

Transportation Information Update*

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AIR TRANSPORTATION

1. Air Canada's 787 Dreamliner non-stop Vancouver-Delhi Flights Become Year-Round Beginning June 2018

Air Canada on January 30, 2018 announced that its current seasonal non-stop Vancouver-Delhi flights will become year-round starting June 8, 2018. It provides the fastest elapsed flying time to Indian subcontinent from Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Seattle, Portland and Los Angeles. These flights are now available for purchase at aircanada.com, through the Air Canada app and through travel agents. These flights complement year-round Dreamliner flights from Toronto to Delhi and Mumbai.

2. Air Canada to Launch New Domestic Regional Routes starting July 2018

Air Canada on January 30, 2018 announced that it will begin new domestic regional non-stop flights on July 2, 2018. Flights are now available for purchase along with introductory promotional fares at aircanada.com, via the Air Canada app and through travel agents.

3. Air Freight Demand up 9% in 2017, Strongest growth since 2010

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released full-year 2017 data for global air freight markets showing that demand, measured in freight tonne kilometers (FTKs) grew by 9.0%. This was more than double the 3.6% annual growth recorded in 2016. Freight capacity, measured in available freight tonne kilometers (AFTKs), rose by 3.0% in 2017.

4. Chair and CEO Scott Streiner addresses the Standing Committee on Transportation and Communications, Senate of Canada on January 30, 2018

Chair and CEO of the Canadian Transportation Agency spoke on Bill C-49. He indicated that Bill C-49 touches on several of the CTA's most important responsibilities, including consumer protection for air passengers and remedies for disputes between railway companies and shippers. Bill C-49 mandates the CTA to make regulations setting the minimum obligations of airlines to passengers for matters such as flight delays and cancellations, denied boarding, lost or damaged baggage, tarmac delays, and travel with children or musical instruments. These regulations will ensure that airlines' obligations are written in plain language, are easy for passengers to find, and provide for fair and consistent measures to deal with air travel issues. After the regulations come into force, he indicated that they will work to make travellers and industry aware of them. Of Bill C-49's freight rail provisions, the introduction of a new mechanism called long-haul interswitching, or LHI is the most challenging. CTA's role will be to order that the local railway company provide this service if certain conditions are met, and to set the rate for the service based on the rates for comparable traffic.

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5. WestJet Link launch delayed

WestJet on January 31, 2018 announced a delay in the launch of WestJet Link, a capacity purchase agreement between WestJet and Pacific Coastal Airlines, to June 2018. The delay comes as Pacific Coastal continues their work in order to be fully able to meet WestJet's operational requirements.

6. 2017 Marked by Strong Passenger Demand, Record Load Factor

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) announced global passenger traffic results for 2017 showing that demand (revenue passenger kilometers or RPKs) for the year ended 31 December rose 7.6% compared to 2016. This was well above the 10-year average annual growth rate of 5.5%. While the rate of demand growth slowed to 6.2% in December 2017, compared to December 2016, this largely was owing to less favorable comparisons to the even stronger growth trend seen in the year-ago period. Full year 2017 capacity rose 6.3%, and load factor climbed 0.9 percentage point to a record calendar-year high of 81.4%.

7. Air Canada Wins Best Corporate Sustainability Report in the Canadian Transport Sector for the Second Consecutive Year

Air Canada's corporate sustainability report, Citizens of the World, has been named the Best Sustainability Report in the Transportation Category by The Finance and Sustainability Initiative (FSI). It is the second year in a row Air Canada's report has been named best in the sector by the FSI, a non-profit organization that brings together finance professionals dedicated to promoting sustainable finance and responsible investment to financial institutions, companies and universities.

8. Air Canada Named One of Montreal's Top Employers for Fifth Consecutive Year

Air Canada on February 1, 2018 was named one of "Montreal's Top Employers" for the fifth consecutive year in an annual employer survey by Mediagroup Canada Inc. The 2018 survey recognizes companies in Montreal with exceptional human resources programs and forward-thinking workplace policies which included a detailed review of company operations and Human Resources practices, including a comparison of others in their industry and region.

9. WestJet's discount carrier Swoop to launch June 20

Swoop, the new WestJet Airlines Ltd. ultralow-cost carrier (ULCC), will begin operating in June 2018 with domestic flights, but will also announce that month how it plans to win back Canadian travellers heading to southern destinations from airports near the U.S. border. The airline said on February 1, 2018 that it will start flying June 20, 2018 with three planes. First flights are between Abbotsford, B.C., and Hamilton and Halifax. Flights to Winnipeg and Edmonton will be added later in June and in July 2018, respectively.

10. Porter Airlines adds 7th daily Thunder Bay flight, officially opens local crew base

Porter Airlines is significantly investing in Thunder Bay, Ont., by adding flights and officially opening its new crew base for pilots and flight attendants. The base grand opening received an added dose of excitement when the airline announced that it is increasing its schedule, with up to seven daily roundtrip flights to Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport. There will be as many as 45 weekly flights, beginning April 12, 2018.

11. Oversized cargo transport market set to grow

The oversized cargo transportation market in the Americas is expected to grow by more than 4% from 2018-2022, according to a new market research report by Technavio.

12. WestJet reports fourth quarter and full-year results

WestJet announced its fourth quarter and year-end results for 2017, with full-year net earnings of \$283.6

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million, or \$2.42 per diluted share. This compares with net earnings of \$295.5 million, or \$2.45 per diluted share reported in the full-year 2016, a change of -4% and -1.2%. The airline achieved its 51st consecutive quarter of profitability, reporting fourth quarter net earnings of \$48.5 million, or \$0.42 per diluted share compared to \$55.2 million, or \$0.47 per diluted share reported in the fourth quarter of 2016, a change of -12.2% and -10.6%. For the full-year and in each quarter of 2017, the airline flew a record number of guests. Based on the trailing twelve months, the airline recorded a return on invested capital of 10.0 per cent, down 0.2 percentage points from the 10.2 per cent reported in the previous quarter. The load factor increased 1.8 points for the year and 2.4 points for the 2017 fourth quarter. WestJet President and CEO Gregg Saretsky said "In 2017, we continued our evolution toward becoming a global airline while flying a record number of guests and achieving our highest annual load factor in our history..."

13. WestJet's revenue rises 10 per cent as passenger traffic grows

WestJet Airlines Ltd's revenue rose 10 per cent in the fourth quarter as the Canadian carrier flew more passengers. Canada's second largest airline said revenue passenger miles – a measure of passenger traffic – rose 8.8 per cent to \$6.33-billion in the quarter ended Dec. 31, 2017. WestJet has worked on growing its fleet and attracting more customers as it challenges rival Air Canada.

14. Air Freight on all major trade routes off to a flying start in 2018

Air freight rates in January 2018 on major transpacific, transatlantic and Asia-Europe routes were all higher compared to the same month last year, yet there are signs of rate volatility in line with seasonal demand trends. On services from Hong Kong to North America, freight rates in January 2018 were up 13.9 per cent year on year to stand at US\$3.69 per kilogramme, while rates for Hong Kong-Europe services were up 8.5 per cent to \$2.67 per kg, according to Tac Index data.

15. IATA and CAAS to launch global safety predictive analytics research centre

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) announced the signing of a Memorandum of Collaboration (MoC) to establish a Global Safety Predictive Analytics Research Center (SPARC) in Singapore. The MoC was signed by Alexandre de Juniac, IATA's Director General and CEO, and Kevin Shum, Director-General of CAAS.

16. 2017 Airline Bumping Rate Lowest in Decades

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on February 8, 2018 released its February 2018 Air Travel Consumer Report on air carrier data compiled for the month of December 2017 and calendar year 2017. In 2017, the carriers posted a bumping rate of 0.34 per 10,000 passengers, the lowest annual rate based on historical data dating back to 1995. The previous low was 0.62 in 2016. These carriers posted a bumping rate of 0.18 per 10,000 passengers for the fourth quarter of 2017, an improvement over the 0.55 rate for the fourth quarter of 2016.

17. Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports, October 2017

Take-offs and landings at 128 Canadian airports without air traffic control towers reached 51,667 movements in October 2017. Ten airports accounted for 39% of the month's activity: Peterborough, Ontario (3,985 movements); Red Lake, Ontario (2,435); Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador (2,386); Barrie-Orillia-Lake Simcoe Regional, Ontario (2,188); Drummondville, Quebec (1,748); Trois-Rivières, Quebec (1,626); Pickle Lake, Ontario (1,488); Comox, British Columbia (1,481); Moosonee, Ontario (1,360); and Collingwood, Ontario (1,359).

18. WestJet reports record January load factor of 82.6 per cent

WestJet on February 8, 2018 announced record January 2018 traffic results with a load factor of 82.6 per cent, an increase of 2.6 percentage points year over year. Revenue passenger miles (RPMs), or traffic, increased 6.5 per cent year over year, and capacity, measured in available seat miles (ASMs), grew 3.1 per cent over the same period. The airline flew a record 2.0 million guests in January 2018, a year-over-year increase of 7.9 per cent or approximately 150,000 additional guests. WestJet President and CEO, Gregg Saretsky said "We are pleased to start the year off with a strong year-over-year increase in January's load factor, as we continue to grow traffic in a strengthening demand environment."

19. Air Canada Named Eco-Airline of the Year in Air Transport World's 2018 Annual Airline Industry Achievement Awards

Air Canada has been named the 2018 Eco-Airline of the Year by the respected airline industry publication Air Transport World in its 44th Annual Airline Industry Achievement Awards. In recognizing Air Canada's environmental accomplishments, ATW cited the carrier's commitment to emissions reductions through supporting the development of alternative fuels and its numerous green programs and partnerships, including being the first airline in the world to voluntarily join the World Bank's IMF Carbon Pricing Leadership Coalition.

20. High growth continues for freight volumes in November: ACI

Airports Council International (ACI) World reported global freight volumes rose substantially in November 2017, reaching +7.8% on a year-over-year basis. Standing at +8.2% on a year- to-date basis and with only one month left in 2017, global freight figures are bound to reach record growth this year. The cargo business continued to benefit from a strong growth in volumes in November 2017 thanks to global trade. This was reflected in gains in export orders, with global figures reaching +7.8%. 2017 air freight volumes have experienced a record year, with annualized growth over 8% with respect to the previous year.

21. London Gatwick cargo rises 29.6pc in January

London Gatwick Airport's air cargo volume increased 29.6 per cent year on year to 7,824 tonnes in January 2018, driven by the growing British long-haul flight network. In the 12 months ending January 2018, Gatwick cargo increased 25.4 per cent year on year to 98,834 tonnes, reports London's Air Cargo News. Gatwick, Britain's second passenger airport, has benefitted from a growing long haul network, which consists of more than 60 destinations, with a new route to Buenos Aires to be added this month.

22. Air Canada Reports 2017 Annual Results

Air Canada on February 16, 2018 reported record full year 2017 EBITDAR (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, impairment and aircraft rent) of \$2.921 billion compared to the previous record full year 2016 EBITDAR of \$2.768 billion, an increase of \$153 million. Air Canada reported 2017 operating income of \$1.364 billion compared to 2016 operating income of \$1.345 billion. Adjusted pre-tax income amounted to \$1.158 billion in 2017 compared to adjusted pre-tax income of \$1.148 billion in 2016. On a GAAP basis, the airline reported record income before income taxes of \$1.279 billion in 2017 compared to income before income taxes of \$877 million in 2016. Calin Rovinescu, President and Chief Executive Officer said "Our strong 2017 results underscore the effectiveness of our transformation strategy, as well as the success of our global expansion and the power of our comprehensive network. ..." In the fourth quarter of 2017, on capacity growth of 9.5 per cent, record system passenger revenues of \$3.381 billion increased \$346 million or 11.4 per cent from the previous record in the fourth quarter of 2016. The increase in system passenger revenues was driven by traffic growth of 9.9 per cent and a yield improvement of 1.4 per cent. An increase in average stage length of 4.6 per cent had the effect of reducing system yield by 2.6 percentage points.

23. Air Canada adding more planes to Rouge for use on domestic routes

Air Canada is looking to cut operating costs and defend against competition from upstart low-cost competitors by adding more planes to its Rouge fleet and flying them on regional routes within Canada. Narrow-body Rouge planes that operate at lower cost could replace smaller regional aircraft operated by airline partners like Jazz on some routes. For example, one of several flights per day on a popular route could be converted to an Airbus plane, industry analysts were told. Rouge aircraft are also available to compete if necessary with ultra low-cost carriers like WestJet's new Swoop subsidiary, Flair Airlines or Canada Jetlines.

24. December 2017 Passenger Airline Employment Data

U.S. scheduled passenger airlines employed 3.4 percent more workers in December 2017 than in December 2016, the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) reported on February 20, 2018. December 2017 was the highest monthly full-time equivalent (FTE) employment total (430,607 FTEs) since January 2005 (430,780 FTEs) and was the 50th consecutive month that U.S. scheduled passenger airlines' FTEs exceeded the same month of the previous year.

25. Quarterly civil aviation statistics, third quarter 2017

Total operating revenue for the 26 largest Canadian air carriers increased 10.0% from the third quarter of 2016 to \$7.2 billion in the third quarter of 2017. Total operating expenses grew 8.4% to \$5.8 billion. As a result, net operating income rose 17.0% to \$1.4 billion. This amount, combined with a net non-operating income of \$636.1 million, produced a net income of \$2.0 billion, up from \$999.1 million in the third quarter of 2016. Operating revenue per employee rose 0.7% year over year to \$123.8 million in the third quarter. The level of labour productivity, as measured by tonne-kilometres flown per employee, also improved compared with the third quarter of 2016, increasing 3.0% to 124.8 tonne-kilometres. These airlines recorded a profit margin of 28.3% (net income divided by operating revenue). In other words, every dollar of service sold in the third quarter earned 28.3 cents of profit for the carriers.

26. IATA Releases 2017 Airlines Safety Performance

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for the 2017 safety performance of the commercial airline industry showing continued strong improvements in safety. 1) The all accident rate (measured in accidents per 1 million flights) was 1.08, an improvement over the all accident rate of 1.68 in

2016 and the rate of 2.01 for the previous 5-year period (2012-2016). 2) The 2017 rate for major jet accidents (measured in jet hull losses per 1 million flights) was 0.11, which was the equivalent of one major accident for every 8.7 million flights. This was an improvement over the rate of 0.39 achieved in 2016 and also better than the five-year rate (2012-2016) of 0.33. 3) There were 6 fatal accidents with 19 fatalities among passengers and crew. This compares with an average of 10.8 fatal accidents and approximately 315 fatalities per year in the previous five-year period (2012-2016). In 2016 there were 9 fatal accidents and 202 fatalities. 4) None of the 6 fatal accidents involved a passenger jet. Five involved turboprop aircraft and one involved a cargo jet. The crash of the cargo jet also resulted in the deaths of 35 persons on the ground, as well as the crew of the jet. 5) IATA member airlines experienced zero fatal accidents or hull losses in 2017 with jet or turboprop equipment.

27. Air Canada Announces the Pricing of a Canadian Dollar Private Offering of Enhanced Equipment Trust Certificates

Air Canada announced on February 26, 2018 the pricing of a private offering of two tranches of enhanced equipment trust certificates (the "Certificates") denominated in Canadian dollars. The two tranches of Certificates, which have been rated, have a combined aggregate face amount of approximately \$301 million and a weighted average interest rate of 3.76%. The private offering is comprised of Class A certificates and Class B certificates. The Class A certificates will have an interest rate of 3.67% per annum and the Class B certificates will have an interest rate of 4.19% per annum.

