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The volume of freight handled at Canadian ports during March totalled 3,656,484 tons, 13.4 per cent below the tonnage of 4,118,391 reported for March last year. Cargoes loaded in foreign trade dropped to 1,654,300 tons from 1,725,152 and unloadings to 424,658 tons from 780,014. In coastal trade loadings declined to 723,387 tons from 775,837 but unloadings at 854,139 tons recorded a slight increase. For the first quarter of 1958 cargoes handled at Canadian ports were 9 per cent below last year, dropping to 9,988,287 tons from 10,989,402. Loadings and unloadings in foreign trade decreased to 6,376,485 tons from 7,011,388 and in coastal trade to 3,611,802 tons from 3,978,014. Vessel arrivals and departures in both foreign and coastwise service dropped to 13,052 from 13,659 in March 1957, although the registered net tonnage increased to 10,589,468 from 9,806,074. For the first three months of the year the number of arrivals and departures decreased by 3,246.

Commodities loaded in greatest volume in foreign trade were wheat, lumber, gypsum, newsprint and general cargo. As compared with March, 1957, loadings of wheat and lumber were up by 163,855 and 90,507 tons, respectively. These increases, however, were offset by decreases in crude petroleum, barley, pulpwood and general, resulting in a net decline of 70,852 tons. Cargo unloaded from foreign ports was down by 355,356 tons. The largest decreases were in bituminous coal which dropped to 9,672 tons from 188,816 and in petroleum oils and products down to 53,717 tons from 135,687.

In coastal trade the greatest volume of shipping was recorded in petroleum oils and products, pulpwood, sand and gravel, and general cargo. Although unloadings were down from the previous year for several commodities an increase of 59,668 tons of pulpwood, 46,532 tons of petroleum oils and products plus other minor increases resulted in an overall increase of 16,751 tons.

Cargoes loaded at Atlantic and lower St. Lawrence ports increased 8 per cent to 873,020 tons from 809,242 in March 1957 while on the Pacific coast they dropped, 10 per cent to 1,440,292 tons from 1,604,536, and on the Great Lakes to 64,375 tons from 87,211. Unloadings were down in all three areas. In the Atlantic and lower St. Lawrence region cargoes unloaded dropped to 389,432 tons from 527,083, down 26 per cent, on the Pacific coast to 809,902 tons from 835,493 and in the Great Lakes area to 79,363 from 254,826. With the canals still closed to navigation shipping in the Great Lakes area was negligible.

Canadian ports registering the greatest volume of shipping during March were as follows (data for the corresponding month last year in brackets): Vancouver, 1,020,627 tons (1,252,191); Halifax, 520,661 tons (531,847) and Saint John, 409,368 tons (443,862).

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Table 1.

Summary of Canadian Shipping Statistics

	March, 1958			March, 1957 Total	Cumulative total	
	Unloaded	Loaded	Total		1958	1957
<u>Cargo tons of freight</u>						
Foreign	424,658	1,654,300	2,078,958	2,505,166	6,376,485	7,011,388
Coastwise	854,139	723,387	1,577,526	1,613,225	3,611,802	3,978,014
Total	1,278,797	2,377,687	3,656,484	4,118,391	9,988,287	10,989,402
	Arrivals	Departures	Total	Total	Cumulative total	
<u>Number of vessels</u>						
Foreign	1,454	1,515	2,969	3,049	8,058	8,389
Coastwise	5,006	5,077	10,083	10,610	24,860	27,775
Total	6,460	6,592	13,052	13,659	32,918	36,164
<u>Registered net tonnage</u>						
Foreign	2,617,999	2,725,173	5,343,172	5,256,104	14,232,090	14,413,734
Coastwise	2,662,091	2,584,205	5,246,296	4,549,970	12,249,985	15,133,058
Total	5,280,090	5,309,378	10,589,468	9,806,074	26,482,075	29,546,792

Table 2.

Cargoes Unloaded and Loaded in Foreign Trade by Commodity and Geographic Area, March, 1958

