

The freight movement through a large port takes a number of different forms. These include cargoes loaded for and unloaded from foreign countries and cargoes loaded and unloaded in coastwise shipping, i.e., domestic freight moving between Canadian points. There is, as well, the in-transit movement in vessels that pass through the harbour without loading or unloading and the movement from one point to another within the harbour, which in many ports amounts to a large volume.

Shipping statistics covering traffic in and out of both customs and non-customs ports are available from 1957. These do not include freight in transit or freight moved from one point to another within the harbour. Table 5 shows the principal commodities loaded and unloaded in foreign and coastwise shipping at the ten ports handling the largest cargo volumes in 1961. These ports handled 59 p.c. of all Canada's international shipping and 42 p.c. of the coastwise trade. The list of commodities used for these statistics was expanded and changed in 1961 to conform with the revised Standard Industrial Classification. The specific commodities shown are those transported in volume and often in bulk form. As the description of such commodities remains unchanged in the revised classification, the effect of the changeover on continuity and comparability is considered to be relatively unimportant.

5.—Principal Commodities in Water-Borne Cargo Loaded and Unloaded at Ports Handling the Largest Tonnages in 1961

NOTE.—Only commodities totalling over 50,000 tons are listed.

Port and Commodity	International Seaborne Shipping		Coastwise Shipping		Total Seaborne and Coastwise
	Loaded	Unloaded	Loaded	Unloaded	
	tons	tons	tons	tons	tons
Montreal—					
Wheat.....	2,142,540	274,198	—	2,411,318	4,828,056
Crude petroleum.....	6,500	2,931,635	13,229	42,416	2,993,780
Fuel oil.....	44,034	805,112	1,949,022	159,194	2,957,362
Coal, bituminous.....	—	441,908	543,567	1,437,110	2,422,585
Gasoline.....	—	85,222	999,516	60,338	1,145,076
Soybeans.....	142,485	109,316	—	73,033	324,834
Sugar.....	332	315,743	—	—	316,075
Gypsum.....	—	5	—	249,385	249,390
Corn.....	36,708	194,887	—	16,277	247,872
Flaxseed.....	66,581	16,607	—	142,684	225,872
Sand and gravel.....	—	75	—	194,400	194,475
Iron ore.....	63,458	98,718	—	27,195	189,371
Iron and steel scrap.....	180,788	—	—	2,411	183,199
Barley.....	6,971	—	—	167,715	174,686
Wheat flour.....	135,298	—	—	—	135,298
Lubricating oils and greases.....	—	25,938	106,648	1,900	134,486
Cement.....	—	2,462	103,763	—	106,225
Chemicals and related products.....	16,459	36,773	10,561	26,222	90,015
Salt.....	658	20,686	—	66,264	87,608
Oats.....	840	359	—	75,306	76,505
Copper, alloyed and unalloyed.....	73,109	127	—	—	73,236
Rye.....	9,175	5,040	—	51,473	65,688
Molasses, crude.....	—	61,197	—	4,223	65,420
Iron and steel—castings, bar, sheet, structural, etc.....	8,212	32,988	14,473	4,468	60,141
Malt.....	1,172	—	—	50,669	51,841
Totals, Commodities Listed.....	2,935,320	5,458,996	3,740,779	5,264,001	17,399,096
Totals, All Commodities.....	4,202,463	6,721,523	4,259,318	5,790,059	20,973,363
Vancouver—					
Wheat.....	3,732,240	672	11	—	3,732,923
Pulpwood.....	520,241	560	1,123,309	232,849	1,876,959
Sand and gravel.....	—	185,542	5,288	1,260,047	1,450,877
Lumber and timber.....	794,283	8,764	21,240	72,842	897,129
Logs, round timber.....	175,036	4,250	18,790	584,853	782,929
Fuel oil.....	26,109	78,116	667,490	1,326	773,041
Hogged fuel.....	241,270	—	412,094	700	654,064
Coal, bituminous.....	456,928	—	10,958	3,285	471,171
Barley.....	413,098	—	—	—	413,098