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CAR LOADINGS

There were 84,455 cars of revenue freight loaded in Canada in the ten day period ended January 31, 1954. This was a drop of 29,102 cars or 25.6 p.c. from the 113,557 loaded in the same period of 1953. In a similar comparison cars received from connections were 7,948 fewer at 39,639 cars.

Grain loadings affected by reduced foreign purchases were down 6,600 cars to 5,630 in the period reviewed. Shipments of grain products, down almost 1,000 cars; coal, off 831 cars; non-ferrous metals, 701 cars fewer; gasoline, reduced from 3,638 to 2,376 cars; building materials, down 585 cars; non-metallic mine products, 1,088 lower; logs, etc., down from 1,902 to 1,166 cars; lumber etc., 1,761 carloads less; pulpwood 626 lower at 6,780; newsprint paper, down 564 cars; miscellaneous carload lots, off 1,746 cars and L.C.L. shipments 5,311 cars less led a general decline in freight movement. Vegetables was the only commodity group moved in more cars than a year ago. Carloadings in January totalled 266,351 cars, the lowest in any January since 1943.

In the Eastern region loadings were down from 72,821 to 57,619 cars while receipts from connections fell from 43,460 to 36,776 cars. As in the Canada totals practically all commodities were loaded in fewer cars; however, vegetables, plaster, etc. and pulpwood shipments improved slightly.

Western loadings dropped from 40,736 to 26,836 cars and receipts from connections were off from 4,127 to 2,863 cars. Grain, grain products, gasoline, lumber, pulpwood and L.C.L. shipments were all sharply lower.

Cumulative totals for January show 266,351 cars in 1954, 314,982 in 1953 and 330,826 in 1952. Grain and L.C.L. shipments are the principal sources of the decline which has been quite general and has been apparent in both Eastern and Western regional loadings.

