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CAR LOADINGS
(Eighth week ended February 24, 1951)

The volume of revenue freight loaded in the week ended February 24th continued seasonally very heavy at 76,156 cars against 73,718 cars in the preceding week and 70,037 cars in the 8th period of 1950. The gain over last year was thus 6,119 cars or over 8.7 p.c. Shortages of some type of freight cars were in evidence as new automobiles, newsprint and other products piled up at the plants or mills and Canadian lines appealed for the prompt return of their cars on American roads. Receipts from connections also moved into higher ground at 59,844 cars compared with 56,420 in the previous week and only 26,693 in the corresponding period last year. The intransit and import movements were both heavy as the two nations gird for defence.

Eastern division loadings bolstered by heavy forestry output moved up from 46,025 cars in 1950 to 52,350 cars while the western region, with coal and crude oil down sharply, eased from 24,012 to 23,806 cars.

The ten province totals posted advances in 22 out of the 32 commodity groups. Grain was up from 4,252 to 4,786 cars while grain products rose 227 cars over last year to 2,781 cars. Vegetables, dairy products and other packing house products also improved. Building products climbed from 2,486 to 3,159 carloads and other mine products were up 267 cars to 1,683 cars. Ores and concentrates were increased slightly at 2,343 cars for the week under review.

Forestry items registered impressive gains with logs up from 734 to 1,140 cars, pulpwood 1,817 cars better at 6,058, lumber advancing from 3,274 to 4,271 cars and other forest products totalling 845 cars against 342 one year earlier. Woodpulp and paper shipments were very heavy at 5,866 cars compared to 4,580 cars.

Gasoline and petroleum oils and products amounted to 4,180 cars or 593 cars above the same week of 1950. Iron and steel moved up from 1,712 to 2,162 cars and implements from 583 to 703 cars. Autos and trucks grossed 1,681 cars or 169 more carloads. Fertilizers, canned foods, other manufactures up from 4,579 to 5,335 cars and L.C.L. merchandise at 16,634 cars against 15,987 cars served to confirm the high level of industrial activity.

Items lower than last year included fresh fruits, other agricultural products, live stock at 1,342 cars against 1,497 cars, coal down from 7,414 to 5,587 cars, coke, and crude oil diverted to pipeline dropping from 1,663 carloads to only 487 for the week.

The first eight weeks cumulative shows Canadian loadings at a peak of nearly 588,000 cars, a gain of over 59,200 cars or 12 p.c. from the same period of 1950, some 10,573 cars better than the similar weeks of 1949 and also higher than 1948. Weather conditions generally in the first two months were also more propitious than last year.

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
1	174.9	152.4	188.4	164.8	152.5	131.8
2	171.2	142.8	174.2	149.7	165.9	130.5
3	168.2	138.1	175.9	146.7	154.0	122.1
4	167.2	140.7	175.1	155.4	151.5	113.6
5	161.7	151.8	167.0	160.5	151.1	134.5
6	156.9	158.1	160.0	162.3	150.9	150.2
7	162.1	157.7	x 170.9	162.1	x 145.8	149.4
8	165.1	151.8	174.2	153.1	148.2	149.5