Commodities	At Atlantic and St. Lawrence River ports Montreal and below		At Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River ports above Montreal		At Pacific Coast ports		At all ports	
	Unloaded	Loaded	Unloaded	Loaded	Unloaded	Loaded	Unloaded	Loaded
	Tons (2,000 lb.)							
General	57,857	128,322	-	-	4,122	1,263	61,979	129,585
Wheat	-	245,028	-	-	-	270,802	-	515,830
Oats	-	-	-	-	-	400	-	400
Barley	-	251	-	-	-	74,811	-	75,062
Coal, bituminous	4,212	1,193	5,460	-	-	-	9,672	1,193
Petroleum, crude	126,631	-	-	-	-	-	126,631	-
Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	45,167	-	45,167
Bauxite	-	-	-	-	11,316	-	11,316	-
Gypsum	-	182,377	-	-	11,192	-	11,192	182,377
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	-	-	-	-	10	-	10	-
Logs, posts, poles, pitprops, piling	-	1,751	-	-	2,179	11,452	2,179	13,203
Pulpwood, pulpwood chips	-	4,585	-	-	-	52,254	-	56,839
Lumber, timber, box, crate, cooperage material	4	3,543	-	-	480	196,326	484	199,869
Newsprint paper	1	71,228	-	-	58	40,647	59	111,875
Woodpulp, pulp screenings	-	6,373	-	-	10,880	35,046	10,880	41,419
Petroleum oils and other petroleum products	13,165	14	52	-	40,500	2,431	53,717	2,445
Other	53,081	94,593	-	1,500	83,458	182,943	136,539	279,036
Total, Month of March	254,951	739,258	5,512	1,500	164,195	913,542	424,658	1,654,300
Total cargo carried by Canadian vessels	4,975	30,495	-	-	26,080	93,715	31,055	124,210
Total cargo carried by foreign vessels	249,976	708,763	5,512	1,500	138,115	819,827	393,603	1,530,090
Cumulative total, January - March	934,534	2,364,653	5,512	14,700	445,807	2,611,279	1,385,853	4,990,632
Total cargo carried by Canadian vessels	49,990	92,558	-	-	53,956	297,432	103,946	389,990
Total cargo carried by foreign vessels	884,544	2,272,095	5,512	14,700	391,851	2,313,847	1,281,907	4,600,642

Table 3.

Cargoes Unloaded and Loaded in Coastal Trade by Commodity and Geographic Area, March, 1958

Commodities	At Atlantic and St. Lawrence River ports Montreal and below		At Great Lakes and St. Lawrence River ports above Montreal		At Pacific Coast ports		At all ports	
	Unloaded	Loaded	Unloaded	Loaded	Unloaded	Loaded	Unloaded	Loaded
	Tons (2,000 lb.)							
General	13,546	33,612	-	24	46,967	37,422	60,513	71,058
Wheat	-	-	-	-	4,333	4,333	4,333	4,333
Oats	25	-	-	-	-	-	25	-
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	4,875	5,108	-	-	845	9,114	5,720	14,222
Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sand, gravel, crushed stone	315	-	20,917	7,210	68,813	78,774	90,045	85,984
Firewood, hogged fuel	-	20	-	-	27,584	35,748	27,584	35,768
Pulpwood, pulpwood chips	22	-	-	-	153,356	150,113	153,378	150,113
Cement	149	69	-	-	23,588	353	23,737	422
Gasoline	18,070	6,284	11,062	11,062	5,999	10,310	35,131	27,656
Petroleum oils and other petroleum products	68,497	75,126	41,872	44,572	47,695	60,065	158,064	179,763
Other	29,082	13,543	-	7	266,527	140,518	295,609	154,068
Total, Month of March	134,581	133,762	73,851	62,875	645,707	526,750	854,139	723,387
Total cargo carried by Canadian vessels	129,235	129,230	73,851	62,875	630,807	509,621	833,893	701,726
Total cargo carried by foreign vessels	5,346	4,532	-	-	14,900	17,129	20,246	21,661
Cumulative total, January - March	364,561	373,413	73,858	62,887	1,499,063	1,238,020	1,937,482	1,674,320
Total cargo carried by Canadian vessels	343,661	346,157	73,858	62,887	1,476,099	1,220,573	1,893,618	1,629,617
Total cargo carried by foreign vessels	20,900	27,256	-	-	22,964	17,447	43,864	44,703

Table 4.

Number and Registered Net Tonnage of Vessels Arrived at and Departed from Selected Canadian ports in Foreign Service

Ports	March, 1958				Cumulative, 1958			
	Arrivals		Departures		Arrivals		Departures	
	Vessels	Registered net tonnage	Vessels	Registered net tonnage	Vessels	Registered net tonnage	Vessels	Registered net tonnage
Bell Island, Nfld.	-	-	-	-	8	50,035	8	50,035
Cornerbrook, Nfld.	8	18,553	10	22,346	21	50,871	28	68,737
St. John's, Nfld.	32	47,502	36	51,868	75	114,681	84	127,312
Charlottetown, P.E.I.	1	524	2	793	4	2,307	7	6,916
Halifax, N.S.	144	620,087	144	602,043	390	1,630,455	375	1,587,646
Sydney, N.S.	5	7,229	5	7,229	22	29,235	24	33,383
Saint John, N.B.	79	289,933	80	293,961	215	779,887	226	823,184
Seven Islands, Que.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chicoutimi, Que.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port Alfred, Que.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec, Que.	1	1,230	1	1,230	1	1,230	1	1,230
Three Rivers, Que.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sorel, Que.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Montreal, Que.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prescott, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Toronto, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hamilton, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port Colborne, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sarnia, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fort William, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port Arthur, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Churchill, Man.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Westminster, B.C.	62	190,816	89	215,024	197	463,137	226	542,748
Vancouver, B.C.	297	611,341	301	623,544	861	1,667,963	912	1,882,529
Victoria, B.C.	156	273,495	136	280,054	387	714,550	362	754,932
Atlantic-St. Lawrence River ports Montreal and below ..	683	1,142,629	698	1,146,020	1,817	3,066,488	1,924	3,138,449
Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River ports above Montreal ..	17	6,037	19	6,297	38	13,421	44	13,813
Pacific Coast ports	754	1,469,333	798	1,572,856	2,044	3,749,670	2,191	4,250,249
Total Canadian ports	1,454	2,617,999	1,515	2,725,173	3,899	6,829,579	4,159	7,402,511