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	TOTAL				EASTERN DIVISION				WESTERN DIVISION				Cumulative Totals from First Period of Year to Date								
	Period Ended				Period Ended				Period Ended				TOTAL To			EASTERN DIVISION To			WESTERN DIVISION To		
	Jan. 31 1954	Jan. 21 ≠ 1954	Jan. 14 1954	Jan. 31 1953	Jan. 31 1954	Jan. 21 ≠ 1954	Jan. 14 1954	Jan. 31 1953	Jan. 31 1954	Jan. 21 1954	Jan. 14 1954	Jan. 31 1953	Jan. 31 1954	Jan. 31 1953	Jan. 31 x 1952	Jan. 31 1954	Jan. 31 1953	Jan. 31 x 1952	Jan. 31 1954	Jan. 31 1953	Jan. 31 x 1952
1. Grain	5,630	4,438	7,340	12,230	1,400	1,125	1,200	1,670	4,230	3,313	6,140	10,560	22,857	39,359	35,171	4,608	4,506	6,279	18,249	34,853	28,892
2. Grain Products	3,287	2,476	2,480	4,224	1,742	1,293	1,287	2,043	1,545	1,183	1,193	2,181	10,128	10,775	11,676	5,319	5,338	6,213	4,809	5,437	5,463
3. Fruits, Fresh or Fresh Frozen	148	184	229	198	14	65	56	46	134	119	173	152	720	590	899	146	221	232	574	369	667
4. Vegetables, Fresh or Green	1,078	828	829	1,018	1,012	795	779	934	66	33	50	84	3,473	3,116	3,403	3,291	2,886	3,119	182	230	284
5. Other Agricultural Products	786	556	527	1,014	660	440	408	794	126	116	119	220	2,427	2,619	1,866	1,979	2,048	1,285	448	571	581
6. Livestock	1,137	831	1,192	1,364	271	216	247	368	866	615	945	996	4,127	4,029	4,615	964	1,050	1,692	3,163	2,979	2,923
7. Butter, Cheese & Eggs	71	50	47	104	48	42	39	69	23	8	8	35	205	278	353	158	179	222	47	99	131
8. Fresh Meats, Fish & Packing House Products (Edible)	628	525	598	848	282	182	230	342	346	343	368	506	2,128	2,336	1,660	848	904	591	1,280	1,432	1,069
9. Other Animal Products (Non-edible)	153	113	112	159	111	73	80	112	42	40	32	47	450 ✓	523 ✓	585	317	364	446	133	159	139
10. Coal	8,520	6,368	6,056	9,351	3,571	3,137	3,004	4,348	4,949	3,231	3,052	5,003	26,036	26,046	31,289	12,216	12,441	13,136	13,820	13,605	18,153
11. Coke	509	411	489	881	409	347	334	725	100	64	155	156	1,824	2,672	3,170	1,430	2,206	2,790	394	466	380
12. Iron Ore	110	75	89	289	110	75	89	289	-	-	-	-	366	730	-	366	730	-	-	-	-
13. Iron & Steel: Pig, Blooms & Ingots	261	233	238	739	258	218	218	739	3	15	20	-	915	1,941	-	877	1,940	-	38	1	-
14. Non-Ferrous Ores & Concentrates	3,078	2,066	2,029	3,349	2,239	1,361	1,347	2,320	839	705	682	1,029	8,947	10,158	-	6,083	7,022	-	2,864	3,136	-
15. Non-Ferrous Metals: Matte, Pig & Ingot	597	456	579	1,298	373	323	435	880	224	133	144	418	2,076 ✓	3,451 ✓	2,532	1,431	2,598	1,758	645	853	774
16. Iron & Steel Pdts. (Manufactured)	1,547	1,006	1,223	1,814	1,306	896	1,106	1,632	241	110	117	182	4,718	4,958	-	4,162	4,399	-	556	559	-
17. Machinery, Boilers & Castings	179	156	140	327	126	128	99	258	53	28	41	69	580	931	-	428	685	-	152	246	-
18. Crude Petroleum	385	314	319	835	6	7	3	4	379	307	316	831	1,199	2,270	1,419	20	42	14	1,179	2,228	1,405
19. Gasoline	2,376	2,052	2,223	3,638	1,758	1,450	1,420	2,440	618	602	803	1,198	8,697	9,580	-	6,078	6,519	-	2,619	3,061	-
20. Fuel Oil	3,963	3,387	3,198	4,413	2,921	2,639	2,456	3,552	1,032	748	742	861	12,937	12,132	-	9,929	9,691	-	3,008	2,441	-
21. Other Petroleum Products	446	379	355	763	303	288	252	629	143	91	103	134	1,362	1,890	-	935	1,500	-	427	390	-
22. Bldg. Sand, Gravel & Crushed Stone	1,420	1,347	1,270	2,005	1,100	1,155	986	1,628	320	192	284	377	5,075	6,236	-	4,027	5,149	-	1,048	1,087	-
23. Cement	738	456	501	1,078	434	345	310	634	304	111	191	444	2,131	2,873	-	1,385	1,588	-	746	1,285	-
24. Plaster, Lime, Brick, Bldg. Stone, Tile & Non-Metallic Pipe	1,006	702	714	1,012	730	478	479	610	276	224	235	402	2,928	2,935	-	2,024	1,903	-	904	1,032	-
25. Other Mine Products (Non-Metallic)	1,767	1,367	1,352	2,855	1,528	1,232	1,205	2,585	239	135	147	270	5,510	7,502	6,065	4,876	6,802	5,531	634	700	534
26. Logs, Posts, Poles & Piling (Ex. Cordwood & Fuelwood)	1,166	757	699	1,902	983	566	434	1,122	183	191	265	780	2,955	4,563	-	2,156	2,739	-	799	1,824	-
27. Lumber, Timber & Plywood	3,246	2,383	2,572	5,007	1,712	1,198	1,116	2,470	1,534	1,185	1,456	2,537	9,894	13,040	11,896	4,776	6,561	6,169	5,118	6,479	5,727
28. Pulpwood	6,780	4,542	3,956	7,406	5,505	3,768	3,109	5,399	1,275	774	847	2,007	18,176	18,552	32,683	14,655	14,149	22,328	3,521	4,403	10,355
29. Woodpulp	1,147	929	861	1,400	946	761	709	1,170	201	168	152	230	3,453	3,780	-	2,855	3,249	-	598	531	-
30. Newsprint Paper	4,294	3,192	3,358	4,858	3,730	2,749	2,905	4,187	564	443	453	671	13,082	13,154	-	11,288	11,357	-	1,794	1,797	-
31. Paperboard, Pulpboard & Wallboard (Paper)	496	401	401	693	484	387	388	664	12	14	13	29	1,678	1,652	-	1,617	1,556	-	61	76	-
32. Paper other than Newsprint	577	421	432	702	434	331	329	491	143	90	103	211	1,733	1,885	-	1,322	1,377	-	411	508	-
33. Other Forest Products	398	310	273	737	324	227	185	527	74	83	88	210	1,199	1,837	-	892	1,268	-	307	569	-
34. Beverages	362	317	318	586	294	258	256	460	68	59	62	126	1,295	1,387	-	1,031	1,054	-	264	333	-
35. Canned Goods	495	385	328	657	417	303	256	496	78	82	72	161	1,461	1,530	1,683	1,187	1,154	1,319	274	376	364
36. Sugar	224	152	141	360	133	99	80	226	91	53	61	134	667	831	904	401	493	501	266	338	403
37. Agricultural Implements & Farm Tractors	488	326	260	919	443	294	242	826	45	32	18	93	1,250	2,138	-	1,131	1,907	-	119	231	-
38. Automobiles, Auto Trucks & Parts	2,283	1,718	1,818	2,442	2,239	1,700	1,803	2,394	44	18	15	48	7,192	6,308	6,093	7,102	6,178	5,889	90	130	204
39. Fertilizers	1,014	709	755	1,350	437	287	319	654	577	422	436	696	3,107 ✓	3,731	3,456	1,333	2,030	1,888	1,774	1,701	1,568
40. Misc. Carload Commodities not specified above	5,025	4,068	3,803	6,771	4,418	3,523	3,254	5,732	607	545	549	1,039	15,692 ✓	18,487 ✓	-	13,625	15,768	-	2,067	2,719	-
41. Merchandise, L.C.L.	16,650	12,908	12,417	21,961	12,408	9,522	8,943	16,352	4,242	3,386	3,474	5,609	51,701 ✓	62,197 ✓	62,997	37,939	46,004	46,787	13,762	16,193	16,210
42. Total Revenue Cars Loaded	84,455	64,294	66,521	113,557	57,619	44,283	42,397	72,821	26,836	20,011	24,124	40,736	266,351	314,982	330,826	177,207	199,555	214,579	89,144	115,427	116,247
43. Total Revenue Cars Received from Connections	39,639	28,657	26,575	47,587	36,776	26,514	24,267	43,460	2,863	2,143	2,308	4,127	116,633	132,266	150,436	107,678	120,902	138,946	8,955	11,364	11,490