28. Aim for 1 billion passengers to fly on sustainable fuel flights by 2015

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) set out an aim for one billion passengers to fly on flights powered by a mix of jet fuel and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF) by 2025. This aspiration was identified on the tenth anniversary of the first flight to blend sustainable aviation fuel and ordinary jet fuel.

29. Monthly civil aviation statistics, December 2017

The six Canadian Level I air carriers flew 6.6 million passengers on scheduled and charter services in December 2017, up 7.1% from December 2016. Traffic increased 9.6% year over year to 16.8 billion passenger-kilometres in December 2017. Capacity rose 9.1% to 20.5 billion available seat-kilometres. This resulted in a slightly higher passenger load factor in December 2017 (82.0%) compared with the same month a year earlier (81.6%), as the increase in demand for travel was stronger than the rise in capacity.

30. Budget 2018 Addresses Strong Air Traveller Growth Demand for Screening, Border Services

The Canadian Airports Council on February 27, 2018 welcomed the federal government's allocation of \$236 million in additional funding to support airport security screening. The funds will help the Canadian Air Transport Security Authority (CATSA) manage increased passenger volumes over the coming year, but airports expect wait times to continue to be long at screening during peak travel periods until permanent reforms can be introduced to how the service is funded and delivered.

31. Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports, December 2017

There were 355,899 aircraft take-offs and landings at the 91 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations in December 2017, compared with 327,240 movements in December 2016. In December 2017, growth in both local movements (flights that remain in the vicinity of the airport) and itinerant movements (flights from one airport to another) contributed to the year-over-year gain. Local movements rose 24.8% to 85,660 and itinerant movements increased 4.5% to 270,239.

WATER TRANSPORTATION

1. EU Ports welcomes frame on foreign investment screening

On 13 September 2017, the European Commission published a Proposal for a Regulation establishing a framework for screening of foreign direct investments into the European Union and a Communication entitled "Welcoming foreign direct Investment while Protecting Essential Interests". The European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) welcomes the fact that the Commission proposal is stressing the importance of an open investment environment. The port sector is capital intensive. Over the last decades ports in Europe have benefitted from substantial investment from outside the European Union, both directly into assets and in some cases, into significant equity stakes in port owners. The ports sector recognises the important role these investments have played in

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5. Government of Canada invests in marine training for women, Inuit and Indigenous

the development and success of European ports. ESPO therefore believes that having an open investment environment should remain one of the basic principles of Europe's Trade policy.

2. Evolution of container throughput in European ports between 1985-2016

A look at the changing container port volume 'skyline' in Europe shows the evolution of the TEU volumes between 1985 and 2016. Professor Nottenboom illustrates in a video the sheer size of north European container ports (Rotterdam, Antwerp, Hamburg, etc.), the recent rise of new container hubs (Piraeus, Gdansk, Sines, etc.), the emergence of Mediterranean transshipment hubs in the mid-1990s (Algeciras, Gioia Tauro, Marsaxlokk, etc.) and the impact of the financial-economic crisis on port volumes in 2009.

3. Montreal Port Authority expansion project underway to compete with U.S.

The Montreal Port Authority says it has crossed a key milestone in its plans to grow its container handling capacity in order to stay competitive with large American ports. The authority says it has submitted its plans to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and will be part of a public consultation, with information sessions beginning at the end of the month. It says for several years it has been planning a container terminal on its land in Contrecoeur on Montreal's South Shore, a land reserve it acquired between 1988 and 1992.

4. EUROGATE's box volumes slip in 2017

EUROGATE handled 14.41 million TEUs in 2017, slipping 1.4 percent from 2016, according to figures released by the container terminal operator on January 31, 2018. The slight decline can partially be attributed to container volumes at EUROGATE's Hamburg terminal tumbling 25.6 percent from 2016 to 1.69 million TEUs.

5. Government of Canada invests in marine training for women, Inuit and Indigenous communities through the Oceans Protection Plan

The Oceans Protection Plan is providing Indigenous and Inuit peoples with new opportunities to protect, preserve, and restore Canada's oceans and sea routes. That is why the Government of Canada, under the Oceans Protection Plan, is providing \$12.6 million over three years to the Nunavut Fisheries and Marine Training Consortium to deliver a Marine Training Program in the North. The Marine Training Program will reduce barriers to marine training for underrepresented groups in the marine labour force, such as women, Northerners, Inuit and Indigenous peoples.

6. Winter shipping supports major Great Lakes-St. Lawrence industries, cities

It may be a little-known fact, but ships deliver vital supplies such as road salt, heating oil and construction materials in the winter to cities across the Great Lakes and in the lower St. Lawrence River on behalf of North American industries. "Every winter, ships deliver products such as road salt to promote safe travel in cities hard-hit by winter conditions, and heating oil for homes," says Bruce Burrows, President of the Chamber of Marine Commerce. "These deliveries allow mining and energy companies to run their operations in the most cost effective and efficient way, thus safeguarding jobs in their communities."

7. Panama achieves 10 pc box volume growth

Cargo volumes at ports in Panama totalled 6.89 million TEU in 2017, an increase of 10 per cent compared to the previous year, according to data compiled by the Panama Maritime Authority. All but one terminal registered growth, with the PSA-Panama terminal seeing cargo throughput decline by 48.4 per cent to

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81,568 TEU due to its ongoing expansion that will raise its annual container handling capacity to two million TEU from March 2018 onwards once the project is completed.

8. Drewry: World Container Index jumps 5%

The World Container Index (WCI) - a composite of container freight rates on eight major routes to and from the United States, Europe and Asia - increased 5 percent since the week ending February 2, 2018 to \$1,539 per FEU, according to the latest assessment by London-based shipping consultancy Drewry. The increase came on the back of a final round of general rate increases before the annual Chinese New Year holidays, when many businesses in Asia shut down for up to two weeks. Although the composite index rose 5 percent this week, it's still 13.9 percent lower than the same period in 2017.

9. Montreal Port Authority presents plans for new container terminal

The Montreal Port Authority (MPA) on February 1, 2018 presented plans for a new, large-scale container terminal project in the city of Contrecoeur that it said would support the growth of the container market and generate economic development for Montreal, Quebec and Eastern Canada. For several years, the port authority has been planning a container terminal on its land in Contrecoeur on Montreal's South Shore, a land reserve it acquired between 1988 and 1992.

10. Maritime transport: LNG bunkering guidance for port authorities and administrations

The European Maritime Safety Agency (EMSA) has published a guidance document on Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) bunkering for port authorities and administrations. The document aims at backing the use of LNG as a ship fuel, as part of a joint effort to increase sustainability. The guidance was prepared in close cooperation with the European Commission, Member States and stakeholders within the context of the European Sustainable Shipping Forum.

11. Port of NY/NJ reaches new heights in 2017

The Port of New York and New Jersey handled 6.71 million TEUs in 2017, surpassing the previous annual container volumes record of 6.37 million TEUs in 2015 by 5.3 percent, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey revealed on February 5, 2018. The record volumes allowed the port to maintain its position as the third largest port in the United States, trailing behind the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach.

12. Port of Montreal signs a cooperation agreement with Mundra Port

On a trade mission to India, the Montreal Port Authority (MPA) has signed a Cooperation Agreement with Mundra Port, Gujarat State, north of Mumbai. This agreement aims to develop cooperation in marketing and business development while sharing information on marine operations and industry best practices. Mundra Port is India's largest commercial port. A diversified port, it handles liquid and dry bulk and more than three million TEUs in annual container traffic. It is operated by Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ).

13. US box imports to grow 4.9pc in first half, says Global Port Tracker

Retail imports through major US ports are expected to grow 4.9 per cent year on year in the first half of 2018, according to the monthly Global Port Tracker commissioned by the National Retail Federation (NRF). "We're forecasting significant sales growth this year and that means retailers will have to import more merchandise to meet consumer demand," said NRF vice president Jonathan Gold. "With the benefits of pro-growth tax reform coming on top of solid fundamentals like higher employment and improved confidence, we expect a good year ahead," he said. The import projection comes a day after NRF forecast that 2018 retail sales will grow between 3.8 and 4.4 per cent over 2017's US\$3.53 trillion.

