

Transportation Information Update*

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1. Aircraft movement statistics: Major airports, March 2018

There were 458,844 aircraft take-offs and landings at the 91 Canadian airports with NAV CANADA air traffic control towers and flight service stations in March 2018, compared with 421,525 movements in March 2017, an increase of 8.9%. An increase in both itinerant movements (flights from one airport to another) and local movements (flights that remain in the vicinity of the airport) contributed to the year-over-year increase in March 2018. Itinerant movements rose 4.9% to 318,899 and local movements were up 19.1% to 139,945.

2. Media Availability - WestJet to launch first Halifax/Paris flight today

May 31, 2018 marks a very exciting milestone and a new chapter in the growth of WestJet - not only here in Nova Scotia but for all of Atlantic Canada. With tonight's inaugural flight to Paris, the airline takes another step to fulfill its mission of becoming a truly global airline.

3. Air freight growth recovers slightly in April: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) released data for global air freight markets showing that demand, measured in freight tonne kilometers (FTKs), rose 4.1% in April 2018, compared to the same period the year before. This was up from the 1.8% growth in annual demand recorded in March 2018. Freight capacity, measured in available freight tonne kilometers (AFTKs), grew by 5.1% year-on-year in April 2018. This was the second time in 21 months that capacity growth outstripped demand growth. After a sharp fall in March 2018, to a 23-month low, global air freight volumes recovered slightly in April 2018. The pace at which demand is growing, however, remains significantly slower than in much of 2017.

4. Monthly civil aviation statistics, March 2018

The six Canadian Level I air carriers flew 7.4 million passengers on scheduled and charter services in March 2018, up 6.7% from March 2017 and continuing the upward year-over-year monthly trend that began in April 2014. Traffic increased 10.0% year over year to 19.1 billion passenger-kilometres in March 2018. Capacity rose 7.2% to 22.6 billion available seat-kilometres. This resulted in a higher passenger load factor in March 2018 (84.5%) compared with the same month a year earlier (82.4%), as the increase in demand for travel was stronger than the rise in capacity.

5. WestJet launches first flight to the City of Light

WestJet on June 1, 2018 connected Atlantic Canada to the City of Light, with its inaugural flight between Halifax Stanfield International Airport (YHZ) and Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport (CDG). The flight landed in France at 10:00 a.m. local time.

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6. Air China and Air Canada Sign First China-North America Airline Joint Venture

On June 5, 2018 at a ceremony in Beijing attended by Jianjiang Cai, Chairman of Air China; Zhiyong Song, President of Air China; and Calin Rovinescu, President & Chief Executive Officer of Air Canada, Air China and Air Canada signed the first joint venture agreement between a Chinese and North American airline, deepening the two carriers' longstanding partnership. The joint venture enables the two countries' flag carriers and Star Alliance members to expand their existing codeshare relationship and deepen it by increasing commercial cooperation on flights between Canada and China and on key connecting domestic flights in both countries to provide customers travelling between the two countries with greater and sustainable benefits including an unparalleled range of flights, products and services.

7. Air Canada Celebrates the Launch of Seasonal Service to Ireland from Montreal

The arrival of flight AC818 at Dublin Airport, Ireland, this morning marks the successful launch of non-stop service between Montreal and Dublin. Flights will be operated until October 12, 2018, using Air Canada's newest single-aisle aircraft, the Boeing 737 MAX 8 featuring a Premium Economy and Economy cabin configuration.

8. Air Canada Celebrates Launch of Montreal-Tokyo Narita Non-stop Flights

The departure on June 1, 2018 of AC005 marks the launch of the very first scheduled flight between Montreal and Japan. Flights will operate year-round with Air Canada's flagship aircraft, the Boeing 787 Dreamliner, daily during summer peak travel and three times a week during the winter. Air Canada's new transpacific service from its Montreal hub is designed to optimize connectivity to several Canadian and U.S. cities: Quebec City, Ottawa, Halifax, Charlottetown, Boston, Philadelphia and Orlando.