Table 5.

Number and Registered Net Tonnage of Vessels Arrived at and Departed from Selected Canadian Ports in Coastwise Service

Ports	March, 1958				Cumulative, 1958			
	Arrivals		Departures		Arrivals		Departures	
	Vessels	Registered net tonnage	Vessels	Registered net tonnage	Vessels	Registered net tonnage	Vessels	Registered net tonnage
Bell Island, Nfld.	6	3,503	6	3,503	6	3,503	7	7,724
Cornerbrook, Nfld.	4	5,625	3	1,846	12	16,973	8	3,649
St. John's, Nfld.	41	30,998	37	27,552	102	79,140	92	72,278
Charlottetown, P.E.I.	3	422	3	183	10	11,707	8	7,128
Halifax, N.S.	47	51,073	48	69,200	126	155,512	149	203,988
Sydney, N.S.	13	5,514	12	5,439	40	21,757	40	24,922
Saint John, N.B.	32	28,201	32	24,251	97	71,814	101	67,693
Seven Islands, Que.	11	4,553	11	4,553	22	8,129	22	8,129
Chicoutimi, Que.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port Alfred, Que.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec, Que.	4	1,258	4	1,258	8	2,262	8	2,262
Three Rivers, Que.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sorel, Que.	6	1,993	3	156	6	1,993	3	156
Montreal, Que.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prescott, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Toronto, Ont.	11	7,368	12	7,916	13	7,522	14	8,070
Hamilton, Ont.	14	11,608	16	11,990	14	11,608	16	11,990
Port Colborne, Ont.	-	-	1	34	-	-	1	34
Sarnia, Ont.	4	11,192	5	14,403	4	11,192	5	14,403
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fort William, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port Arthur, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Churchill, Man.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Westminster, B.C.	295	130,711	276	101,828	640	282,804	624	209,745
Vancouver, B.C.	1,614	991,737	1,641	988,158	4,065	2,247,483	4,196	2,213,839
Victoria, B.C.	289	203,996	316	210,241	893	667,591	943	640,781
Atlantic-St. Lawrence River ports Montreal and below ..	944	380,006	952	375,038	2,605	1,148,225	2,580	1,157,980
Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River ports above Montreal .	103	63,192	171	75,432	162	65,256	191	76,744
Pacific Coast ports	3,959	2,218,893	3,954	2,133,735	9,626	5,046,059	9,696	4,755,721
Total Canadian ports	5,006	2,662,091	5,077	2,584,205	12,393	6,259,540	12,467	5,990,445

Table 6.

Cargoes Unloaded and Loaded at Selected Canadian Ports by Commodity and by Type of Trade

Ports and Commodities	March, 1958						Grand total	Cumulative total 1958
	Foreign			Coastwise				
	Unloaded	Loaded	Total	Unloaded	Loaded	Total		
Tons (2,000 lb.)								
<u>Bell Island, Nfld.</u>								
Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	142,522
Bituminous coal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	1,251	-	1,251	1,251	1,251
Total	-	-	-	1,251	-	1,251	1,251	143,773
<u>Cornerbrook, Nfld.</u>								
General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
Petroleum oils and other petroleum products	-	-	-	2	-	2	2	868
Newsprint paper	-	16,662	16,662	-	-	-	16,662	61,662
Pulpwood, pulpwood chips	-	-	-	22	-	22	22	22
Woodpulp, pulp screenings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,000
Other	138	1,492	1,630	140	135	275	1,905	4,534
Total	138	18,154	18,292	164	135	299	18,591	74,124

Table 6. Cont'd.

