159.0	157.8
37	166.1	x 168.4	174.1	x 175.2	152.2	156.5

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Price per year \$1.50

	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		
	Sept. 15 1951	Sept. 8 1951	Sept. 1 1951	Sept. 16 1950	Sept. 15 1951	Sept. 8 1951	Sept. 1 1951	Sept. 16 1950	Sept. 15 1951	Sept. 8 1951	Sept. 1 1951	Sept. 16 1950	Sept. 15 1951	Sept. 16 1950	Sept. 17 1949	Sept. 15 1951	Sept. 16 1950	Sept. 17 1949	Sept. 15 1951	Sept. 16 1950	Sept. 17 1949
1. Grain	8,912	7,884	8,680	5,940	2,251	1,547	2,011	1,121	6,681	6,337	6,669	4,819	286,517	185,501	247,955	63,263	49,110	51,939	225,254	156,591	196,016
2. Grain Products	2,988	2,433	2,875	2,808	1,692	1,328	1,583	1,431	1,296	1,105	1,292	1,377	101,002	88,813	90,619	55,427	48,979	51,117	45,575	39,834	39,502
3. Hay and Straw	237	167	213	354	171	121	139	169	66	46	74	165	6,541	8,693	8,693	4,665	5,078	4,884	1,876	3,615	3,809
4. Fruits, fresh	745	620	520	575	212	221	228	145	533	399	292	430	9,745	8,691	10,896	3,222	2,412	3,618	6,523	6,279	7,268
5. Vegetables, fresh or green	647	363	319	682	548	285	237	551	99	78	82	151	22,928	25,049	23,848	20,276	22,468	20,794	2,652	2,581	3,054
6. Other Agricultural Products	147	96	165	147	92	73	118	111	55	23	47	38	6,245	6,017	6,965	4,550	4,560	5,492	1,695	1,457	1,473
7. Live Stock	1,633	1,272	1,323	2,267	605	484	497	718	1,028	788	826	1,549	46,223	56,114	58,178	17,643	21,655	24,057	28,580	34,459	34,121
8. Butter, Cheese, Eggs	80	78	82	140	27	39	36	68	53	39	46	72	3,433	4,007	4,308	1,386	2,074	2,199	2,047	1,933	2,109
9. Fresh Meats & Packing House Products (edible)	451	430	384	449	189	185	152	179	262	245	232	270	15,816	15,526	15,774	6,858	6,184	5,594	8,958	9,342	10,180
10. Other Packing House Products	74	91	86	53	55	78	51	29	19	13	35	24	1,814	1,627	1,354	1,185	949	721	629	678	633
11. Other Animal Products	56	62	120	96	44	46	99	66	12	16	21	30	3,385	3,328	3,252	2,458	2,225	2,326	927	1,103	926
12. Coal	6,539	5,284	5,563	6,887	3,769	3,273	3,439	4,081	2,770	2,011	2,124	2,806	199,489	210,939	202,783	125,167	125,489	121,907	74,322	85,450	80,876
13. Coke	666	710	630	686	562	618	531	616	104	92	99	70	22,429	24,170	20,743	18,913	20,635	17,239	3,516	3,535	3,504
14. Ores and Concentrates	4,869	4,361	4,644	4,518	3,053	2,861	3,133	3,207	1,816	1,500	1,511	1,311	130,367	118,772	118,996	86,444	79,667	77,615	43,923	39,105	41,381
15. Base Bullion, Matte, Pig & Ingot (non-ferrous metals)	511	499	539	712	363	304	412	457	148	195	127	255	20,354	19,167	17,938	13,929	12,784	12,224	6,405	6,583	5,714
16. Sand, Stone, Gravel, Plaster, Lime Brick, Cement, Sewer pipe, Tile	6,005	5,428	5,764	5,636	4,431	4,089	4,389	3,956	1,514	1,339	1,375	1,680	168,040	149,923	156,633	125,793	108,570	116,371	42,247	41,353	40,262
