

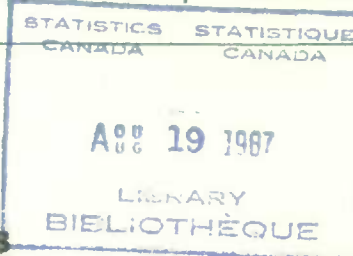
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CAR LOADINGS

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With this issue the reporting of railway revenue carloadings by the principal lines is established on the basis of four reports per month for the periods ending the 7th, 14th, 21st and end of month. By this method it is felt that better comparability will be secured between similar periods of each year and each month rather than by the former use of the weeks ending Saturday. Monthly carloading data will be readily available and can be related to other operating statistics without the necessity of adjusting for the overlapping which occurred in the previous method. The seasonally adjusted weekly index numbers will be valid only until the third period of the current year after which they will be discontinued.

During the first seven days of the year, carloadings across Canada totalled 62,176 cars showing a minor decline of 549 cars from the 62,525 cars reported for the week ended January 6th in 1951. Western division volume improved from 20,465 to 21,613 cars due to heavier grain, coal, gasoline and pulpwood shipments while the eastern region registered a decrease of 1,497 cars to 40,563 as ores, lumber, autos, miscellaneous manufactures and L.C.L. merchandise were reduced. Receipts from foreign connections were down from 30,214 to 29,125 cars.

Good gains were recorded in the national loadings of grain which increased from 5,810 to 7,162 cars, vegetables up from 785 to 834 cars, coal at 6,498 against 5,583 cars one year earlier, and in bullion. Logs were 122 cars heavier at 793 while pulpwood continued active with 5,514 cars reported compared to 5,852. Gasoline and petroleum oils totalled 5,038 cars, up 709 cars, while crude oil advanced from 194 to 279 cars. Iron and steel shipments were increased slightly at 1,715 carloads but implements maintained their recent gains at 540 cars against 458 a year ago. Fertilizers amounted to 801 cars for a betterment of 266 cars.

Sizeable reductions were indicated in grain products, fresh fruits, livestock, meats and dairy products. Ores dropped from 2,106 to 1,461 cars. Lumber at 1,866 was off 703 carloads. Autos and trucks, affected by labor trouble and model changeovers, eased to 977 carloads from 1,587. Woodpulp and paper slipped to 5,693 from 4,158 cars. Other manufactures totalled 5,916 for the period under review against 4,548 while L.C.L. continued lighter at 11,518 cars compared with 13,292 a year earlier.

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
46	160.8	170.0	164.2	174.4	155.0	162.5
47	168.9	161.5	171.8	165.6	163.8	154.6
48	168.2	161.2	172.8	168.1	160.8	150.1
49	175.4	164.5	175.2	170.6	175.9	154.2
50	176.0	175.1	175.4	175.5	180.5	174.5
51	155.1	165.7	151.3	165.2	161.7	164.5
52	x 157.8	176.6	x 159.6	179.4	x 154.4	171.0
	1952	1951	1952	1951	1952	1951
1	174.0	174.9	181.7	188.4	149.9	152.5

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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								
	Period or Week Ended				Period or Week Ended				Period or Week Ended				TOTAL			EASTERN DIVISION			WESTERN DIVISION		
	Jan. 7	Dec. 29	Dec. 22	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Dec. 29	Dec. 22	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Dec. 29	Dec. 22	Jan. 6	To			To			To		
	1952	1951	1951	1951	1952	1951	1951	1951	1952	1951	1951	1951									
1. Grain	7,162	4,549	8,443	5,810	1,386	810	1,160	916	5,776	3,739	7,283	4,894									
2. Grain Products	2,135	1,656	2,673	2,451	1,190	898	1,402	1,348	945	758	1,271	1,103									
3. Hay and Straw	157	142	216	189	101	103	132	136	56	39	84	53									
4. Fruits, fresh	171	160	136	299	40	28	22	42	131	132	114	257									
5. Vegetables, fresh or green	834	549	592	785	781	519	559	743	53	30	33	42									
6. Other Agricultural Products	186	231	399	262	139	107	233	186	47	124	166	76									
7. Live Stock	1,163	526	924	1,215	466	250	326	454	697	276	598	761									
8. Butter, Cheese, Eggs	46	45	46	88	26	25	31	33	20	20	15	55									
9. Fresh Meats & Packing House Products (edible)	284	242	393	354	99	94	155	140	185	148	238	214									
10. Other Packing House Products	60	32	60	29	52	22	34	17	8	10	26	12									
11. Other Animal Products	52	44	68	100	44	32	53	66	8	12	15	34									
12. Coal	6,498	4,472	6,987	5,583	2,667	1,832	2,646	2,608	3,831	2,640	4,341	2,975									
13. Coke	629	616	598	633	555	537	523	550	74	79	75	83									
14. Ores and Concentrates	1,461	1,760	2,002	2,106	1,299	1,165	1,331	1,399	162	595	671	707									
15. Base Bullion, Matte, Pig & Ingot (non-ferrous metals)	634	370	542	586	478	273	378	441	156	97	164	145									
16. Sand, Stone, Gravel, Plaster, Lime Brick, Cement, Sewer pipe, Tile	2,060	1,682	2,629	2,096	1,620	1,290	2,069	1,576	440	392	560	520									
17. Other Mine Products	1,247	812	1,343	1,371	1,167	723	1,215	1,276	80	89	128	95									
18. Logs, Piling, Cordwood	793	552	1,053	671	375	296	250	277	418	256	803	394									
19. Pulpwood	5,514	3,437	4,562	3,832	3,981	2,496	3,441	3,107	1,533	941	1,121	725									
20. Lumber, Lath, Shingles	1,866	1,591	3,125	2,569	1,011	823	1,519	1,387	855	768	1,606	1,182									
21. Other Forest Products	227	168	339	287	201	144	281	227	26	24	58	60									
22. Gasoline, Petroleum Oils & Pds.	5,038	4,087	4,635	4,329	4,017	3,352	3,733	3,559	1,021	735	902	770									
23. Crude Oil	279	297	396	194	5	3	1	3	274	294	395	191									
24. Sugar	198	161	165	229	109	92	103	138	89	69	62	91									
25. Iron & Steel Pds. (manufactured)	1,715	1,458	1,727	1,712	1,614	1,376	1,574	1,615	101	82	153	97									
26. Implements, Tractors Machinery, Boilers	540	347	622	438	468	291	500	359	72	56	122	79									
27. Autos, Trucks and Parts	977	754	1,005	1,387	952	719	965	1,349	25	35	40	38									
28. Fertilizers	801	679	836	535	361	339	405	300	440	340	431	235									
29. Woodpulp and Paper	3,893	3,747	5,032	4,158	3,341	3,280	4,338	3,554	552	467	694	604									
30. Canned Food Products	322	254	260	387	252	207	206	312	70	47	54	75									
31. Other Products of Manufactures and Miscellaneous	3,916	3,332	4,763	4,548	3,331	2,873	4,043	3,912	585	459	720	636									
32. Merchandise, L.C.L.	11,318	9,838	13,906	13,292	8,435	7,494	10,177	10,030	2,883	2,344	3,729	3,262									
33. Total Revenue Cars Loaded	62,176	48,590	70,477	62,525	40,563	32,493	43,805	42,060	21,613	16,097	26,672	20,465									
34. Received from Connections	29,123	27,140	29,384	30,214	26,831	24,622	26,680	28,204	2,292	2,518	2,704	2,010									

