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**MONTHLY TRAFFIC REPORT OF RAILWAYS OF CANADA**

MARCH, 1939

Revenue freight loaded at Canadian stations and received from foreign connections by Canadian railways during March amounted to 5,855,025 tons compared with 5,922,805 tons in 1938. Wheat tonnage was greater than in March 1938 by 167,474 tons or 78 per cent. Flaxseed, flour, apples, other fruits, potatoes, other vegetables and other agricultural products showed increases but other commodities under agricultural products showed decreases making the net increase for the group 66,478 tons or 6.3 per cent. Animal products declined from 179,242 tons in 1938 to 178,514 tons. Mine products increased from 2,122,288 tons to 2,163,416 tons due mainly to an increase in lignite coal of 59,294 tons or 46 per cent. Pulpwood decreased by 231,595 tons or 57 per cent overcoming increases in other commodities and reducing the total forest products to 696,150 tons as against 892,395 tons in 1938. Manufactures and miscellaneous increased from 1,680,877 tons to 1,702,464 tons. Loadings and imports were lighter but intransit freight increased from 462,596 tons to 563,177 tons, iron, (pig and bloom) iron and steel (bar-sheet-structural-pipe) and automobiles and parts being considerably heavier than in 1938.

COMPARATIVE SUMMARY

TOTAL FREIGHT LOADED AND RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN CONNECTIONS

PROVINCES	FEBRUARY 1939	MARCH 1939	MARCH 1938	MARCH 1937
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
Prince Edward Island	9,971	14,595	15,778	18,008
Nova Scotia	414,144	450,822	553,980	498,207
New Brunswick	195,935	219,778	220,293	302,592
Quebec	737,868	917,098	897,969	1,101,775
Ontario.	2,409,254	2,691,010	2,825,677	3,300,653
Manitoba	212,907	260,253	347,315	299,428
Saskatchewan	240,491	277,295	204,775	298,957
Alberta	487,697	520,880	408,222	418,953
British Columbia	413,593	503,294	448,776	394,160
Total for Canada	5,121,860	5,855,025	5,922,805	6,632,733
<u>PRODUCTS</u>				
Agricultural	851,327	1,114,461	1,048,003	1,000,145
Animal	152,487	178,514	179,242	207,719
Mine	2,148,537	2,163,416	2,122,288	2,125,062
Forest	598,508	696,150	892,395	1,003,807
Manufactures and Miscellaneous	1,391,001	1,702,464	1,680,877	2,296,000
GRAND TOTAL	5,121,860	5,855,025	5,922,805	6,632,733

