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Port activity

January to June 2001

Economic activity at Canada's ports fell slightly during the first six months of 2001 compared with the same period a year earlier, mainly the result of lower shipments of coal, iron ore and wheat to foreign destinations.

Canada's ports handled 179.2 million metric tonnes of cargo between January and June last year, down 2.5% from the same period in 2000.

Shipments fell in six of the nation's 12 major ports, including the busiest, Vancouver, which accounted for 21% of all shipping in Canada. Vancouver handled 37.5 million tonnes of cargo, down 3.8%.

The biggest decline was recorded by Port-Cartier, where shipments fell 54.8% to 3.8 million tonnes, as a result of a sharp decrease in loadings of iron ore.

The picture was brighter for Atlantic ports. Saint John reported a 28.1% increase in shipments to almost 12.1 million tonnes, while Port Hawkesbury had a 48.7% increase to 11.6 million tonnes.

Both domestic and international sectors reported overall declines. International shipments, which accounted for more than three-quarters of the total, fell 2.3% to 133.8 million tonnes. Domestic shipments declined 3.1% to just under 45.4 million tonnes.

Cargo tonnage received from foreign ports showed a strong 9.8% gain, led by sharply higher shipments

of foreign crude petroleum and a doubling of fuel oil shipments. Activity in ports at Port Hawkesbury, Saint John, and Halifax increased largely as a result of the gains in foreign crude.

These gains in inbound foreign cargo were more than offset by an 8.4% decline in outbound shipments to foreign ports, which fell to 83.3 million tonnes. Particularly hard hit were loadings of iron ore, which declined 28.4%. Coal shipments to other countries declined 7.2%, while wheat shipments were down 20.2%.

Ports at Vancouver and Prince Rupert were particularly hard hit by the declines in outbound coal and wheat shipments.

The decline in domestic cargo was due to lower shipments of logs, iron ore and stone, sand and gravel. Ports at Howe Sound and North Arm Fraser River were most affected by a 30.6% decrease in log shipments. Iron ore shipments from Port-Cartier dropped by over 70%.

However, domestic shipments of crude petroleum increased 26.3%, while fuel oils were up 13.9%.

These data are being released in conjunction with National Transportation Week.

To obtain data on Canadian ports, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Jean-Robert Larocque (613-951-2486; fax: 613-951-0009; laroque@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. □

Canada's top 20 ports by tonnage handled

	Domestic			International			Total		
	2000	2001	2000 to 2001	2000	2001	2000 to 2001	2000	2001	2000 to 2001
	'000 tonnes		% change	'000 tonnes		% change	'000 tonnes		% change
Vancouver	896	845	-5.7	38 113	36 676	-3.8	39 009	37 521	-3.8
Saint John	868	926	6.7	8 562	11 152	30.2	9 430	12 078	28.1
Port Hawkesbury	111	545	391.8	7 677	11 032	43.7	7 788	11 577	48.7
Sept-Îles/Pte-Noire	1 637	1 907	16.5	8 283	7 440	-10.2	9 920	9 346	-5.8
Montréal/Contrecoeur	2 194	1 370	-37.6	6 877	7 620	10.8	9 071	8 990	-0.9
Come-By-Chance	2 696	2 866	6.3	6 674	5 475	-18.0	9 369	8 341	-11.0
Québec/Lévis	1 113	1 474	32.4	5 528	5 378	-2.7	6 641	6 852	3.2
Halifax	1 328	1 179	-11.2	5 414	5 604	3.5	6 741	6 783	0.6
Nanticoke	402	261	-34.9	5 190	5 736	10.5	5 591	5 998	7.3
Fraser River	3 506	3 801	8.4	1 818	1 588	-12.6	5 325	5 389	1.2
Port-Cartier	1 653	724	-56.2	6 696	3 050	-54.4	8 349	3 774	-54.8
Hamilton	1 890	2 121	12.2	2 060	1 546	-25.0	3 951	3 667	-7.2
Newfoundland Offshore	2 555	2 872	12.4	767	666	-13.2	3 321	3 538	6.5
Thunder Bay	1 604	2 052	27.9	1 463	1 116	-23.7	3 067	3 168	3.3
Prince Rupert	30	19	-36.2	4 526	3 027	-33.1	4 556	3 046	-33.1
Howe Sound	3 173	2 434	-23.3	127	116	-8.4	3 299	2 550	-22.7
Sorel	1 222	1 214	-0.6	1 217	998	-18.0	2 439	2 212	-9.3
Windsor (Ont.)	923	934	1.2	1 069	1 069	0.0	1 992	2 003	0.5
Sault Ste.Marie	206	201	-2.2	1 891	1 461	-22.7	2 097	1 663	-20.7
North Arm Fraser River	2 113	1 637	-22.5	0	0	0	2 113	1 637	-22.5
Subtotal	30 120	29 384	-2.4	113 952	110 749	-2.8	144 072	140 133	-2.7
Other ports	16 705	16 001	-4.2	22 991	23 075	0.4	39 696	39 075	-1.6
Grand total	46 825	45 384	-3.1	136 943	133 824	-2.3	183 768	179 208	-2.5