Cargoes Unloaded and Loaded at Selected Canadian Ports by Commodity and by Type of Trade

Ports and Commodities	March, 1958						Grand total	Cumulative total 1958
	Foreign			Coastwise				
	Unloaded	Loaded	Total	Unloaded	Loaded	Total		
				Tons (2,000 lb.)				
<u>Port Alfred, Que.</u>								
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bauxite	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum oils and other petroleum products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pulpwood, pulpwood chips	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aluminum bars, rods, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Quebec, Que.</u>								
Pulpwood, pulpwood chips	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum oils and other petroleum products	-	-	-	-	21	21	21	21
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gasoline	-	-	-	44	1,085	1,129	1,129	2,142
Other	-	-	-	44	1,106	1,150	1,150	2,163
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Three Rivers, Que.</u>								
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pulpwood, pulpwood chips	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum oils and other petroleum products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newsprint paper	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Sorel, Que.</u>								
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other metallic ores and concentrates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scrap iron and steel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fertilizers, all kinds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Montreal, Que.</u>								
General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum oils and other petroleum products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, anthracite	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum, crude	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Prescott, Ont.</u>								
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<u>Toronto, Ont.</u>									
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gasoline	-	-	-	-	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Petroleum oils and other petroleum products	-	-	-	2,000	4,500	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,500
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	3,865	-	3,865	3,865	3,865	3,865
Total	-	-	-	5,865	8,000	13,865	13,865	13,865	13,865
<u>Hamilton, Ont.</u>									
General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum oils and other petroleum products	-	-	-	18,900	-	18,900	18,900	18,900	18,900
Sand and gravel	-	-	-	9,815	7,210	17,025	17,025	17,025	17,025
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	28,715	7,210	35,925	35,925	35,925	35,925
<u>Port Colborne, Ont.</u>									
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Sarnia, Ont.</u>									
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum oils and other petroleum products	-	-	-	16,430	-	16,430	16,430	16,430	16,430
Gasoline	-	-	-	7,500	-	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	23,930	-	23,930	23,930	23,930	23,930
<u>Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.</u>									
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron, pig and bloom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron and steel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Limestone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Fort William, Ont.</u>									
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oats	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other mill products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Port Arthur, Ont.</u>									
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oats	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 6. Concl'd.

Cargoes Unloaded and Loaded at Selected Canadian Ports by Commodity and by Type of Trade

Ports and Commodities	March, 1958						Grand total	Cumulative total 1958
	Foreign			Coastwise				
	Unloaded	Loaded	Total	Unloaded	Loaded	Total		
	Tons (2,000 lb.)							
<u>Churchill, Man.</u>								
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>New Westminster, B.C.</u>								
General	47	-	47	6,447	6,783	13,230	13,277	49,758
Lumber, timber, box, crate, cooperage material	-	45,928	45,928	465	-	465	46,393	124,855
Pulpwood, pulpwood chips	-	6,445	6,445	-	28,364	28,364	34,809	73,348
Logs, posts, poles, pitprops, piling	-	-	-	36,264	-	36,264	36,264	96,890
Sand and gravel	-	-	-	-	9,100	9,100	9,100	22,550
Other	12,493	37,645	50,138	16,766	14,742	31,508	81,646	213,467
Total	12,540	90,018	102,558	59,942	58,989	118,931	221,489	580,868
<u>Vancouver, B.C.</u>								
Wheat	-	262,050	262,050	-	-	-	262,050	881,888
Pulpwood, pulpwood chips	-	33,670	33,670	1,538	103,925	105,463	139,133	306,288
Logs, posts, poles, pitprops, piling	1,834	1,228	3,062	31,400	1,112	32,512	35,574	130,703
Lumber, timber, box, crate, cooperage material	476	56,296	56,772	1,817	139	1,956	58,728	161,444
Firewood, hogged fuel	-	13,300	13,300	-	28,658	28,658	41,958	110,188
Petroleum oils and other petroleum products	24,694	2,431	27,125	-	59,259	59,259	86,384	253,386
Sand and gravel	-	-	-	64,381	400	64,781	64,781	192,164
Other	52,444	166,402	218,846	70,753	42,420	113,173	332,019	925,031
Total	79,448	535,377	614,825	169,889	235,913	405,802	1,020,627	2,961,092
<u>Victoria, B.C.</u>								
General	724	1	725	8,602	4,622	13,224	13,949	54,503
Lumber, timber, box and cooperage material	-	33,865	33,865	-	1,493	1,493	35,358	100,755
Logs, posts, poles, pitprops, piling	-	8,193	8,193	13,040	-	13,040	21,233	42,529
Pulpwood and pulpwood chips	-	11,147	11,147	1,000	9,704	10,704	21,851	56,500
Petroleum oils and other petroleum products	599	-	599	19,134	12	19,146	19,745	66,618
Other	1,835	21,652	23,487	13,108	10,424	23,532	47,019	104,906
Total	3,158	74,858	78,016	54,884	26,255	81,139	159,155	425,811