9. Taking Flight: An overview of the Process for Creating Air Passenger Protection Regulations

Chair and CEO Scott Streiner addressed the Canadian Automobile Association on June 4, 2018. His address described: the Canadian Transportation Agency; a new legislative framework; the guiding principles; getting into the specifics; next steps; and the conclusion. The CTA is now involved in making regulations on *Creating Air Passenger Protection Regulations*, as required now that Bill C-49 Modernizing the Canadian Transportation Act has become law. Passengers have rights but these rights were never legally recognized. The matter was highlighted in the events in the US when a passenger was dragged out of an aircraft. "Many other jurisdictions, including the EU and US, have regulations specifying airlines' responsibilities towards passengers. It's time for made-in-Canada regulations that reflect lessons learned in other countries, Canadians' values, and the nature of air travel in Canada." The first step is going through the consultative process and the CTA is calling for submissions thereafter the regulations will be drafted.

10. IATA Open Borders Strategy

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) called on governments to intensify efforts to spread the economic and social benefits of aviation by removing onerous barriers to the free movement of people across borders. "Over the next 20 years, the number of passengers will double. That's excellent news for the global economy, as air connectivity is a catalyst for job creation and GDP growth. But we will not get the maximum social and economic benefits from this growth if barriers to travel are not addressed and processes streamlined," said Alexandre de Juniac, IATA's Director General and CEO. There are many

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barriers to travel, ranging from visa restrictions and government information requirements to the capacity of current facilitation processes to absorb growing numbers of air travelers. IATA has developed a comprehensive Open Borders Strategy to help governments work with industry to maintain the integrity of national borders while removing inefficiencies that prevent the industry from satisfying travel demand.

11. WestJet respects the binding interim order in relation to Swoop

On June 7, 2018, the arbitrator presiding over the arbitration between WestJet, an Alberta Partnership ("WestJet") and Swoop Inc. ("Swoop") and the Air Line Pilot Association, International ("ALPA") issued a binding interim order regarding Swoop. The binding interim order, issued June 7, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. directs, among other things, that existing Swoop pilots will remain in their current positions until directed otherwise by the arbitrator, and that WestJet pilots can now fly Swoop aircraft at Swoop terms and conditions. The interim order further directs that ALPA, WestJet and Swoop will make a joint application to the Canada Industrial Relations Board (CIRB) requesting the Board to amend ALPA's bargaining certificate to recognize ALPA as the bargaining agent for pilots of Swoop in addition to the pilots of WestJet by September 1, 2018. The arbitrator has further directed that additional hearing dates are required through the summer and into September to properly address all outstanding issues.

12. WestJet reports May load factor of 82.2 per cent

On June 8, 2018, WestJet announced May 2018 traffic results with a load factor of 82.2 per cent, an increase of 1.6 percentage points year over year. Revenue passenger miles (RPMs), or traffic, increased 7.5 per cent year over year (to 2.174 billion from 2.023 billion), while capacity, measured in available seat miles (ASMs), grew 5.4 per cent over the same period (to 2.646 billion from 2.511 billion). WestJet welcomed an additional 147,000 guests in May 2018, a year-over-year increase of 7.5 per cent. "Although May presented extraordinary challenges, we are delighted that 2.1 million guests chose to fly with us" said WestJet President and CEO Ed Sims. "My sincere thanks go out to each individual WestJetter for their continued dedication to delivering our award-winning brand of friendly caring service."

13. Air Canada Inaugurates Two New International Dreamliner Routes From Vancouver

Air Canada on June 7, 2018, launched the first of two new international Boeing 787 Dreamliner routes to Europe with a celebration prior to the departure of the carrier's inaugural flight from Vancouver to Zurich. On June 8, 2018, the airline will launch non-stop flights to Paris, marking five non-stop European routes from Air Canada's YVR hub.

14. Air Canada Begins Offering Satellite Connectivity on International Flights

Air Canada said on June 7, 2018 that it has begun offering next-generation, satellite connectivity on its wide-body international fleet with the introduction of Air Canada Wi-Fi provided by Gogo. Starting with flights operated by Boeing 777-300ER aircraft, the new service will be the fastest available on any Canadian airline and makes Air Canada the first Canadian carrier to offer customers the ability to stream TV and movies in-flight through the internet.

15. Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports, February 2018

Take-offs and landings at 126 Canadian airports without air traffic control towers reached 34,588 movements in February 2018. Ten airports accounted for 38% of the month's activity: Peterborough, Ontario (2,689 movements), Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador (1,870), Trois-Rivières, Quebec (1,520), Red Lake, Ontario (1,343), Comox, British Columbia (1,201), Pickle Lake, Ontario (1,036), Island Lake, Manitoba (983), Moosonee, Ontario (844), Barrie–Orillia–Lake Simcoe Regional, Ontario (790) and St. Theresa Point, Manitoba (735).