**REVENUE FREIGHT CARRIED BY CANADIAN RAILWAYS  
DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1939**

No.	COMMODITIES	FREIGHT ORIGINATED						TERMINATED		
		Loaded at Stations in Canada	Received from		Total for Month	Increase over March 1938 (Decrease -)	Cumulative Totals		Unloaded at Stations in Canada	Delivered to Foreign Connections
			Foreign Connections				To Date	Increase over 1938 (Decrease -)		
			Destined to Canadian Points	Foreign Points						
		Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	
	<u>AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS</u>									
1.	Wheat	371,464	2,441	8,758	382,663	167,474	1,028,972	345,672	205,694	163,370
2.	Corn	4,666	6,401	31,462	42,529	1,173	114,751	38,062	11,757	30,048
3.	Oats	70,211	5,861	15,062	91,134	5,567	213,330	25,195	69,399	21,443
4.	Barley	39,171	...	7,087	46,258	459	122,865	7,220	32,428	13,821
5.	Rye	1,879	...	491	2,370	295	7,423	3,234	1,669	514
6.	Flaxseed	847	1,825	...	2,672	1,470	7,828	4,752	2,630	42
7.	Other Grain	942	744	389	2,075	1,399	6,604	6,275	1,644	1,083
8.	Flour	90,831	991	37,156	128,978	11,349	352,645	33,283	58,937	71,099
9.	Other Mill Products	114,380	1,638	43,711	159,729	1,078	432,491	1,464	99,069	64,792
10.	Hay and Straw	27,719	51	1,341	29,111	111,569	64,325	301,104	21,672	8,762
11.	Cotton	544	3,885	1,937	6,166	3,867	18,654	10,440	4,366	2,079
12.	Apples (fresh)	13,492	...	1,816	15,308	3,216	68,003	2,524	6,923	9,349
13.	Other Fruit (fresh)	681	21,833	6,518	29,032	2,340	79,271	6,532	22,494	6,552
14.	Potatoes	35,804	212	27,446	63,462	6,003	148,995	9,483	19,146	43,199
15.	Other Fresh Vegetables	7,865	12,536	11,843	32,244	1,648	83,888	1,340	15,171	16,796
16.	Other Agricultural Products	26,702	15,341	58,707	80,750	1,681	227,499	7,438	31,790	48,206
	<b>Total</b>	<b>807,198</b>	<b>73,559</b>	<b>233,724</b>	<b>1,114,481</b>	<b>66,478</b>	<b>2,977,544</b>	<b>2,384</b>	<b>604,789</b>	<b>501,155</b>
	<u>ANIMAL PRODUCTS</u>									
17.	Horses	6,568	12	342	6,922	4,092	12,116	6,823	6,451	424
18.	Cattle and Calves	26,907	41	1,444	28,392	3,620	93,291	5,958	25,331	2,951
19.	Sheep	1,388	...	1,329	2,717	383	8,911	129	1,404	1,335
20.	Hogs	16,185	66	2,589	18,840	75	53,071	11,899	16,332	2,589
21.	Dressed Meats (fresh)	6,399	1,399	25,545	33,343	2,086	99,261	6,518	6,190	26,387
22.	Dressed Meats (cured-salted-canned)	9,131	680	4,900	14,711	1,490	38,032	5,683	1,360	13,229
23.	Other Packing House Products (edible)	7,095	1,119	6,767	14,981	2,493	43,984	8,042	7,350	8,209
24.	Poultry	669	67	3,538	4,274	991	13,811	2,637	228	3,978
25.	Eggs	129	...	8,485	8,614	1,983	21,054	4,114	108	8,505
26.	Butter	2,582	102	11,181	13,865	842	40,931	4,117	1,726	12,040
27.	Cheese	748	...	3,686	4,434	706	13,948	1,326	423	4,011
28.	Wool	470	1,590	1,686	3,746	343	9,981	2,173	1,833	2,000
29.	Hides and Leather	4,699	1,730	5,239	11,668	2,010	33,680	8,587	3,686	8,038
30.	Other Animal Products (Non-edible)	5,045	1,055	5,907	12,007	2,296	32,508	5,380	4,932	7,328
31.	<b>Total</b>	<b>88,015</b>	<b>7,861</b>	<b>82,638</b>	<b>178,514</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>514,579</b>	<b>11,282</b>	<b>75,994</b>	<b>101,024</b>
	<u>MINE PRODUCTS</u>									
31.	Anthracite Coal	1,193	212,961	21,388	235,542	27,103	767,188	39,108	189,881	20,388
32.	Bituminous Coal	548,014	226,169	7,952	782,135	4,900	2,211,656	280,428	695,378	23,155
33.	Lignite Coal	187,346	...	...	187,346	59,294	822,671	33,697	183,517	...
34.	Coke	75,754	23,167	1,130	100,051	9,272	339,943	20,790	92,266	4,674

