

A monthly traffic report of the railways of Canada is published by the Transportation Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, showing, for each province and for the Dominion as a whole, the total revenue freight traffic of all railways, divided into 70 classes of commodities. The data also show the quantity of each class that originated and terminated in each province. The reports are of use in computing the imports and exports of each province for each of the 70 classes of commodities. For example, if the total tonnage unloaded in Alberta during 1924, as shown in Table 24, is deducted from the loaded tonnage, the remainder of 4,982,707 tons represents the net exports from Alberta for the year 1924. The comparative figure for 1923 was 4,724,868 tons. These statistics show rail traffic only, a limitation which should be borne in mind in connection with the trade of provinces favoured with facilities for water transportation.

Statements similar to that in Table 24 may thus be compiled for any of the 70 commodities for which statistics are collected, showing the interprovincial trade by rail in these commodities.

24.—Railway Traffic Movement of Principal Commodities in Canada and its Provinces, in tons, for the calendar years 1923 and 1924.

Provinces.	Originating in Canada or specified province.		Received from foreign connections.		Total freight carried.	
	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Prince Edward Island.....	95,263	112,375	-	-	95,263	112,375
Nova Scotia.....	6,502,523	5,907,140	23,718	36,767	6,526,241	5,943,907
New Brunswick.....	2,425,470	2,385,135	349,279	379,729	2,774,749	2,764,864
Quebec.....	11,678,486	11,515,705	6,238,255	4,104,274	17,916,741	15,619,979
Ontario.....	22,770,918	21,288,553	27,151,580	22,804,655	49,922,498	44,093,208
Manitoba.....	4,745,136	4,828,316	330,205	321,687	5,075,341	5,150,003
Saskatchewan.....	8,043,665	6,532,582	261,289	286,771	8,304,954	6,819,353
Alberta.....	7,987,487	8,396,552	34,474	220,241	8,021,961	8,616,793
British Columbia.....	4,713,453	4,182,579	406,358	347,855	5,119,811	4,530,434
Canada.....	68,962,401	65,148,937	34,795,158	28,501,979	103,757,559	93,650,916

Provinces.	Terminating in Canada or specified province.		Delivered to foreign connections.		Total freight terminating.	
	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.	1923.	1924.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Prince Edward Island.....	160,045	154,364	-	-	160,045	154,364
Nova Scotia.....	5,851,439	5,282,205	283,964	365,036	6,135,403	5,647,241
New Brunswick.....	1,513,587	1,530,694	1,585,712	1,508,308	3,099,299	3,039,002
Quebec.....	13,115,926	12,270,044	7,982,621	6,541,804	21,098,547	18,811,848
Ontario.....	38,228,672	32,257,706	17,334,312	16,392,354	55,562,984	48,650,060
Manitoba.....	4,411,242	4,135,807	212,655	209,838	4,623,897	4,345,645
Saskatchewan.....	3,163,355	3,065,823	537,295	465,833	3,700,650	3,531,656
Alberta.....	3,295,733	3,565,998	1,360	68,088	3,297,093	3,634,086
British Columbia.....	3,394,033	3,709,917	1,850,215	1,760,613	5,244,248	5,470,530
Canada.....	73,134,032	65,972,558	29,788,134	27,311,864	102,922,166	93,284,422