16. Air Canada Inaugurates Montreal-Bucharest Flights

The arrival of Air Canada flight 1928 at Bucharest's Henri Coandă International Airport marks the launch of twice weekly Air Canada Rouge seasonal service to Bucharest, Romania. Flights will be operated with Air Canada Rouge Boeing 767-300ER aircraft featuring Premium Rouge and Economy class service and are timed to optimize connectivity from across Air Canada's network through Air Canada's Montreal hub.

17. U.S. Department of Transportation Announces \$677 Million in Infrastructure Grants to 214 Airports in 43 States

U.S. Department of Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao on June 8, 2018 announced the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will award \$677 million in airport infrastructure grants, the first allotment of the total \$3.2 billion in Airport Improvement Program (AIP) funding for airports across the United States. The 241 grants will fund 346 infrastructure projects that include runways, taxiways, aprons, and terminals. These projects are important to the safety and efficiency of the nation's system of airports.

18. Local Media Advisory – The Canadian Transportation Agency's air passenger protection in-person consultations come to Toronto

New provisions of the *Canada Transportation Act*, which were added by the recently-passed *Transportation Modernization Act*, mandate the CTA to develop regulations setting out airlines' obligations with respect to flight delays and cancellations, denied boarding (bumping), tarmac delays, damaged or lost baggage, seating of children with parents or guardians, the transportation of musical instruments, and communication with passengers. For most of these categories, the law states that the regulations should prescribe minimum standards of treatment. For several (flight delays or cancellations within the airline's control, denied boarding within the airline's control, and lost or damaged baggage) of these categories, the law also provides for minimum levels of compensation. The consultation process will continue until August 28, 2018. Once it concludes, all the input received will be considered and the new regulations will be drafted. The regulations will require approval from both the CTA and the Governor in Council to come into force.

19. WestJet releases #WestJetSeatCity video

On June 12, 2018, WestJet unveiled its newest marketing video, #WestJetSeatCity in partnership with the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA). As the international airline with the most seats to Las Vegas, the #WestJetSeatCity video illustrates three exclusive experiences provided to three couples from Flight 1116 on April 30, 2018. In it, the selected couples seek out their WestJet "seats" somewhere in the city to get a front-row view to adventure including controlling the Fountains of Bellagio, taking center stage at Cirque du Soleil and getting closer than ringside at a UFC fight.

20. IATA downsizes 2018 air carrier profitability forecast

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) revised upwards its forecast for the profitability of the Middle East's airlines this year but downgraded its earnings expectations for other carriers around the world, according to the *Shipping Gazette*. IATA predicts airlines in the Middle East will earn US\$1.3 billion in 2018, up from the \$1 billion they made last year. In December IATA had forecast the region's carriers would generate \$600 million in profits in 2018 compared to an estimated \$300 million in 2017. IATA's chief economist Brian Pearce told Gulf News Aviation the revision was due to Middle East airlines performing better than expected. For airlines around the world, however, IATA attributed the expected drop in profits to higher costs, citing rising expenses as "the biggest challenge facing airlines today".

21. Aircraft movement statistics: Small airports – Annual report, 2017

In 2017, the number of take-offs and landings at 134 Canadian airports without air traffic control towers totalled 639,396 movements. Ten airports accounted for 37% of the activity during the year: Peterborough, Ontario (51,322 movements); Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador (29,751); Red Lake, Ontario (23,464); Drummondville, Quebec (22,475); Trois-Rivières, Quebec (20,878); Moosonee, Ontario (20,390); Pickle Lake, Ontario (19,240); Comox, British Columbia (18,481); Barrie-Orillia-Lake Simcoe Regional, Ontario (17,890); and Island Lake, Manitoba (15,525).

22. March 2018 U.S. Airline Traffic Data

U.S. airlines' March 2018 systemwide (domestic and international) scheduled service passenger enplanements rose 0.2 percent from February 2018, rising to 73.1 million to reach a new all-time seasonally-adjusted high, rising for the second consecutive month. March 2017 to March 2018 domestic enplanements rose 4.5 percent while enplanements on U.S. airlines' international flights to and from the U.S. rose 5.4 percent for a 4.6 percent systemwide increase.

