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SHIPPING STATISTICS

March, 1959

The volume of freight handled at Canadian ports during the month of March rose 15.8 percent to 4,232,530 tons from 3,656,484 in March, 1958. In foreign trade, loadings increased 8.4 per cent to 1,792,698 tons from 1,654,300 while unloadings rose 55.4 per cent to 659,928 tons from 424,658. In coastal trade, loadings rose 20.0 per cent to 868,392 tons from 723,387 and unloadings 6.7 per cent to 911,512 tons from 854,139. Vessel arrivals and departures in both services increased to 14,267 from 13,052 in March, 1958, with registered net tonnage up to 11,351,747 tons from 10,589,468.

For the period January - March cargoes handled at Canadian ports increased 20.5 per cent to 12,034,145 tons from 9,988,287 in the same period last year. Loadings and unloadings in foreign trade increased 18.6 per cent to 7,559,828 tons from 6,376,485 and cargoes handled in coastal trade increased 23.9 per cent to 4,474,317 tons from 3,611,802. Vessel arrivals and departures in both services increased to 8,360 from 8,058 with registered net tonnage up to 33,880,242 tons from 28,869,693.

Commodities loaded in greatest volume in foreign trade were wheat, gypsum, lumber and general cargo. Compared with March, 1958, loadings of gypsum were up by 173,119 tons, oats by 20,966 tons and lumber by 20,433 tons, with total loadings recording an increase of 138,398 tons. Cargoes unloaded from foreign ports were up by 235,270 tons. The largest increases were in crude petroleum, up 71,263 tons, general cargo, up 37,766 tons, bauxite, up 18,883 tons and petroleum oils, up 17,830 tons.

In coastal trade, the greatest volume of shipping was recorded in logs, pulpwood, petroleum oils and general cargo. Although unloadings of petroleum oils, sand, gravel and crushed stone were lower than in March, 1958, increases in general cargo, pulpwood and logs resulted in an overall increase of 57,373 tons.

Shipping returns for March show increased operations on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, while on the Great Lakes, with the shipping season not officially opened, traffic was negligible. Loadings were up by 11.8 per cent to 976,435 tons in the Atlantic and lower St. Lawrence River region and up 13.9 per cent to 1,640,246 tons on the Pacific coast while unloadings in the Atlantic and lower St. Lawrence River region were up 60.2 per cent to 624,166 tons and on the Pacific coast 11.4 per cent to 902,012 tons.

Canadian ports registering the greatest volume of shipping during March were: Vancouver, 1,005,541 tons (1,020,627 in March, 1958); Halifax, 671,657 (520,661); and Saint John, 506,007 (409,368).

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Table 1.

Summary of Canadian Shipping Statistics

	March, 1959			March, 1958	Cumulative total	
	Unloaded	Loaded	Total	Total	1959	1958 ^r
<u>Cargo tons of freight</u>						
Foreign	659,928	1,792,698	2,452,626	2,078,958	7,559,828	6,376,485
Coastwise	911,512	868,392	1,779,904	1,577,526	4,474,317	3,611,802
Total	1,571,440	2,661,090	4,232,530	3,656,484	12,034,145	9,988,287
	Arrivals	Departures	Total	Total	Cumulative total	
<u>Number of vessels</u>						
Foreign	1,451	1,520	2,971	2,969	8,360	8,058
Coastwise	5,656	5,640	11,296	10,083	28,675	25,844
Total	7,107	7,160	14,267	13,052	37,035	33,902
<u>Registered net tonnage</u>						
Foreign	2,530,026	2,686,699	5,216,725	5,343,172	15,750,000	14,232,090
Coastwise	3,163,403	2,971,619	6,135,022	5,246,296	18,130,242	14,637,603
Total	5,693,429	5,658,318	11,351,747	10,589,468	33,880,242	28,869,693

Table 2.