14. Port of Long Beach reports record January

The Port of Long Beach handled 657,830 TEUs containers in January 2018, 12.9 percent more than in January 2017, and an all-time high for the month, the Southern California port reported. "The pre-Lunar New Year surge is definitely here," said Port of Long Beach Executive Director Mario Cordero, taking note of the upcoming two-week holiday period in Asia, the port's primary trading partner.

15. Rise of new ports in Malacca Straits seems unlikely without alliance support

With the majority of the biggest container shipping lines anchored at of the three main ports in the Malacca Straits - Singapore, Tanjung Pelepas (PTP) and Port Klang - it seems highly unlikely that other ports will be able to successfully compete in the area, given their lack of local hinterland volumes, according to Shipping Gazette. Yet terminal operators are always looking for alternatives to the three established main ports where operating costs could be lower. Ocean Shipping Consultants told the UK's Seatrade Maritime News that potential sites explored to build a transshipment-focussed container terminal include Batam in Indonesia, and Malacca and Carey Island in Malaysia.

16. Box volumes at Port of Singapore surge 14pc

The Port of Singapore handled 2.99 million TEU in January 2018, representing an increase of 14.1 per cent compared to the same month last year, according to data from the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA). On a month-on-month basis, January's 2018 volumes were up 1.1 per cent compared to December 2017's throughput of 2.96 million TEU. The Lion City port retained its place as the world's second largest container port in 2017 by handling 33.7 million TEU, an increase of 8.9 per cent on 2016. However, volumes were still marginally lower than the record year of 2014

17. Port of LA's box volumes hold strong in January

The Port of Los Angeles handled 808,728 TEUs of containers in January 2018, 2 percent fewer than in January 2017 when 826,640 TEUs moved across the California port's docks. "After two consecutive years of record-breaking cargo, it's encouraging to start 2018 with robust volumes," said Port of Los Angeles Executive Director Gene Seroka. "It's only the seventh time we have eclipsed the 800,000-TEU mark in a single month."

18. Port of Rotterdam's box volumes soar

The Port of Rotterdam's container throughput surged in 2017, with the port handling 13.7 million TEUs weighing 142.6 million metric tons, up 10.9 percent and 12.3 percent, respectively, from 2016 figures. Including dry and wet bulk cargo, breakbulk and roll-on/roll-off (ro-ro) cargo, the port handled 467 million metric tons of cargo, a 1.3 percent increase from the 461 million metric tons handled in 2016.

19. Los Angeles moves 808,728 TEU last month - 2nd busiest Jan in port's history

The Port of Los Angeles handled 808,728 TEU in January 2018, the second-busiest January in the port's history behind last January's record of 826,640 TEU. While a slight decrease compared to January 2017's record, it's significantly higher than the port's most recent 5-year January average of 683,003 TEU. "After two consecutive years of record-breaking cargo, it's encouraging to start 2018 with robust volumes," said Port of Los Angeles executive director Gene Seroka. "It's only the seventh time we have eclipsed the 800,000 TEU mark in a single month, and we're grateful to our supply chain partners for their continued confidence in our world-class infrastructure, innovative technology solutions and extraordinary customer service."

20. Antitrust: Commission fines maritime car carriers and car parts suppliers a total of €546 million in three separate cartel settlements

The European Commission found that the Chilean maritime carrier CSAV, the Japanese carriers "K" Line, MOL and NYK, and the Norwegian/Swedish carrier WWL-EUKOR participated in a cartel concerning intercontinental maritime transport of vehicles, and imposed a total fine of €395 million. For almost 6 years, from October 2006 to September 2012, the five carriers formed a cartel in the market for deep sea transport of new cars, trucks and other large vehicles such as combine harvesters and tractors, on various routes between Europe and other continents.

21. Welcome to the Neo-Panamax Era: Big Ships, Big Opportunities

The arrival of the cargo vessel T. Roosevelt at Port Elizabeth, New Jersey, in September 2017, marked the beginning of a new era for international commerce and trade. At 14,414 TEUs, four times longer than a football field, T. Roosevelt was the largest vessel to dock at an East Coast port after traversing the widened and deepened Panama Canal. Larger container ships will follow. A \$1.3-billion project to raise the clearance of the Bayonne Bridge from 150 to 215 feet was completed in 2017. As a result, in June 2017, container ships carrying up to 18,000 TEUs were authorized to navigate beneath the bridge to access Port Newark and Port Elizabeth.

22. Container shipping striking a balance?

The international shipping organization BIMCO said 2018 may just be the year in which container shipping growth and demand growth are the same. Peter Sand, the chief shipping analyst for the Copenhagen-based organization, also believes the U.S. East Coast may see more big ships as container carriers increasingly take advantage of the new locks at the Panama Canal, which opened in June 2016. Overall demand growth is expected to be lower than in 2017, but still high.

23. SCPA: One for the Record Books

South Carolina Ports Authority (SCPA) set a new container volume record, handling 2.2 million TEUs during 2017, and posted nine-percent container volume growth. The port's total container volume in 2017 surpassed the previous record of 2 million TEUs achieved in 2016. In addition, the port moved 182,884 TEUs in December 2017, an increase of 11.2 percent over December 2016 and the highest December in SCPA history. "Global container trade growth was the strongest it has been since 2010, mirroring surprising strength in the global economy," says Jim Newsome, SCPA president and CEO.

RAIL TRANSPORTATION

1. Railway carloadings, November 2017

The volume of rail freight carried in Canada totalled 31.6 million tonnes in November 2017, up 1.9% from November 2016. Freight originating in Canada was virtually unchanged from the same month in 2016 at 28.3 million tonnes. Non-intermodal freight fell by 0.1% to 308,000 carloads in November 2017. The amount of freight loaded into these cars totalled 25.1 million tonnes, down 1.2% from November 2016. Intermodal freight loadings rose 11.1% to 211,000 units from November 2016 to November 2017. The gain was attributable to increases in both containers-on-flat-cars (+11.1%) and trailers-on-flat-cars (+8.3%). In terms of weight, intermodal traffic increased 10.2% to 3.2 million tonnes. Freight traffic received from the United States rose 22.7% to 3.2 million tonnes, as a result of increases in both non-intermodal (+23.8%) and intermodal (+8.7%) freight from the United States.

2. CP bolsters presence in Asia, opens new office in Shanghai

Canadian Pacific Railway Limited (CP) on February 1, 2018 opened its new Asia office in Shanghai, China, as it looks to further build its book of business, strengthen existing customer partnerships and continue its pursuit of sustainable, profitable growth.

3. CN announces US\$900-million debt offering

CN (CN) on February 1, 2018 announced a public two-tranche debt offering of US\$900 million, comprised of US\$300 million 2.400% Notes due 2020, and US\$600 million 3.650% Notes due 2048. CN expects to close the offering on Feb. 6, 2018, subject to customary closing conditions.

4. Guilty pleas to violations under *Railway Safety Act* in connection with the Lac-Mégantic derailment

Following the derailment, Transport Canada undertook a regulatory investigation to determine whether violations of the *Railway Safety Act* had occurred. Charges were brought against a number of individuals, including senior officials of the Montreal Maine & Atlantic Canada Co. and the Montreal Maine & Atlantic Canada Railway Ltd, for violating obligations related to the application and testing of brakes under the *Railway Safety Act*. The outcome of this federal prosecution is that six individuals pled guilty to contravening rule 112(b) of the Canadian Rail Operating Rules by failing to ensure that a sufficient retarding force was present to prevent equipment from moving after applying handbrakes, thereby committing an offence under the *Railway Safety Act*. Five of the accused were fined \$50,000 each, for a total of \$250,000, which is the maximum fine provided under the *Railway Safety Act*, and one was sentenced to a conditional prison sentence of six months, the maximum sentence under the *Act*.