17. Other Mine Products	2,319	1,599	1,693	2,180	2,090	1,433	1,503	1,869	229	166	190	311	65,956	59,222	49,215	60,102	53,288	45,519	5,854	5,934	5,696
18. Logs, Piling, Cordwood	1,083	701	954	1,251	220	210	302	278	865	491	652	973	37,080	35,174	37,406	14,925	11,605	15,188	22,155	23,569	22,218
19. Pulpwood	5,192	4,228	5,489	3,228	4,848	3,824	4,967	2,922	544	404	522	306	215,650	119,255	140,326	178,970	100,380	115,479	36,680	18,875	24,847
20. Lumber, Lath, Shingles	4,442	3,807	4,484	6,077	2,453	2,162	2,448	3,674	1,989	1,645	2,056	2,403	159,500	154,763	123,895	89,460	92,745	71,366	70,040	62,018	52,529
21. Other Forest Products	551	392	638	547	453	311	568	428	98	81	70	119	16,671	15,721	18,410	13,530	11,978	12,746	3,141	3,743	5,664
22. Gasoline, Petroleum Oils & Pds.	5,040	4,261	4,926	5,072	3,573	3,005	3,194	3,487	1,467	1,256	1,732	1,585	167,591	151,773	164,597	122,377	111,984	97,921	45,214	39,789	66,676
23. Crude Oil	537	476	517	1,434	2	1	5	4	555	475	512	1,430	16,217	45,484	17,443	145	210	193	16,072	45,274	17,250
24. Sugar	372	251	296	468	242	152	183	340	130	99	113	128	11,146	11,877	13,212	7,084	7,709	8,689	4,062	4,168	4,523
25. Iron & Steel Pds. (manufactured)	2,139	1,761	1,938	2,166	1,939	1,608	1,768	1,956	200	153	170	210	77,205	63,340	63,772	70,837	57,763	58,832	6,368	5,577	4,940
26. Implements, Tractors Machinery, Boilers	647	552	637	501	446	376	440	345	201	176	197	156	28,563	26,387	29,439	22,256	20,002	22,307	6,307	6,385	7,132
27. Autos, Trucks and Parts	1,393	1,131	1,283	1,776	1,362	1,105	1,249	1,655	31	26	34	121	54,872	51,362	39,580	52,621	48,161	37,102	2,251	3,201	2,478
28. Fertilizers	562	612	575	570	316	376	286	410	246	236	289	160	27,591	26,802	26,856	16,898	16,892	17,555	10,693	9,910	9,301
29. Woodpulp and Paper	4,750	3,821	4,474	4,484	4,070	3,328	3,799	3,921	680	493	675	563	178,982	158,949	143,905	153,254	138,535	125,665	23,728	20,414	18,240
30. Canned Food Products	601	489	495	865	448	343	342	684	153	146	153	181	16,579	15,857	13,572	12,225	11,688	9,942	4,354	4,169	3,630
31. Other Products of Manufactures and Miscellaneous	5,985	4,997	5,832	6,852	4,762	3,890	4,626	5,480	1,223	1,107	1,206	1,372	216,598	192,104	191,904	174,181	155,350	153,969	42,417	36,754	37,935
32. Merchandise, L.C.L.	16,649	14,165	16,390	18,628	12,333	10,626	12,091	13,717	4,316	3,539	4,299	4,911	603,855	600,816	660,666	445,978	434,848	468,708	157,857	165,968	191,958
33. Total Revenue Cars Loaded	86,822	73,021	82,528	88,029	57,661	48,302	54,826	58,055	29,161	24,719	27,702	29,974	2,936,344	2,655,223	2,725,123	1,986,022	1,785,977	1,777,278	950,322	869,246	945,845
34. Received from Connections	32,729	30,628	33,137	34,840	29,415	28,023	30,140	32,257	3,314	2,605	2,997	2,583	1,279,623	1,129,983	1,138,390	1,176,376	1,037,673	1,041,497	103,247	92,310	96,893

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