Cargoes Unloaded and Loaded in Foreign Trade by Commodity and Geographic Area, March, 1959

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.)							
Wheat	-	178,186	-	-	-	307,296	-	485,482
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	58,874	-	58,874
Oats	-	76	-	-	-	21,290	-	21,366
Pulpwood and pulpwood chips	-	116	-	-	440	73,064	440	73,180
Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	26,550	-	26,550
Bauxite	-	-	-	-	30,199	-	30,199	-
Coal, bituminous	1,346	-	2,969	-	-	-	4,315	-
Petroleum, crude	197,894	-	-	-	-	-	197,894	-
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	-	-	11,900	-	-	-	11,900	-
Limestone	-	-	-	-	-	13,766	-	13,766
Gypsum	-	355,496	-	-	8,000	-	8,000	355,496
Lumber, timber, box, crate and cooperage material	5	5,651	-	-	419	214,651	424	220,302
Woodpulp	-	2,761	-	-	11,568	39,777	11,568	42,538
Newsprint	-	56,149	-	-	37	36,283	37	92,432
Petroleum oils	34,750	15,213	-	-	36,797	1,520	71,547	16,733
General	90,357	132,452	-	-	9,388	897	99,745	133,349
Other	143,827	85,629	-	30,565	80,032	136,436	223,859	252,630
Total, Month of March	468,179	831,729	14,869	30,565	176,880	930,404	659,928	1,792,698
Total cargo carried by Canadian vessels	2,797	2,630	-	-	24,905	132,987	27,702	135,617
Total cargo carried by foreign vessels	465,382	829,099	14,869	30,565	151,975	797,417	632,226	1,657,081
Cumulative total, January - March	1,160,871	2,623,634	29,639	94,486	545,399	3,105,799	1,735,909	5,823,919
Total cargo carried by Canadian vessels	8,389	15,526	-	-	61,496	332,518	69,885	348,044
Total cargo carried by foreign vessels	1,152,482	2,608,108	29,639	94,486	483,903	2,773,281	1,666,024	5,475,875

Table 3.

Cargoes unloaded and loaded in Coastal Trade by Commodity and Geographic Area, March, 1959

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.)							
Wheat	-	-	-	-	7,733	7,733	7,733	7,733
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oats	80	-	-	-	-	-	80	-
Logs, posts, poles, pitprops and piling	23	23	-	-	209,227	174,096	209,250	174,119
Pulpwood and pulpwood chips	-	-	-	-	170,739	142,364	170,739	142,364
Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	2,334	213	-	-	9,364	2,885	11,698	3,098
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	-	-	-	-	79,158	79,696	79,158	79,696
Gasoline	12,733	3,141	18,085	8,760	6,459	8,636	37,277	20,537
Petroleum oils	78,487	96,489	12,292	5,029	45,168	66,647	135,947	168,165
Cement	-	246	-	-	16,955	18,088	16,955	18,334
General	22,899	34,331	-	39	83,696	107,878	106,595	142,248
Other	39,071	10,263	16	16	96,633	101,819	136,080	112,098
Total, Month of March	155,987	144,706	30,393	13,844	725,132	709,842	911,512	868,392
Total cargo carried by Canadian vessels	147,994	136,958	30,393	13,844	719,524	702,946	897,911	853,748
Total cargo carried by foreign vessels	7,993	7,748	-	-	5,608	6,896	13,601	14,644
Cumulative total, January - March	480,568	476,802	30,931	13,858	1,757,717	1,714,441	2,269,216	2,205,101
Total cargo carried by Canadian vessels	434,304	424,994	30,931	13,858	1,739,438	1,700,726	2,204,673	2,139,578
Total cargo carried by foreign vessels	46,264	51,808	-	-	18,279	13,715	64,543	65,523

Table 4.