5. MMA and former employees settle, fined \$1.25 million in Lac Megantic case

The bankrupt railway at the centre of the Lac-Megantic train explosion as well, as several of its former employees, settled with federal prosecutors on February 5, 2018 and were ordered to pay fines totalling \$1.25 million, while one ex-railway worker was given a conditional jail term.

6. Rail industry says key safety technology not due until 2020 The railroad industry is playing down expectations that a safety technology that could have prevented recent deadly train crashes will be in operation across the United States by the end of the year. Officials for the trade associations representing the seven major freight railroads in the U.S. and the nation's commuter railroads now say they view Dec. 31, 2018 as the date by which railroads must meet several PTC milestones to qualify for an extension, rather than the ultimate deadline. Spokeswoman for the US Transportation Department said "... the end of

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2020 is the absolute deadline everybody has to have it installed and implemented, which means operating everywhere they are required to have it operating.”

7. IANA: Intermodal volumes grow 5.4% 2017

North American intermodal volumes grew 5.4 percent in 2017 compared to the previous year following a 2016 year in which shipment volumes fell for the first time since 2009, according to the latest Intermodal Market Trends and Statistics report from the Intermodal Association of North America (IANA). International shipments increased 7.7 percent, while domestic containers grew 2.5 percent and trailer loads jumped 12.2 percent.

8. CP completes second share repurchase program

Canadian Pacific Railway Limited (CP) announced on February 8, 2018 that the completion of the second share repurchase program (the "Program") of its two share repurchase programs announced on December 11, 2017. CP purchased an aggregate of 621,000 common shares under the Program for an aggregate purchase price of \$135,379,683.66. All common shares acquired under the Program were cancelled upon purchase by CP.

9. AAR: U.S. rail traffic ticks up 0.1% in January

Total combined U.S. freight railroad traffic in January 2018 ticked up 0.1 percent to 2.53 million carloads and intermodal units compared with the same month a year ago, according to the latest data from the Association of American Railroads (AAR). U.S. railroads saw carload shipment fall 3.4 percent year-over-year to 1.21 carloads for the month, but the decline in carloads was offset by a 3.5 percent increase in intermodal traffic to 1.31 million containers and trailers.

10. CN files shelf prospectus for C\$6 billion of debt securities

CN on February 13, 2018 filed a final shelf prospectus with Canadian securities regulators and a registration statement with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), pursuant to which CN may issue up to C\$6 billion of debt securities in Canadian and U.S. markets over the next 25 months.

11. Canadian Pacific Railway Limited declares dividend

The Board of Directors of Canadian Pacific Railway Limited on February 15, 2018 declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.5625 per share on the outstanding Common Shares. The dividend is payable on April 30, 2018 to holders of record at the close of business on March 23, 2018.

12. CP introduces TempPro, the one-stop-service for shipping perishable products

As Canadian Pacific Railway Limited (CP) continues to develop its total transportation product, the company launched on February 19, 2018 a brand new service offering called CP TempPro™, for customers shipping perishable products. This offering will allow CP the opportunity to grow the company's book of business with perishable protective service (PPS) customers. Focused on transporting products that require strict temperature settings, CP's growing fleet of PPS is one of the largest and most advanced in the industry. CP TempPro™ ensures that customers' products are transported in a reliable, fuel-efficient temperature-controlled environment.

13. Ottawa to offset higher gas prices after Churchill, Man., lost its rail link

The federal government says it will help residents of Churchill, Man., offset the higher prices for gasoline they've been paying since the northern Manitoba community lost its rail link. Natural Resources Minister Jim Carr announced February 16, 2018 that \$132,870 from the Churchill and Region Economic Development Fund will allow a fuel supplier to restore prices to where they were when the rail line was washed out last year. The \$7.3 million fund is administered by Community Futures Manitoba for Western Economic Diversification Canada.

14. Hike in serious rail, pipeline accidents in 2017 says safety board

Serious accidents involving both rail and pipeline transport of dangerous substances like crude oil and gas increased in 2017 over the previous year, according to statistics compiled by the Transportation Safety Board. Of the total 1,090 railway incidents that were serious enough to be deemed "accidents" last year, 115 involved dangerous substances, including five accidents where the substances leaked. That's up from 100 accidents involving dangerous goods in 2016 that included only two involving leaks.

15. Wi-Fi Coming to GO Transit

Ontario is introducing Wi-Fi on GO trains and buses, and launching an improved GO Transit website and trip planner, making it easier and more convenient for commuters and families to use GO Transit. As a first step towards introducing Wi-Fi service on all GO Transit vehicles, Metrolinx will test the service on two GO trains and four GO buses to examine service quality and collect feedback from transit users. Free Wi-Fi is already available at the majority of GO stations and bus terminals across the system.

16. CN and CP say service will improve as frigid winter weather subsides

Canada's two largest railways vowed to improve their service levels over the coming months as they escape the grip of a tough winter that hampered their ability to transport goods. During separate presentations to a transportation conference, Canadian National Railway chief financial officer Ghislain Houle and CP Rail chief executive Keith Creel told investors that heavy snow in Western Canada and frigid temperatures had a big impact, especially compared to last year's milder conditions.

17. Intermodal rates hit new high in January

Intermodal rates grew another 5 percent in January 2018 compared to the same month the previous year, the sixteenth consecutive year-over-year increase, according to the latest Cass Intermodal Price Index, which measures all-in per-mile costs. According to Cass, last month's reading of 141.4 represented an all-time high for the index, and intermodal rates appear poised to continue this growth into 2018.

18. Grain industry facing 'dire situation' as backlog of grain shipments grow

Grain shippers and producers are raising concerns about a growing backlog of rail shipments that they say is leading to lost sales and unreliable exports. "It's not getting better, it's getting worse," said Wade Sobkowich, executive director of the Western Grain Elevator Association that represents major grain shipping companies. The latest figures from the Ag Transport Coalition, which represents several grain associations, said that car order fulfilments from Canada's two major railways was 38 per cent during the week of Feb. 12, 2018. The numbers show Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. delivered 66 per cent of the rail cars that grain shippers ordered, while Canadian National Railway Co. deliveries dropped for the sixth consecutive week to 17 per cent.

19. Railway carloadings, December 2017

The volume of rail freight carried in Canada totalled 30.6 million tonnes in December 2017, up 5.5% from December 2016. Freight originating in Canada increased 3.8% from December 2016 to 27.5 million tonnes. Non-intermodal freight rose 3.8% to 298,000 carloads in December 2017. The amount of freight loaded into these cars totalled 24.6 million tonnes, up 3.2% from December 2016. Intermodal freight loadings rose 9.2% to 195,000 units from December 2016 to December 2017. The gain stemmed from a 9.3% increase in containers-on-flat-cars, as the number of units for trailers-on-flat-cars fell by 1.0%. In terms of weight, intermodal traffic increased 9.2% to 3.0 million tonnes. Freight traffic received from the United States rose 22.5% to 3.1 million tonnes as a result of increases in both non-intermodal (+24.0%) and intermodal (+4.9%) freight.

HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION

1. Carriers: ELDs Exposing Inefficiencies in Supply Chain, Save Small Fleets Money

Electronic logging devices can save fleets money and pay for themselves, says David Carruth CEO of 55-truck LTL fleet ONE For Freight. In an interview with Fleet Owner, he says ELDS have made recording hours of service (HOS) information simpler and more accurate for both his full-time company drivers and contracted owner-operators.

2. Survey: Autonomous Vehicle Sales Could Reach 188,000 Units in 5 Years

Tractia, a global market research firm that focuses on human interactions with technology, found that worldwide revenue from sales of autonomous trucks and buses reached \$84 million in 2017. A recent survey found the market will continue to develop at a strong pace over the next few years with more competition within the industry, providing significant opportunities to various industry participants, and reaching global revenue of \$35 billion by the end of 2022.