23. US implements new air cargo security requirements

The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has implemented its air cargo advanced screening (ACAS) requirements for cargo entering the country following the completion of a pilot programme, reports *London's Air Cargo News*. DHS now requires that air cargo data be submitted to Customs and Border Protection (CBP) before the aircraft is loaded, as opposed to current practice that the information be provided four hours before arrival. This follows a pilot scheme that has been ongoing since 2010 and has been extended several times.

24. Air Canada Inaugurates Montreal-Lisbon, Portugal Seasonal Flights

Air Canada inaugurated new summer seasonal service from Montreal to Lisbon, Portugal on June 15, 2018. The three-times weekly Air Canada Rouge seasonal Lisbon service begins June 15, 2018 from Montréal, with the last operation from Lisbon on October 27, 2018. Flights are operated with Boeing 767-300ER aircraft featuring Premium Rouge and Economy Class service and are timed to optimize connectivity from across Air Canada's network through Air Canada's hub in Montreal.

25. Air Travel Consumer Report: April 2018 Numbers

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on June 18, 2018 released its June 2018 Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on air carrier data compiled for the month of April 2018. Regarding on-time

performance, in April 2018, the reporting carriers posted an on-time arrival rate of 81.3 percent, up from both the 78.5 percent on-time rate in April 2017 and the 80.9 percent mark in March 2018. Regarding cancellations, in April 2018, the reporting carriers cancelled 1.0 percent of their scheduled domestic flights, an improvement over both the 1.6 percent cancellation rate posted in April 2017 and the 2.8 percent rate in March 2018. Regarding tarmac delays, in April 2018, airlines reported one tarmac delay of more than three hours on domestic flights, equal to one such tarmac delays reported in March 2018. In April 2018, airlines reported no tarmac delays of more than four hours on international flights, equal to no such tarmac delays reported in March 2018. All reported extended tarmac delays are investigated by the Department. Regarding mishandled baggage, in April 2018, the carriers posted a mishandled baggage rate of 2.39 reports per 1,000 passengers, an improvement over both April 2017's rate of 2.54 and March 2018's rate of 2.59.

26. First Quarter 2018 U.S. Airline Financial Data

The Bureau of Transportation Statistics released the first quarter results of US airlines on June 18, 2018. Net profit (after taxes) for the first quarter of 2018 was \$1.7 billion, down 14.4% from the same quarter a year ago. Total operating revenue was \$42.5 billion and total operating expenses were \$39.9 billion. Net profit (after taxes) for domestic operations was \$1.2 billion for the first quarter of 2018 down 1.8 billion from the first quarter in 2017. Total operating revenue was \$31.9 billion and total operating expenses were \$29.9 billion. Net profit (after taxes) for international operations was \$428.3 million for the first quarter of 2018 up 87 million from the first quarter in 2017. Total operating revenue was \$10.6 billion and total operating expenses were \$10 billion.

27. Swoop Airlines: What you need to know about Canada's new low-cost carrier

On June 20, 2018, just before sunrise, Canada's newest ultra-low cost airline saw its first flight take to the skies. Swoop, a no-frills airline launched by WestJet, carried an inaugural group of travellers on from Hamilton, Ont. to Abbotsford, B.C. The airline hopes to offer Canadians something that travellers in Europe, the U.S. and parts of Asia have long enjoyed: cheap flights that cut add-ons to reduce the base price of a ticket. The airline will operate domestic flights between five small Canadian airports: Abbotsford, Edmonton, Winnipeg, Hamilton, and Halifax. The company hopes to win back travellers who live near the Canada-U.S. border and may opt to catch low-cost flights from American airlines. Swoop says its fares will be about 30 to 40 per cent lower than the typical national carrier, with several flights under \$100.

28. WestJet Link takes flight

On June 20, 2018, WestJet inaugurated its new regional airline service, WestJet Link, from Cranbrook and Prince George to Calgary. Service starts from Lethbridge and Lloydminster to Calgary on June 21 and Medicine Hat to Calgary on June 22, 2018. Overall, WestJet Link connects five new cities to WestJet's growing hub at the YYC Calgary International Airport. "This is a great day for the communities who now benefit from WestJet's non-stop service and convenient connectivity to the WestJet network," said Tim Croyle, WestJet Interim Executive Vice-President, Commercial. "WestJet continues to offer Canadians more travel options and WestJet Link brings more choice, lower fares and WestJet's renowned guest service to these five communities."