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

Ports	March, 1959				Cumulative, 1959			
	Arrivals		Departures		Arrivals		Departures	
	Vessels	Registered net tonnage	Vessels	Registered net tonnage	Vessels	Registered net tonnage	Vessels	Registered net tonnage
Bell Island, Nfld.	-	-	-	-	16	95,094	17	100,660
Cornerbrook, Nfld.	-	-	-	-	7	22,069	9	28,301
St. John's, Nfld.	34	37,606	40	44,403	98	113,556	102	121,394
Charlottetown, P.E.I.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Halifax, N.S.	201	678,924	201	689,429	516	1,867,242	523	1,873,778
Sydney, N.S.	-	-	1	44	4	8,032	7	18,978
Saint John, N.B.	89	313,292	86	309,286	240	814,791	243	856,598
Seven Islands, Que.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port Alfred, Que.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quebec, Que.	1	4,570	-	-	9	19,983	8	15,413
Three Rivers, Que.	-	-	-	-	10	22,457	11	25,830
Sorel, Que.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contrecoeur, Que.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Montreal, Que.	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	27,379
Frescott, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Toronto, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hamilton, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port Colborne, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sarnia, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port William, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Port Arthur, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Churchill, Man.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Westminster, B.C.	62	147,608	69	187,711	169	471,086	188	580,609
Vancouver, B.C.	268	608,413	263	614,174	754	1,871,548	760	1,927,324
Victoria, B.C.	85	133,810	94	171,840	307	539,345	295	606,734
Atlantic-St. Lawrence River ports Montreal and below ..	614	1,166,862	642	1,181,189	1,751	3,325,676	1,878	3,465,786
Great Lakes - St. Lawrence River ports above Montreal .	116	28,621	113	27,646	261	76,911	258	75,936
Pacific Coast ports	721	1,334,543	765	1,477,864	2,029	4,150,979	2,183	4,654,712
Total Canadian ports	1,451	2,530,026	1,520	2,686,699	4,041	7,553,566	4,319	8,196,434

St. John's, Nfld.

Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,384
Newsprint	-	9,180	9,180	-	-	-	9,180	17,430
Gasoline	625	-	625	3,715	-	3,715	4,340	10,618
Petroleum oils	1,900	-	1,900	20,296	-	20,296	22,196	60,021
General	2,002	323	2,325	3,535	624	4,159	6,484	23,692
Other	2,467	385	2,852	9,682	10	8,424	11,276	33,037
Total	6,994	9,888	16,882	37,228	634	36,594	53,476	159,184

Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Potatoes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pulpwood and pulpwood chips	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fertilizers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gasoline	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum oils	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Halifax, N.S.

Petroleum, crude	197,894	-	197,894	-	-	-	197,894	489,476
Gypsum	-	143,465	143,465	-	-	-	143,465	350,932
Gasoline	3,964	-	3,964	-	2,881	2,881	6,845	45,736
Petroleum oils	25,823	15,213	41,036	-	83,895	83,895	124,931	430,955
General	28,278	42,202	70,480	338	7,435	7,773	78,253	213,403
Other	12,140	105,111	117,251	408	2,610	3,018	120,269	386,259
Total	268,099	305,991	574,090	746	96,821	97,567	671,657	1,916,761

Sydney, N.S.

Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,220
Limestone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum oils	-	-	-	3,120	-	3,120	3,120	8,787
Rails and fastenings	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,244
Other	-	-	-	1,051	-	1,051	1,051	9,699
Total	-	-	-	4,171	-	4,171	4,171	37,950

Saint John, N.B.

Wheat	-	96,482	96,482	-	-	-	96,482	306,459
Sugar, raw, refined	12,924	-	12,924	-	-	-	12,924	50,045
Gasoline	367	-	367	6,161	65	6,226	6,593	28,115
Petroleum oils	7,027	-	7,027	38,749	115	38,864	45,891	166,921
General	60,062	89,927	149,989	274	1,539	1,813	151,802	403,453
Other	108,250	83,094	191,344	898	73	971	192,315	364,122
Total	188,630	269,503	458,133	46,082	1,792	47,874	506,007	1,319,115

Seven Islands, Que.

Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Woodpulp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,995
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,995

Port Alfred, Que.

Pulpwood and pulpwood chips	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bauxite	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum oils	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aluminum bars, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 6. Cont'd.