3. CTA offers ideas to improve trucking harmonization

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) has made 11 suggestions for improving trucking harmonization in Canada, in a submission to the

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Council of Transport Ministers. Highlights of CTA's submission include: 1) The need to move forward in a consistent and collaborative manner on electronic logging devices (ELD's) as soon as possible; 2) The need to harmonize hours-of-service regulations in all jurisdictions with the federal standard; 3) A call for increased collaboration among federal and provincial governments on truck parking and the development of a national strategy; 4) Progress by all governments with respect to mandatory entry-level training for professional truck operators; 5) The need for mandatory drug and alcohol testing for professional truck operators; 6) All carriers, regardless of domicile (Canada or U.S.) be treated and monitored equally by carrier profile systems; 7) Canadian carrier profile, safety rating and audit systems be given a formal review to ensure consistency and fairness in their application; 8) Government and industry move forward and establish a minimum baseline across the country for wide, single tires that works for the Canadian industry; 9) Improvements be made to the national weights and dimensions memorandum of understanding for b-trains and tractors with larger sleeper berths are implemented consistently and in a timely manner; 10) For provincial enforcement agencies to intervene and end the practice of emissions tampering and; 11) All jurisdictions move forward and implement speed limiter regulations.

4. North American freight market growth accelerates in December

The North American freight market showed continued, even accelerating growth in December 2017, and could be poised to reach further record highs in 2018, according to the latest Cass Freight Index Report. Shipment volumes and expenditures extended a run of year-over-year increases that began 15 and 12 months ago, respectively, with volumes up 7.2 percent and spending up 16 percent compared with December 2016.

5. Pressure remains on U.S. shippers: FTR

Conditions for U.S. shippers continue to remain tight, according to the latest FTR Shippers Conditions Index. The index in November 2017 was marginally better for shippers than in October 2017, with a negative reading of -8.9. FTR says it's possible that conditions for shippers will worsen further in the short-term, as the U.S. economy continues to expand. However, it says longer-term, shipping conditions will improve as 2018 matures due to shrinking pressure on capacity from regulations and slower freight growth.

6. Senate report says Canada "ill-prepared" for driverless vehicles

A new report from the Senate Committee on Transport and Communications has suggested Canada is "ill-prepared" for the arrival of driverless vehicles. The committee studied emerging driverless and connected vehicle technologies, along with the risks and rewards they offer. Their report includes 16 recommendations to set Canada up to successfully adopt these technologies. It urges various government departments to work with innovators to lay the groundwork for policy that will encourage the responsible development of the technology.

7. UPS earnings surge 30.1% in 2017

UPS earnings surged 30.1 percent year-over-year to \$4.9 billion in 2017. UPS Inc. saw its full year net income surge 30.1 percent to \$4.9 billion in 2017, according to the company's most recent financial statements. The Atlanta-based parcel giant and third-party

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8. January truck orders second best in history: ACT

Heavy-duty and medium-duty truck orders in January 2018 marked the second strongest month in history, according to preliminary data from ACT Research. Classes 5-8 orders totalled 80,400 units, surpassed only by March 2006 orders. “As was the case in the total market, Class 8 orders posted their best volume since March 2006, rising to 48,700 units,” said Kenny Vieth, ACT’s president and senior analyst. “Seasonal adjustment reduces the month’s order largess to 42,400 units, which represents a seasonally adjusted month-over-month increase of 41% and a 107% year-over-year increase.”

9. Truck driver shortages hitting Canada’s forest products sector

A shortage of truck drivers is hampering the country’s forest sector as shipments have been delayed and at least one producer was forced to slow production because of a lack of wood chips. Weyerhaeuser Co. chief executive Doyle Simons said on February 2, 2018 that availability of transportation services has been a challenge, especially in the past quarter. “We, like other companies, are, in fact, seeing that type of tightness,” he said during a conference call about the company’s results. Simons said the company faced truck and rail disruptions, mainly in December 2017, and took a US\$10 million to US\$15 million loss in the fourth quarter.

10. U.S. transportation and logistics job growth continues in January

U.S. transportation and logistics companies added 11,100 jobs in January 2018, according to the latest preliminary data from the U.S. Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The growth followed a revised gain of 11,600 jobs in December 2017. Job gains in the sector during January 2018 were led by the warehousing and storage segment, which added 5,300 jobs from the previous month, followed by the couriers and messengers segment, which grew by 4,900 jobs, and the support activities for transportation segment, which was up 2,800 positions. In addition, the truck and rail transportation segments grew employment by 2,200 and 1,300 jobs, respectively, from the prior month.

11. Roundtable with Federal Minister of Employment on the Canada Labour Code and Trucking

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) along with Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association and local carriers met with the Hon. Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour to discuss federal labour standards at a roundtable session in New Brunswick. One of the Minister’s stated priorities is to modernize the Canada Labour Code and federal labour standards and this session was an opportunity for the industry to provide direct input. At the roundtable, CTA discussed several issues with the Minister including ELDs, Driver Inc., independent contractor status, the provision of rest areas, the legalization of marijuana amongst a host of other issues specifically related to the labour code.

12. Uber: AVs Will Eliminate Driver Shortage, Not the Truck Driver

Mixed fleets with autonomous long-haul trucks and traditional human-driven regional routes could help the trucking industry address the problem of an aging driver workforce, said Uber in a [recent company blog post](#). Uber argued that rather than there be a future of autonomous trucks replacing human drivers, the technology could be used to both alleviate the driver shortage and help make the existing driving jobs more appealing to younger prospective drivers. Uber stated that the truck driving workforce is currently much older than the average workforce, creating an acute driver shortage in the coming years. During that time, freight demand is expected to increase and would require an influx of around 900,000 drivers to keep up with demand.

13. OTA weighs in on autonomous vehicles, platooning

The Ontario Trucking Association (OTA) says the Ontario Ministry of Transportation’s approach to automated vehicles and truck platooning is “measured and responsible.” However, in its submission to the province in regards to proposed amendments to Reg. 306/51, covering a pilot project for automated vehicles, the OTA also made several suggestions. It wants the province to include the role professional drivers will continue to play as the technology evolves.

14. DOT: Waiting at Loading Docks Costs Truckers Over \$1 billion/Y

A new report from the Department of Transportation’s Office of Inspector General confirms that loading dock wait times are hurting truck drivers and motor carriers in the pocketbook while also increasing the

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15. Transportation, warehousing jobs decline

Canada’s transportation and warehousing sector lost 5,900 jobs in January 2018 – down 0.6% overall — but still counted 40,700 more jobs than January 2017, Statistics Canada reports. The findings were included in the latest Labor Force Survey, which tracked a monthly loss of 88,000 jobs across the economy as a whole. It was the biggest monthly drop since 2009. Part-time positions dropped by 137,000, while full-time employment rose by 49,000 positions. Canada’s unemployment rate rose 0.1% to 5.9%. The largest declines were in Ontario and Quebec, while New Brunswick and Manitoba also recorded drops.

16. Mullen Group buys DWS Logistics

Mullen Group has announced the acquisition of DWS Logistics, expanding its third-party logistics and warehousing services. DWS is based in Mississauga, Ont., with distribution centers in the Greater Toronto Area and the Lower Mainland of B.C. Its services include warehousing, distribution, order fulfilment, cross-docking, and transloading, supported by an inventory management system. It boasts more than 500,000 sq.-ft. of warehousing space, including four distribution centers in Mississauga, Ont., with a focus on the consumer products sector. The company will operate as a standalone entity within Mullen Group’s trucking/logistics segment.

17. Canadian Transportation Agency and Secretariat of Communications and Transports of the United Mexican States sign MOU on information sharing

Scott Streiner, Chair and CEO of Canadian Transportation Agency and Benjamín Alemán Castilla, Chief Executive of the Rail Transport Regulatory Agency (on behalf of the Secretariat of Communications and Transports of the United Mexican States), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) committing their organizations to share information and best practices related to the discharge of their adjudicative and regulatory mandates, and developments in rail transportation.

