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## CAR LOADINGS

(Twentieth Week ended May 21, 1932)

Total car loadings for the week ended May 21 amounted to 43.678 cars, or 99 cars less than for the previous week, and, with the seasonal trend being upward, the index number dropped from 72.81 to 71.35 . Grain increased by 924 cars in the West but decreased by 320 cars in the east, making a net increase of 604 cars. Coal also increased by 182 cars which was all in the eastern division. All other commodities showed decreases. Compared with last year's loadings, the total was down by 7,009 cars, the only increase being 305 cars in grain.

In the western division total loadings increased from 14.390 cars for the previous week to 14,708 cars and the index number rose from 75.92 to 76.31 , but in the eastern division the total decreased from 29,387 cars to 28,970 cars and the index number dropped from 71.30 to 69.00 .

Merchandise loading continued to decline, amounting to 13.838 cars as against 14,051 cars the previous week and 15,905 cars last year. The index number, 79.62, was a new low for the last three years. It is not possible to measure the effect of the diversion of package freight from railways to motor trucks, but such diversion is probably affecting the car loading of this class of freight as much or more than the depression in business.
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## THOUSANDS OF CARS



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