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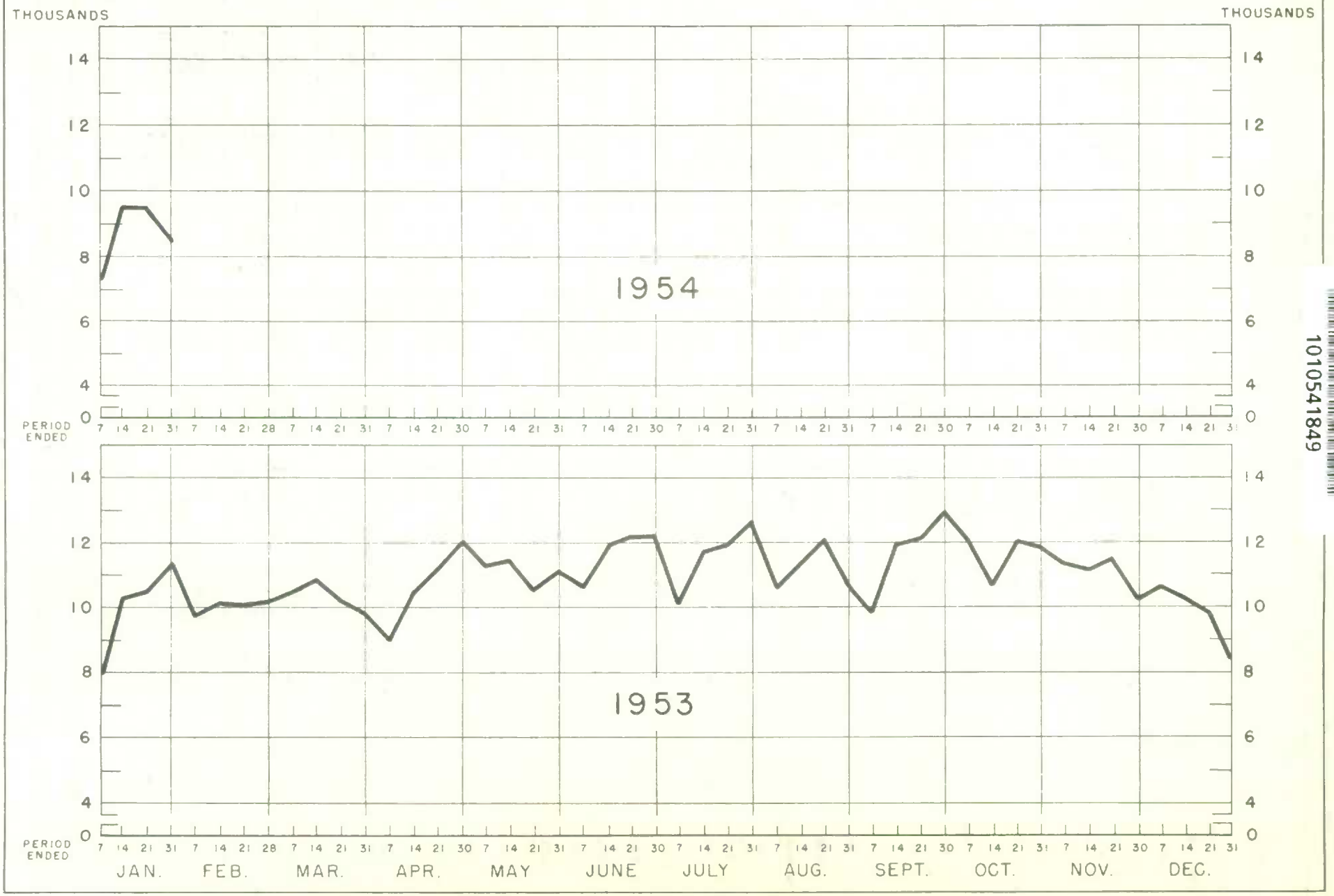
x Cumulative totals are not available for some items due to changes in Commodity detail effective September 1, 1952 but these are included in National totals.

DAILY AVERAGE CARS OF REVENUE FREIGHT LOADED IN CANADA



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