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Price per year \$2.00

	T O T A L				EASTERN DIVISION				WESTERN DIVISION				Cumulative Totals from First Week of Year to Date								
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	Week Ended				Week Ended				Week Ended				To			To			To		
	Feb. 24 1951	Feb. 17 1951	Feb. 10 1951	Feb. 25 1950	Feb. 24 1951	Feb. 17 1951	Feb. 10 1951	Feb. 25 1950	Feb. 24 1951	Feb. 17 1951	Feb. 10 1951	Feb. 25 1950	Feb. 24 1951	Feb. 25 1950	Feb. 26 1949	Feb. 24 1951	Feb. 25 1950	Feb. 26 1949	Feb. 24 1951	Feb. 25 1950	Feb. 26 1949
1. Grain	4,786	4,298	4,245	4,252	896	854	689	1,292	5,890	5,444	5,554	2,940	42,777	29,875	46,810	7,472	10,112	7,855	55,505	19,765	58,955
2. Grain Products	2,781	2,747	2,692	2,554	1,512	1,502	1,405	1,556	1,269	1,245	1,289	1,218	22,057	18,486	18,164	11,859	10,099	10,034	10,218	8,587	8,150
3. Hay and Straw	545	230	189	571	269	179	155	155	74	51	58	258	2,172	2,715	2,858	1,615	1,582	1,927	559	1,555	911
4. Fruits, fresh	255	281	518	656	51	58	58	81	224	245	280	575	2,512	5,317	2,458	367	721	579	2,145	2,596	1,859
5. Vegetables, fresh or green	792	906	868	701	750	855	795	651	62	71	75	50	7,159	6,555	6,819	6,574	6,183	6,198	585	570	621
6. Other Agricultural Products	197	240	215	289	120	155	155	214	77	85	58	75	2,058	1,829	1,886	1,466	1,592	1,428	592	457	458
7. Live Stock	1,542	1,140	1,102	1,497	458	455	350	550	884	705	752	947	9,820	11,995	11,811	3,465	4,365	4,956	6,555	7,632	6,875
8. Butter, Cheese, Eggs	129	116	105	69	49	26	22	47	80	90	85	22	748	651	762	259	417	504	489	254	258
9. Fresh Meats & Packing House Products (edible)	400	399	386	407	169	151	169	155	251	248	217	252	3,215	5,899	5,558	1,527	1,458	984	1,888	2,441	2,574
10. Other Packing House Products	64	47	47	46	46	55	50	18	18	12	17	28	419	425	276	284	265	152	155	160	124
11. Other Animal Products	58	105	105	122	47	70	80	67	11	55	25	55	854	782	745	632	504	522	222	278	225
12. Coal	5,587	6,575	6,816	7,414	5,105	5,191	5,424	5,776	2,484	5,182	5,392	5,658	51,452	57,075	56,124	25,426	27,464	25,848	26,006	29,609	50,276
13. Coke	750	658	655	758	850	581	541	660	100	77	94	98	5,297	5,884	5,150	4,595	5,051	4,482	704	855	648
14. Ores and Concentrates	2,345	2,040	2,208	2,352	1,617	1,344	1,515	1,542	726	696	695	790	18,572	17,498	19,229	12,474	11,872	15,758	5,898	5,626	5,471
15. Base Bullion, Matte, Pig & Ingot (non-ferrous metals)	509	461	480	415	509	287	522	255	200	174	158	160	4,062	5,826	5,478	2,685	2,578	2,570	1,579	1,248	1,108
16. Sand, Stone, Gravel, Plaster, Lime Brick, Cement, Sewer pipe, Tile	5,159	2,876	2,579	2,486	2,370	2,155	1,899	1,764	769	741	680	722	22,154	19,201	20,758	16,568	14,265	15,682	5,566	4,956	5,076
17. Other Mine Products	1,685	1,656	1,555	1,416	1,562	1,528	1,212	1,247	121	108	141	169	12,402	10,471	9,426	11,575	9,595	8,572	1,029	876	854
18. Logs, Piling, Cordwood	1,140	781	761	754	552	442	461	442	588	559	500	292	7,219	4,587	8,804	5,969	2,657	5,518	5,250	1,750	5,286
19. Pulpwood	6,058	6,557	6,085	4,241	5,888	4,214	3,952	2,929	2,170	2,145	2,155	1,512	48,144	52,012	48,746	54,597	25,055	56,552	15,747	8,977	12,214
20. Lumber, Lath, Shingles	4,271	3,952	5,608	5,274	2,254	2,059	1,870	1,745	2,057	1,895	1,758	1,529	29,492	21,971	22,242	15,690	15,711	12,678	15,802	8,260	9,584
21. Other Forest Products	845	556	525	542	765	241	259	257	80	95	84	85	5,140	2,465	5,556	2,459	2,052	2,768	681	451	588
22. Gasoline, Petroleum Oils & Pdts.	4,180	4,554	4,417	5,587	5,579	5,749	5,574	5,021	801	785	845	566	55,770	50,155	55,659	29,562	24,505	20,564	6,408	5,850	15,075
23. Crude Oil	487	470	494	1,665	4	4	4	22	485	466	490	1,641	5,502	8,415	No. 22	55	59	No. 22	5,269	8,554	No. 22
24. Sugar	272	265	217	287	159	164	150	194	115	101	67	95	1,961	1,878	2,425	1,204	1,174	1,841	757	704	582
25. Iron & Steel Pdts. (manufactured)	2,162	1,858	2,050	1,712	2,045	1,729	1,901	1,624	117	129	129	88	16,580	15,457	14,196	15,440	12,764	15,447	1,140	695	749
26. Implements, Tractors Machinery, Boilers	705	722	569	585	618	619	457	478	85	105	112	105	4,882	4,440	6,111	4,056	5,667	5,021	826	775	1,090
27. Autos, Trucks and Parts	1,681	1,475	1,219	1,512	1,659	1,585	1,171	1,418	42	92	48	94	11,678	11,166	7,022	11,218	10,602	6,607	460	564	415
28. Fertilizers	861	806	740	795	701	624	577	518	160	182	165	275	6,129	5,046	5,489	4,095	3,454	5,555	2,054	1,612	2,156
29. Woodpulp and Paper	5,866	5,205	4,862	4,580	5,175	4,487	4,187	5,955	691	716	675	647	40,511	35,948	35,715	35,155	51,269	51,177	5,558	4,679	4,558
30. Canned Food Products	525	455	596	400	427	548	527	507	96	87	69	95	5,599	2,987	2,141	2,906	2,520	1,708	695	667	455
31. Other Products of Manufactures and Miscellaneous	5,555	5,846	5,112	4,579	4,454	5,009	4,541	5,915	881	857	771	664	42,586	56,545	58,291	56,042	51,240	52,524	6,544	5,105	5,767
32. Merchandise, L.C.L.	16,634	16,127	15,587	15,987	12,592	12,155	11,525	11,456	4,242	5,974	4,064	4,551	125,485	125,611	159,166	95,660	90,571	100,554	51,825	55,040	58,652
33. Total Revenue Cars Loaded	76,156	75,718	70,557	70,057	52,350	50,571	47,507	46,025	25,806	25,147	25,250	24,012	587,966	528,759	577,395	398,099	360,561	380,085	189,867	168,198	197,510
34. Received from Connections	59,844	56,420	52,425	26,695	56,870	55,940	50,146	24,494	2,974	2,480	2,277	2,199	279,957	225,277	255,551	260,000	206,700	254,752	19,957	16,577	20,799



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