Note: Figures may not add to totals due to rounding.

Coal and coke statistics

March 2002

Coal production totalled 5 855 kilotonnes, down 8.7% from March 2001. Production in British Columbia (directed mainly to export markets) decreased 15.1% to 2 024 kilotonnes from March 2001. Production also decreased in other producing provinces (supplying mainly power generating stations) by 4.9%. The year-to-date production figure stood at 16 516 kilotonnes, down 7.4% from 2001.

Exports in March increased to 2 419 kilotonnes, up 12.9% from March 2001. Exports to Japan (the largest consumer of Canadian coal) increased 64.2% to 1 024 kilotonnes while exports decreased to Europe, the rest of Asia and Africa during the same period. Year-to-date figures show total exports of 6 654 kilotonnes, 13.1% below last year's level.

Imports for the first quarter totalled 1 798 kilotonnes, down 50.1% from the same period in 2001 due mainly to lower demand in Ontario and Manitoba.

Coke production in March 2002 decreased to 261 kilotonnes, down 6.3% from March 2001.

Available on CANSIM: tables 303-0016 and 303-0017.

The March 2002 issue of *Coal and coke statistics* (45-002-XIB, \$9/\$85) will be available in early June. See *How to order products*.

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Air charter statistics

Third quarter 2001

During the third quarter of 2001, international air charter flights carried 860,715 passengers, no change from a year earlier.

More detailed information will appear in the *Aviation: Service bulletin* (51-004-XIB, \$8/\$82). A print-on-demand service is also available at a different cost. See *How to order products*.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods, and data quality of this release, contact Kathie Davidson (613-951-0141; davikat@statcan.ca), Transportation Division.

Evolution of the deep-sea fleet that supports Canada's international trade

Canada's trade depends on foreign-registered ships. In 1999, ships registered by 68 foreign states

carried 80% of the international cargo handled by Canadian ports. This dependence may carry risk if those ships are substandard.

This study, *Evolution of the deep-sea fleet that supports Canada's international trade*, identifies the flag-related trends of fleets used in Canada's international sea-borne trade relative to the world fleet during the 15-year period from 1985 to 1999. The goal is to determine if there is any indication that fleets that served Canada were any less safe in 1999 than 1985.

This study uses fleet and ship-casualty statistics published by Lloyd's Register and data on vessel entrances and clearances from Statistics Canada's Marine International Origin–Destination Database to develop a flag-related risk index.

This index suggests that the overall risk of a casualty was less in 1999 than 1985, perhaps due

to the cooperative efforts of port states in inspecting ships to ensure compliance with international safety conventions.

The study *Evolution of the deep-sea fleet that supports Canada's international trade*, (54F0002XIE, free) is now available. See *How to order products*. The study is also available on Statistics Canada's Web site (www.statcan.ca). From the *Products and services* page, chose *Research* and then *Transport and warehousing*. These products are being released in conjunction with National Transportation Week.

For more information, or to enquire about the concepts, methods or data quality of this release, contact Doug O'Keefe, (613-951-0291; fax: 613-951-0579, okeedou@statcan.ca), Transportation Division. ■

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
- **Urban transit, 1995** 2
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