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CAR LOADINGS

(Fortieth period ended October 31, 1952)



For the closing 10 days of October Canadian railways reported the loading of 139,418 cars of revenue freight or a daily average of 13,942 cars compared with 12,608 cars in the preceding week. This is the most active period in the current year and approaches the record for any similar span. Receipts from foreign connections were also heavy at 50,869 cars or a daily average of 5,087 cars against 4,987 cars in the previous period. Loadings in the eastern division to the Head of the Lakes totalled an impressive 87,812 cars while the western region was considerably stronger with 51,606 cars.

Available comparisons with the last ten days of October, 1951 show good gains in the movement of grain products, fresh fruit, vegetables, other agricultural products, fresh meats, ores, gasoline and petroleum products, other mine products, logs, lumber, automobiles, fertilizers and L.C.L. freight. The principal decreases occurred in livestock, coal, cokes, building products, pulpwood, iron and steel items and in woodpulp and paper. Canned foods and miscellaneous manufactures were also below last year's high level.

Cumulative totals for the first ten months of the current year indicate only a minor decline from the peaks reached in 1951. Total cars loaded to October 31st this year amounted to 3,483,884, only 18,281 cars under the same period of last year and well above the 3,221,522 cars reported for the first 10 months of 1950. Foreign connections supplied 1,485,716 cars in the same comparison despite the steel-iron ore strike in the United States and this total is but 1.2 p.c. under the 1,503,898 cars of 1951 and 9.6 p.c. above the 1,355,945 cars received to the end of October in 1950.

The western division reported 1,219,236 cars loaded this season against 1,149,067 last year - a new record while eastern loadings declined from 2,353,098 to 2,264,648 cars due mainly to reduced pulpwood, lumber and coal shipments. Foreign receipts were also lower in the east and higher into the west this year, reflecting the encouraging expansion under way in this vast and promising area.