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

Ports and Commodities	March, 1959						Grand total	Cumulative total 1959
	Foreign			Coastwise				
	Unloaded	Loaded	Total	Unloaded	Loaded	Total		
	Tons (2,000 lb.)							
<u>Quebec, Que.</u>								
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pulpwood and pulpwood chips	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gasoline	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum oils	-	-	-	6,000	-	6,000	6,000	6,000
Other	-	-	-	56	4,482	4,538	4,538	19,248
Total	-	-	-	6,056	4,482	10,538	10,538	25,248
<u>Three Rivers, Que.</u>								
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pulpwood and pulpwood chips	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	509
Newsprint	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum oils	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,806
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,315
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Sorel, Que.</u>								
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ilmenite ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fertilizers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron, pig and bloom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Contrecoeur, Que.</u>								
Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Montreal, Que.</u>								
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,257
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,836
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum, crude	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gasoline	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum oils	-	-	-	-	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
General	-	-	-	-	180	180	180	3,143
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,450
Total	-	-	-	-	12,180	12,180	12,180	53,686
<u>Prescott, Ont.</u>								
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oats	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Flaxseed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Toronto, Ont.

Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gasoline	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum oils	-	-	-	-	7,950	7,950	7,950	7,950
Other	-	-	-	-	4,950	4,950	4,950	4,950
Total	-	-	-	-	12,900	12,900	12,900	12,900

Hamilton, Ont.

Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum oils	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
General	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Port Colborne, Ont.

Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Sarnia, Ont.

Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Gasoline	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum oils	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Limestone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron, pig and bloom	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron and steel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Fort William, Ont.

Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oats	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other mill products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Port Arthur, Ont.

Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barley	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oats	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iron ore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Coal, bituminous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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, 1959						Grand total	Cumulative total 1959
	Foreign			Coastwise				
	Unloaded	Loaded	Total	Unloaded	Loaded	Total		
	Tons (,000 lb.)							
<u>Churchill, Man.</u>								
Wheat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>New Westminster, B.C.</u>								
Logs, posts, poles, pitprops and piling	3,994	-	3,994	56,219	320	56,539	60,533	134,117
Pulpwood and pulpwood chips	-	4,311	4,311	581	46,895	47,476	51,787	154,638
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	-	-	-	-	9,200	9,200	9,200	36,053
Lumber, timber, box, crate and cooperage material ...	46	33,443	33,489	4,500	200	4,700	38,189	124,095
General	-	5	5	9,686	14,673	24,359	24,364	57,943
Other	12,483	68,072	80,555	15,029	16,414	31,443	111,998	320,735
Total	16,523	105,831	122,354	86,015	87,702	173,717	296,071	827,581
<u>Vancouver, B.C.</u>								
Wheat	-	280,639	280,639	-	-	-	280,639	857,976
Logs, posts, poles, pitprops and piling	-	895	895	75,640	250	75,890	76,585	150,997
Pulpwood and pulpwood chips	-	44,693	44,693	6,406	41,800	48,206	92,899	249,247
Sand, gravel and crushed stone	-	-	-	72,429	2	72,431	72,431	193,904
Lumber, timber, box, crate and cooperage material ...	373	58,003	58,376	3,823	343	4,166	62,542	157,891
Petroleum oils	2,127	1,520	3,647	-	65,814	65,814	69,461	249,819
General	8,780	887	9,667	46,815	35,178	81,993	91,660	230,398
Other	56,357	162,310	218,667	37,874	52,583	90,457	309,324	999,608
Total	67,637	548,947	616,584	242,987	195,970	438,957	1,055,541	3,089,840
<u>Victoria, B.C.</u>								
Logs, posts, poles, pitprops and piling	-	-	-	5,600	8,080	13,680	13,680	27,431
Pulpwood and pulpwood chips	440	17,555	17,995	397	6,857	7,254	25,249	67,729
Lumber, timber, box and cooperage material	-	30,826	30,826	-	1,129	1,129	31,955	87,703
Petroleum oils	8,190	-	8,190	20,899	156	21,055	29,245	74,787
General	608	3	611	12,826	7,248	20,074	20,685	61,319
Other	3,252	7,173	10,425	20,487	10,419	30,906	41,331	121,686
Total	12,490	55,557	68,047	60,209	33,889	94,098	162,145	440,655