35. Iron Ores	120	117	58	295	- 706	2,823	1,312	192	126
36. Copper Ore & Concentrates	132,117	...	22	132,139	27,880	385,723	74,765	124,428	9,285
37. Other Ores & Concentrates	333,391	7,075	14,851	355,317	8,771	986,902	- 50,740	336,229	17,645
38. Base Bullion, Matte, Pig & Ingot (non-ferrous metals)	97,223	1,023	7,563	105,809	14,334	280,290	22,635	27,716	78,399
39. Sand and Gravel	16,470	2,020	628	19,118	- 2,239	38,404	- 23,193	17,397	743
40. Stone (crushed, ground, broken)	43,863	100	172	44,135	- 15,508	119,412	- 49,449	44,569	172
41. Slate, Dimension or Block Stone	4,033	1,016	3,550	8,599	- 2,172	21,657	- 2,220	3,998	4,108
42. Crude Petroleum	25,609	7,387	91	33,087	6,953	91,201	5,380	32,975	129
43. Asphalt (Natural, By-Product Petroleum)	3,099	486	1,285	4,870	268	14,434	2,002	3,525	1,285
44. Salt	11,622	1,480	7,784	20,886	- 553	57,407	1,286	12,184	8,509
45. Other Mine Products	102,676	18,963	12,448	134,087	- 86,669	356,340	- 228,465	85,834	44,209
Total	1,582,530	501,964	78,922	2,163,416	41,128	6,496,051	- 433,520	1,850,089	212,827
<b>FOREST PRODUCTS</b>									
46. Logs, Posts, Poles, Piling	93,950	289	2,347	96,586	12,087	244,440	28,918	83,864	11,292
47. Cordwood & Other Firewood	125,711	121	34	125,866	8,759	309,629	- 34,348	121,942	3,566
48. Lias	1,493	1,533	136	3,162	- 818	6,214	- 5,298	3,229	426
49. Pulpwood	172,621	...	252	172,873	- 231,595	549,400	- 806,767	112,873	55,595
50. Lumber, Timber, Box, Crate & Cooperage Material	218,650	11,507	27,805	257,962	3,283	657,099	17,649	117,329	145,019
51. Other Forest Products	16,754	14,504	8,443	39,701	12,039	108,011	27,763	18,530	15,657
Total	629,179	27,954	39,017	696,150	- 196,245	1,874,793	- 772,083	457,767	231,555
<b>MANUFACTURES AND MISCELLANEOUS</b>									
52. Gasolene	61,940	4,624	3,490	70,054	- 8,212	192,701	- 356	65,728	2,966
53. Petroleum Oils & Other Petroleum Products (except asphalt & gasolene)	41,811	8,267	8,611	58,689	- 7,981	172,396	- 2,552	51,554	7,754
54. Sugar	16,858	3,567	7,719	28,144	5,265	72,131	7,700	18,755	9,007
55. Iron, pig and bloom	8,641	294	5,213	14,148	1,457	34,888	- 745	7,942	5,481
56. Nails and Fastenings	14,209	248	402	14,859	- 106	22,716	2,721	13,026	1,891
57. Iron and Steel (Bar-Sheet-Structural-Pipe)	47,848	14,698	43,394	105,940	812	290,475	21,483	55,488	47,342
58. Castings, Machinery and Boilers	4,084	3,348	9,471	16,903	- 5,122	43,906	- 16,628	7,997	10,103
59. Cement	18,379	127	637	19,143	- 4,192	39,125	- 9,898	18,435	655
60. Brick & Artificial Stone	6,158	6,375	1,687	14,220	- 2,263	38,928	- 5,683	10,497	1,663
61. Lime and Plaster	20,670	639	878	22,187	1,597	60,002	3,835	20,148	1,174
62. Sewer Pipe & Drain Tile	784	88	176	1,048	- 71	2,608	- 862	982	200
63. Agricultural Implements & Vehicles other than autos	6,334	6,110	5,138	17,582	- 6,859	38,702	26,527	10,309	7,277
64. Automobiles, Auto Trucks & Auto Parts	32,937	9,559	123,046	165,542	37,090	468,769	107,065	27,164	136,030
65. Household Goods & Settlers' Effects	1,615	109	60	1,784	- 1,511	3,466	- 3,088	1,744	84
66. Furniture	2,031	180	2,192	4,403	336	13,880	1,497	1,973	2,366
67. Beverages	13,880	588	7,591	22,059	- 592	57,869	- 207	13,376	8,404
68. Fertilizers, all kinds	70,638	2,636	3,957	77,231	- 15,775	177,869	- 7,936	28,546	47,285
69. Newsprint Paper	160,375	142	21,882	182,399	20,062	513,213	9,512	13,083	188,472
70. Other Paper	12,429	405	24,650	37,484	5,480	103,978	10,201	12,325	25,994
71. Paper Board, Pulpboard & Wallboard (Paper)	16,604	1,465	4,110	22,179	2,941	55,907	- 2,616	12,501	9,732
72. Wood Pulp	55,246	367	12,062	67,675	5,399	197,904	25,708	19,180	48,956
73. Fish (fresh, frozen, cured, etc.)	8,740	220	1,110	10,070	1,036	32,043	1,468	3,847	6,010
74. Canned Goods (all Canned Food Products except meats)	14,672	1,465	22,923	39,060	- 1,271	110,888	4,314	13,153	26,499
75. Other Manufactures & Miscellaneous	209,336	62,307	219,585	491,228	6,553	1,322,575	17,085	228,174	265,971
76. Merchandise (All L.C.L. Freight)	147,891	17,349	33,193	198,433	- 12,486	514,061	- 27,510	160,077	37,864
Total	994,110	145,177	563,177	1,702,464	21,587	4,581,000	107,981	816,004	899,160
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>4,101,032</b>	<b>756,515</b>	<b>997,478</b>	<b>5,855,025</b>	<b>- 67,780</b>	<b>16,443,967</b>	<b>- 1,083,956</b>	<b>3,804,643</b>	<b>1,945,721</b>

**REVENUE FREIGHT CARRIED BY CANADIAN RAILWAYS**  
DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH, 1939. (tons = 2,000 lbs.)