18. Jobs dip in month-to-month in January

The Canadian trucking industry saw a dip in jobs in January 2018 according to statistics Canada. The agency released job numbers for the first month of the year showing just under 6,000 jobs were lost from December 2017 to January 2018 in the transportation and warehouse sector. Despite the slight drop the industry was up by more than 40,000 jobs year-over-year. These numbers are in line with employment across all sectors in the country, with a loss of more than 88,000 jobs from December 2017, but an increase of more than 6% over the same month in 2017. Statistics Canada says losses were felt most by those under age 24 and over age 25, and women aged 25-54, while employment by men aged 25-54 went relatively unchanged.

19. December 2017 Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI)

The Freight Transportation Services Index (TSI), which is based on the amount of freight carried by the for-hire transportation industry, reached an all-time monthly high in December 2017, 0.7 percent higher than the previous highest level reached in November 2017, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Bureau of Transportation Statistics’ (BTS). The December 2017 index level (132.0) was 39.4 percent above the April 2009 low during the most recent recession.

20. ATA Economist: Trucking Outlook Strong, yet Potholes Lie Ahead

Freight demand and increased freight rates are boosting the U.S. trucking industry, but the dissolution of NAFTA could wipe that all out, notes ATA’s chief economist Bob Costello. Speaking at NATSO Connect, Costello said the U.S. economy as a whole is “accelerating,” with “no reason” it won’t continue growing in 2019, reports Fleet Owner. “I’ve been hearing consistently from motor carriers that this is the best January they’ve ever seen” in terms of freight demand, Costello noted. “This has already been the third longest economic expansion in U.S. history and by spring it will be the second longest. Usually by this point [in an economic expansion] we’re starting to slow down. Instead we have the opposite happening.”

21. Delmar acquires Cobrac Brazil

Canadian logistics company Delmar International has acquired Cobrac Brazil. The company says the purchase will help to shore up their South American presence under the newly branded Delmar International Logística S.A, headquartered in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

22. DHL Express certified Top Employer Global for fourth year in a row

DHL Express has been recognized for the fourth straight year as a leading global employer. Top Employers Institute awarded its prestigious Top Employer Global to DHL after certifying the company's HR practices in 50 countries, more than any other company. DHL Express was one of just 13 companies to be recognized as Top Employer Global and - for the fourth year in a row - the only company to be certified in all regions.

23. 2017 Border Crossing/Entry Data

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) has released 2017 Border Crossing/Entry Data. The database shows the number of crossings into the U.S. through land ports on the Canadian and Mexican borders by personal vehicles, trucks, trains, buses, containers and pedestrians. The data provide official counts of cross-border traffic and may be used for transportation planning, port studies, travel analyses, and corridor assessments. Data are available in both monthly and annual views with search, download, and API (application programming interface) capabilities.

24. LTL Carriers: E-Commerce Powerhouse

In today's "I want it now" market, parcel services need to meet the increased demands of impatient consumers. Many e-commerce shipments are also likely to include a less-than-truckload (LTL) carrier. These carriers often handle the "middle mile," and as customer expectations grow, LTL carriers are also being impacted as they serve the retailers and manufacturers producing and selling the products that are in demand. This new market dynamic creates challenges for LTL carriers, including smaller shipments and requests for more frequent deliveries. Speed is also part of the equation, with shrinking delivery windows and fewer days in transit. LTL carriers are adapting to the "new normal" in a variety of ways, including purchasing different types of equipment, adding expedited and guaranteed services, and expanding last-mile capabilities. Not surprisingly, less-than-truckload carriers are developing new strategies to serve retailers and manufacturers who create the goods that impatient e-commerce consumers expect will be delivered fast and free.

25. Ride-hailing report shows road forward for regulation in B.C.

It's not here yet, but ride-hailing in B.C. took a big step forward on February 15, 2018. An all-party committee in the legislature unanimously supported a plan for ride-hailing services throughout the province. The committee's report makes 32 recommendations to help pave the way toward introducing and regulating ride-hailing in B.C. The report entitled "Transportation Network Companies in British Columbia" was published by the BC Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations Transportation on February 18, 2018 and can be found on www.leg.bc.ca

26. CTA Officially Files Comments for ELD Mandate

The Canadian Trucking Alliance has submitted comments responding to Transport Canada's publishing of the electronic logging device regulations in Canada Gazette Part 1. In addition to the basics of the proposed rule which CTA supports, CTA in its submission identified 10 specific areas that require further attention from Transport Canada or where CTA has added some additional commentary.

27. U.S. truck pricing reaches new highs: ACT Research

ACT Research says U.S. truck pricing tracked by its Freight Rate Index reached a record high. "Clearly, the pendulum of pricing power rests with truckers as 2018 contract negotiations with shippers are getting under way," said Tim Denoyer, ACT Research's vice-president and senior analyst. "The data provide further support for 2018 contract rate increases which are pressing up toward double digits, especially with the ongoing difficulties our respondents are having with capacity/drivers." ACT's For-Hire Trucking Index has been conducted for 10 years. The previous record for pricing was set in October 2017.

28. TFI International Announces 2017 Fourth Quarter and Full-Year Results

TFI International Inc., a North American leader in the transportation and logistics industry, on February 20, 2018 announced its results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2017. The important results for the fourth quarter were: 1) Fourth quarter revenue before fuel surcharge from continuing operations up 2%, to \$1.06 billion; 2) Net income from continuing operations of \$120.2 million in the fourth quarter; 3) Adjusted net income from continuing operations up 8% to \$54.6 million, or \$0.60 per diluted share in the fourth quarter. Alain Bédard, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer said "The fourth quarter capped a year of continued strong progress on our key initiatives, including greater operational efficiency and continued robust cash flow. Organic growth in operating income was strong in 2017 excluding our U.S. Truckload operations. Throughout the year, we generated strong cash flow, which we used to reduce our debt and return excess cash to shareholders through dividends and share buybacks." For the full year of 2017, total revenue from continuing operations increased 18%, to \$4.74 billion from \$4.03 billion in 2016. The contribution from business acquisitions of \$824.1 million and

higher fuel surcharge was offset by decreases in revenue from existing operations. Net of fuel surcharge, revenue from continuing operations reached \$4.28 billion, up from \$3.70 billion last year. Operating income from continuing operations decreased by \$5.6 million to \$243.7 million compared to \$249.3 million in 2016. The decrease is attributable to an operating loss from business acquisitions of \$13.2 million offset by improvement from existing operations' operating income of \$7.6 million. Net income from continuing operations was \$158.0 million, or \$1.70 per diluted share, versus \$157.1 million, or \$1.64 per diluted share last year.

29. Canada's spot market freight volumes reach record high

TransCore Link Logistics reports that January 2018 spot market load volumes on its LoadLink load board reached an all-time high. Canadian and cross-border load volumes surpassed all previous records, surging 81% year-over-year and 41% compared to December 2017. Intra-Canada loads accounted for 20% of the volume, and reached a 51% increase year-over-year.

30. ATA: Truck tonnage growth continues in January

Domestic truck tonnage growth continued in January 2018, rising 2 percent from the previous month and 8.8 percent year-over-year, according to the American Trucking Associations' (ATA) advanced seasonally adjusted (SA) For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index. In January 2018, the index equalled 111.6, up from 109.4 in December 2017.

31. UPS to deploy first electric truck to rival cost of conventional fuel vehicles

UPS announced that it plans to deploy 50 plug-in electric delivery trucks in the US that will be comparable in acquisition cost to conventional-fueled trucks without any subsidies – an industry first that is breaking a key barrier to large scale fleet adoption. The company is collaborating with Workhorse Group, Inc. to design the vehicles from the ground up, with zero tailpipe emissions.

32. Consortium aims to have Champlain Bridge built by December amid reports of delay

The consortium building the new Champlain Bridge in Montreal says it is aiming to have the structure ready as planned by the end of 2018. The reassurances came February 22, 2018 as a published report in Le Journal de Montreal said the new bridge won't be ready on time and that the current Champlain Bridge will have to be kept in service a while longer. None of the stakeholders would comment directly on the report, but authorities are holding a technical briefing to give an update on the progress of the work. The new structure is being built by the Signature on the Saint Lawrence group, a consortium led by engineering and construction firm SNC-Lavalin.