Price per year \$1.50

	TOTAL				EASTERN DIVISION				WESTERN DIVISION				Cumulative Totals from First Period of Year to Date								
	Period Ended				Period Ended				Period Ended				TOTAL			EASTERN DIVISION			WESTERN DIVISION		
													To			To			To		
	Oct. 31 1952	Oct. 21 1952	Oct. 14 1952	Same Period 1951	Oct. 31 1952	Oct. 21 1952	Oct. 14 1952	Same Period 1951	Oct. 31 1952	Oct. 21 1952	Oct. 14 1952	Same Period 1951	Oct. 31 X 1952	October 1951 (Estimated)	October 1950 (Estimated)	Oct. 31 X 1952	October 1951 (Estimated)	October 1950 (Estimated)	Oct. 31 X 1952	October 1951 (Estimated)	October 1950 (Estimated)
1. Grain	18,499	11,753	8,697		5,289	3,475	2,344		13,210	8,278	6,353		450,577			104,026			346,551		
2. Grain Products	5,086	3,162	2,779		2,835	1,661	1,560		2,251	1,501	1,219		125,610			68,900			56,710		
3. Fruits, Fresh or Fresh Frozen	1,126	656	542		124	75	82		1,002	581	460		10,468			2,783			7,685		
4. Vegetables, Fresh or Green	2,710	1,528	1,347		2,516	1,374	1,248		194	154	99		27,123			23,907			3,216		
5. Other Agricultural Products	2,505	1,639	1,820		1,073	625	438		1,432	1,014	1,382		19,003			10,216			8,787		
6. Livestock	3,025	2,297	1,649		1,043	752	573		1,982	1,545	1,076		51,048			20,555			30,493		
7. Butter, Cheese & Eggs	111	87	53		57	35	31		54	52	22		3,410			1,797			1,613		
8. Fresh Meats, Fish & Packing House Products (Edible)	930	596	497		418	298	269		512	298	228		19,266			8,388			10,878		
9. Other Animal Products (Non-edible)	195	212	140		137	178	119		58	34	21		6,280			4,590			1,690		
10. Coal	11,113	6,770	5,899		5,753	2,978	2,934		5,360	3,792	2,965		227,042			137,872			89,170		
11. Coke	1,223	803	681		1,082	685	604		141	118	77		26,747			22,482			4,265		
12. Iron Ore	2,294	1,513	1,774		691	415	550		1,603	1,098	1,224		-			-			-		
13. Iron & Steel: Pig, Blooms & Ingots	735	379	627		725	366	621		10	13	6		-			-			-		
14. Non-Ferrous Ores & Concentrates	4,605	2,432	2,350		3,574	2,159	2,126		1,031	273	224		-			-			-		
15. Non-Ferrous Metals: Matte, Pig & Ingot	908	638	569		630	406	416		278	232	153		24,423			16,606			7,817		
16. Iron & Steel Pds. (Manufactured)	2,153	1,297	1,098	NOT AVAILABLE	1,925	1,101	906	NOT AVAILABLE	228	196	192	NOT AVAILABLE	-	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE	-	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE	-	NOT AVAILABLE	NOT AVAILABLE
17. Machinery, Boilers & Castings	557	230	242		426	173	190		131	57	52		-			-			-		
18. Crude Petroleum	828	567	515		33	29	16		795	538	499		15,668			762			14,906		
19. Gasoline	4,352	8,087	2,713		2,836	1,944	1,859		1,516	1,143	854		-			-			-		
20. Fuel Oil	2,820	1,753	1,618		2,173	1,243	1,180		647	510	438		-			-			-		
21. Other Petroleum Products	1,117	791	713		872	651	456		245	140	257		-			-			-		
22. Bldg. Sand, Gravel & Crushed Stone	5,901	3,567	3,374		4,714	2,828	2,407		1,187	739	967		-			-			-		
23. Cement	1,252	932	857		753	531	596		499	401	261		-			-			-		
24. Plaster, Lime, Brick, Bldg. Stone, Tile & Non-Metallic Pipe	1,502	1,148	979		968	775	662		534	373	317		-			-			-		
25. Other Mine Products (Non-Metallic)	3,110	2,123	1,989		2,829	1,876	1,766		281	247	223		71,432			64,225			7,207		
26. Logs, Posts, Poles & Piling (Ex. Cordwood & Fuelwood)	2,047	1,407	1,193		490	400	274		1,557	1,007	919		-			-			-		
27. Lumber, Timber & Plywood	7,080	3,984	3,966		3,724	2,138	2,110		3,356	1,846	1,856		168,538			86,223			82,315		
28. Pulpwood	3,435	2,743	2,853		3,231	2,457	2,626		204	286	227		207,627			167,889			39,738		
29. Woodpulp	1,317	843	849		1,102	732	720		215	111	129		-			-			-		
30. Newsprint Paper	3,746	2,377	2,380		3,182	2,024	2,079		564	353	301		-			-			-		
31. Paperboard, Pulpboard & Wallboard (Paper)	536	295	337		520	274	326		16	21	11		-			-			-		
32. Paper other than Newsprint	730	549	443		561	426	328		169	123	115		-			-			-		
33. Other Forest Products	959	602	561		737	489	442		222	113	119		-			-			-		
34. Beverages	510	359	334		333	252	239		177	107	95		-			-			-		
35. Canned Goods	838	561	432		573	380	290		265	181	142		19,577			14,510			5,067		
36. Sugar	384	265	255		230	172	144		154	93	111		11,506			6,661			4,845		
37. Agricultural Implements & Farm Tractors	470	275	237		425	257	195		45	18	42		-			-			-		
38. Automobiles, Auto Trucks & Parts	2,840	1,779	1,542		2,727	1,700	1,512		113	79	30		68,094			65,696			2,398		
39. Fertilizers	1,235	788	803		573	409	396		662	379	407		34,320			18,419			15,901		
40. Misc. Carload Commodities not specified above	8,190	5,176	4,679		6,448	4,098	3,570		1,742	1,078	1,109		-			-			-		
41. Merchandise, L.C.L.	26,444	16,221	15,098		19,480	12,038	11,338		6,264	4,253	3,760		685,464			507,596			177,868		
42. Total Revenue Cars Loaded	139,418	88,254	79,484		87,812	54,879	50,542		51,606	33,375	28,942		3,483,884	3,502,165	3,221,522	2,264,648	2,353,098	2,146,492	1,219,236	1,149,067	1,075,030
43. Total Revenue Cars Received from Connections	50,869	34,901	34,641		46,345	31,856	31,826		4,524	3,045	2,815		1,485,716	1,503,898	1,355,945	1,341,845	1,380,151	1,245,218	143,871	123,747	110,727

† Revised.

X Cumulative totals are not available for some items due to changes in Commodity detail effective Sept. 1, but these are included in National totals.

DAILY AVERAGE CARS OF REVENUE FREIGHT LOADED IN CANADA