	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskat- chewan	Alberta	British Columbia
<b>LOADED AT STATIONS</b>									
Agricultural Products	11,723	6,734	26,498	67,220	195,085	91,182	132,731	259,650	16,377
Animal Products	777	607	841	8,757	28,673	16,279	9,511	19,786	2,764
Mine Products	108	359,729	35,046	171,978	504,060	39,382	42,539	200,535	249,153
Forest Products	377	29,262	55,298	113,065	155,403	64,907	50,813	7,702	152,357
Manufactures and Miscellaneous	1,610	58,799	47,120	302,283	436,856	35,196	34,886	30,432	46,928
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,595</b>	<b>435,131</b>	<b>164,798</b>	<b>663,303</b>	<b>1,320,075</b>	<b>246,946</b>	<b>270,480</b>	<b>518,105</b>	<b>467,599</b>
<b>RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN CONNECTIONS</b>									
Agricultural Products	...	5,166	25,668	22,361	242,031	3,206	622	28	10,201
Animal Products	...	1,541	882	2,784	83,483	47	...	...	1,762
Mine Products	...	1,113	2,376	112,885	450,177	3,917	736	1,185	8,497
Forest Products	...	2,141	871	19,409	37,229	517	47	...	6,757
Manufactures and Miscellaneous	...	5,730	27,183	96,356	558,015	5,620	5,410	1,562	8,478
<b>Total</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>15,691</b>	<b>54,980</b>	<b>253,795</b>	<b>1,370,935</b>	<b>13,307</b>	<b>6,815</b>	<b>2,775</b>	<b>35,695</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>									
Agricultural Products	11,723	11,900	50,166	89,581	437,114	94,388	133,353	259,678	26,578
Animal Products	777	2,148	1,723	11,541	112,156	16,326	9,511	19,788	4,546
Mine Products	108	340,842	37,422	264,863	954,237	43,299	43,275	201,720	257,650
Forest Products	377	31,403	56,164	132,474	192,632	65,424	50,860	7,702	159,114
Manufactures and Miscellaneous	1,610	64,529	74,303	398,639	994,871	40,816	40,296	31,994	55,406
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,595</b>	<b>450,822</b>	<b>219,778</b>	<b>917,098</b>	<b>2,691,010</b>	<b>260,253</b>	<b>277,295</b>	<b>520,880</b>	<b>503,294</b>
<b>UNLOADED AT STATIONS</b>									
Agricultural Products	2,676	16,064	14,138	134,643	243,447	52,800	70,609	39,698	30,714
Animal Products	341	2,078	1,712	16,912	25,485	12,530	3,598	5,957	7,381
Mine Products	7,595	264,671	56,588	148,416	900,842	96,854	123,815	35,485	215,823
Forest Products	738	13,780	11,262	76,015	164,451	71,919	40,577	11,034	67,991
Manufactures and Miscellaneous	3,876	55,649	30,048	220,977	326,524	50,236	42,644	45,953	40,097
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,226</b>	<b>352,242</b>	<b>113,748</b>	<b>596,963</b>	<b>1,660,749</b>	<b>284,339</b>	<b>281,243</b>	<b>138,127</b>	<b>362,006</b>
<b>DELIVERED TO FOREIGN CONNECTIONS</b>									
Agricultural Products	...	25,380	66,382	76,573	189,918	1,167	455	...	141,480
Animal Products	...	6,245	10,913	11,664	69,775	1,019	1,215	...	193
Mine Products	...	14,483	30,277	25,873	85,290	...	...	...	56,904
Forest Products	...	16,254	35,212	38,459	81,932	814	15,764	...	43,120
Manufactures and Miscellaneous	...	21,211	53,869	93,731	697,152	11,434	2,028	...	19,735
<b>Total</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>83,573</b>	<b>196,653</b>	<b>248,100</b>	<b>1,124,067</b>	<b>14,434</b>	<b>19,462</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>261,432</b>

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