33. Alliance continues to champion NAFTA efficiencies

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) continues to hold out hope during "contentious" NAFTA negotiations, as it champions efficiencies for cross-border trade. Representatives of the alliance and Quebec Trucking Association were among transportation industry members who met with Michael Chan, minister of internal trade, during the latest round of NAFTA meetings in Montreal. The meeting included discussions about repositioning foreign empty trailers, the benefits of pre-clearance programs, a permanent U.S. in-transit program, and improving inspection processes at the border.

34. ATRI lists Top 10 issues facing trucking

The American Transport Research Institute (ATRI) has compiled the Top 10 issues the trucking industry is currently facing, none of which would come as a shock, according to vice-president Dan Murray. Driver shortage is at the top of the list, followed by the electronic logging device (ELD) mandate in the U.S, hours-of-service, truck parking, driver retention, compliance/safety/accountability (CSA), the economic impact of regulations, driver distraction, infrastructure/congestion/funding, and driver health and wellness. At number 10 on the list of concerns for drivers is the idea that autonomous trucks will take over, resulting in major job losses. Murray pointed to the aging population of truck drivers and also indicated that the number of young people entering the trucking industry was the lowest compared to other industries.

35. Mag: Trucking Facing Greatest Change Since Deregulation

The trucking industry is undergoing its greatest period of change since deregulation, says Ray Greer, the chief executive officer of Omnitracs. As Today's Trucking reports from the company's fourth Outlook user conference in Nashville: "Every cab will have a computer in it, and that computer is going to lead to a convergence of connected devices," he said, kicking off the event. "It's in my mind one of the most rapid-changing, transformational times in trucking." The underlying technology has certainly changed, and not exclusively with a recent mandate for electronic logging devices in the U.S.

36. Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, January 2018

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (CMSPI) increased 1.6% in January 2018 following a 0.9% gain in December 2017. The index has increased in each of the last four months. The couriers'

component was up 1.1%, while the local messengers' and local delivery component increased 4.1%. Year-over-year, the CMSPI rose 7.3% in January compared with the same month a year earlier. Both the couriers (+7.4%) and the local delivery (+6.9%) components increased.

37. Monthly Passenger Bus and Urban Transit, December 2017

Total operating revenues (excluding subsidies) for urban transit companies were \$331.9 million in December 2017. Ridership was 153.9 million passenger trips over the same period.

38. CTA: No Concerns Harmonizing Cnd ELD Rule With US

The process to mirror the impending Canadian ELD mandate with the U.S. rule is going smoothly, says Geoffrey Wood, senior vice-president of policy for the Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA). "The goal of this effort in Canada is to mirror the effort here in the U.S.," said Wood, who provided an update on the Canadian proposed ELD mandate during an Omnitracs Outlook 2018 session in Nashville, Tenn. As reported by Truck News, Wood added CTA, which has had a position on ELDs for about a decade, did not want to see conflict between the countries over e-logs. "We don't see a lot of issues with what's been put forward," he said of the proposed Canadian ELD mandate.

39. December 2017 North American Freight Numbers

The value of U.S.-NAFTA freight totaled \$93.5 billion as all five major transportation modes carried more freight by value with North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) partners Canada and Mexico in December 2017 compared to December 2016, according to the TransBorder Freight Data released on February 27, 2018 by the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). The 7.4 percent rise from December 2016 is the 14th consecutive month in which the year-over-year value in current dollars of U.S.-NAFTA freight increased from the same month of the previous year. The value of U.S.-Canada freight flows increased by 9.5 percent to \$48.7 billion comparing December 2016 to December 2017, as the value of freight on all five major modes increased from a year earlier. The value of freight carried by vessel increased by 61.1 percent due in part to an increase in the unit value and an 42.8 percent increase in the tonnage of mineral fuels traded. Pipeline increased by 15.3 percent, rail by 10.1 percent, air by 7.2 percent, and truck by 6.4 percent. Trucks carried 55.1 percent of the value of the freight to and from Canada.

GENERAL TRANSPORTATION

Canada

1. Understanding Urban Travel Behaviour by Gender for Efficient and Equitable Transport Policies

See report published by International Transport Forum of the OECD on February 2, 2018.

2. NAFTA deal possible by end of March, says Canadian envoy MacNaughton

Canada's ambassador to the United States said on February 5, 2018 that he believes NAFTA negotiators can reach an agreement in principle by the end of March 2018. The upbeat assessment from envoy David MacNaughton comes in the face of the continuing threat from U.S. President Donald Trump to blow up the deal, which hangs over the final eight weeks in the current negotiating schedule.

3. Shipping shakeup? Amazon may deliver some of its own orders

Amazon's next move may be to shake up the shipping industry. The online retailer is reportedly planning a new service called "Shipping With Amazon" that will allow it to pick up packages from businesses and deliver them to consumers. The service is expected to start in Los Angeles in the coming weeks, before it is rolled out more broadly as soon as this year, according to *The Wall Street Journal*, which cited anonymous sources.

4. Connecting Europe Facility on track to deliver results

On February 13, 2018, the Commission adopted the report on the mid-term evaluation of the Connecting Europe Facility (CEF). The evaluation assessed the programme's overall performance in light of its objectives, and what has been achieved to date. Regarding transport financing, the report recognises that CEF has brought a clear added value, in particular for the completion of the TEN-T core network by 2030

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3. Shipping shakeup? Amazon may deliver some of its own orders, February 9, 2018, www.ctl.ca

4. Connecting Europe Facility on track to deliver results, February 13, 2018, www.europa.eu

5. Government of Canada takes steps to ensure a clean environment and strong economy, February 8, 2018, www.tc.gc.ca

6. Travel between Canada and other countries, December 2017, February 19, 2018, www.statcan.gc.ca

and for the low-emission mobility ambition. The conclusions of the evaluation, as well as the on-going consultation on strategic infrastructure funding, will provide recommendations for the post-2020 Multiannual Financial Framework and the next generation of financial programmes.

5. Government of Canada takes steps to ensure a clean environment and strong economy

A clean environment and a strong economy go hand in hand – that’s why the Government of Canada is bringing forward better rules for the review of major projects. The government will put in place interim principles for project reviews in January 2016, it then launched a comprehensive process to review existing laws and seek Canadians’ input on how to improve our environmental and regulatory system. The proposed changes include the following considerations: 1) Restoring public trust. 2) Making transparent, science-based decisions. 3) Providing more comprehensive impact assessments. 4) Requiring one review for one project. 5) Making decisions timely. 6) Revising the project list. 7) Protecting water, fish and navigation. 8) Increasing funding.

6. Travel between Canada and other countries, December 2017

In December 2017, US residents took 2.0 million trips to Canada, 4.0% more than 12 months earlier but 1.9% fewer than in November 2017. Both car trips and plane trips contributed to the decline from November. However, both car (+1.9%) and plane (+10.6%) trips increased from December 2016. The number of trips in December 2017 from overseas countries (countries other than the United States) reached 566,000, down 6.9% from November 2017 but a 3.0% increase compared with December 2016. Canadians made 3.6 million trips to the United States in December 2017, edging down 0.1% from November 2017. During the year of Canada’s 150 celebrations (i.e. 2017), international tourists made 20.8 million trips of one or more nights to Canada, up 4.4% from 2016 and a new annual record, surpassing the previous record of 20.1 million set in 2002. *US residents* made 24.3 million same-day and overnight trips to Canada in 2017, up 1.8% from 2016. This was the third consecutive year of growth, following increases of 8.3% in 2016 and 8.4% in 2015. A record 6.7 million *travellers from overseas* (countries other than the United States) arrived in Canada in 2017, up 6.6% from 2016. This marked the eighth consecutive year of increased travel to Canada by overseas residents, with volumes increasing by close to 60% since 2009. In 2017 *travel by Canadians to the United States* posts first increase in four years and *travel overseas by Canadians* continues its upward climb.