29. April 2018 U.S. Passenger Airline Employment Data

U.S. scheduled passenger airlines employed 3.0 percent more workers in April 2018 than in April 2017. April's 436,610 full-time equivalents (FTE) was the highest monthly employment total since December 2004 (436,909 FTEs). April 2018 was also the 54th consecutive month that U.S. scheduled passenger airline FTEs exceeded the same month of the previous year.

30. Slot Allocation Achieves Unprecedented Choice and Competition in Europe

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) provided evidence that the current system for allocating capacity at Europe's airports is benefiting consumers with greater choice and expanded connectivity. Air passengers in Europe are enjoying an unprecedented level of choice and competition in air travel, despite the constraints imposed by a lack of new airport capacity. Passengers and the EU economy are benefitting from new routes and the growth of low-cost carriers and other new market entrants. Analysis by IATA reveals that: 1) Airports classified at the highest level of congestion in Europe added 2,000 more routes in the 2010-2017 period. 2) Over the same period the number of long-haul routes grew by 27%. 3) 30% of European routes are now operated by two or more carriers, an increase of 5 percentage points since 2010. A recent study commissioned by Airports Council International (ACI) Europe, from consultancy ICF, shows: 1) More than 55% of seat capacity on intra-Europe routes is competed for by full-service carriers and low-cost carriers, which have grown rapidly since the turn of the

century. 2) Over the past 20 years there has been a near-doubling in city-pair connections within Europe and between Europe and the rest of the world. "European consumers have greater choice and more competition than ever before when deciding how they travel within or beyond Europe. This is no small achievement when you consider that Europe's airports are among the most congested in the world," said Alexandre de Juniac, IATA's Director General and CEO.

31. Air Canada Inaugurates Three New Non-Stop Domestic Routes

Air Canada on June 21, 2018 inaugurated the first of three new, non-stop domestic services from BC communities with the departure of AC1976 from Kamloops to Toronto. On June 22, 2018, Air Canada will inaugurate new non-stop seasonal services from Victoria to Montreal, and from Nanaimo to Toronto. These newest domestic long-haul services are operated onboard the airline's leisure carrier Air Canada Rouge, which will be celebrating its fifth birthday on July 1, 2018.

32. WestJet Encore celebrates five years of flying

To celebrate WestJet Encore's birthday, the airline is having a sale. Guests can book now using promo code E52VZ30 and save up to 20 per cent off Econo base fares between 20 select destinations in Canada and anywhere WestJet flies. Travellers can take advantage of savings by booking by June 25, 2018 (9:59 p.m. MDT) for travel between September 5 and December 15, 2018. This offer is valid on WestJet flights between 20 Canadian airports and anywhere WestJet flies.

33. Commission welcomes EU ministers' adoption of EU aviation safety rules

On June 26, 2018, EU ministers formally adopted the revision of the EU aviation safety regulation. The new rules ensure safe, secure and environmentally friendly aviation for EU citizens and provide the European aviation industry with an effective and balanced legal framework. Most notably, the regulations establish the first ever EU-wide framework for drones: for their harmonised registration as well as for their safe and secure use.

34. Changi's air cargo volume edges up 1.8pc in May

Singapore Changi Airport's airfreight throughput in May 2018 grew "moderately" at 1.8 per cent to reach 180,490 tonnes, compared to the same period last year, according to the *Shipping Gazette*. In the first five months of the year, the airport handled a total of 870,000 tonnes of cargo. Last year, the Lion City's airfreight throughput totalled 2.13 million tonnes.

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1. Canada container growth demands more infrastructure, innovation

Ocean carriers, shippers, and other business decision makers have big plans for Canada, where strong container trade growth is expected in the immediate years ahead. The key task now is to fully fund vital infrastructure improvement and expansion projects to maintain that promising momentum.

2. Public opening of the Port of Montreal's grand quay: a big family party made it a grand success!

Under sunny skies, the people of Greater Montreal came in large numbers to take part in the public opening of the Port of Montreal's Grand Quay, which took the form of a big family party. That let the 13 000 participants make the most of the new facilities at this magnificent site offering public spaces unique to Montreal, while discovering the modern efficient infrastructures used to welcome cruise ships and the many cruise passengers who visit the city. During this big family party, participants were able to enjoy a wide range of activities: nautical knots workshop, giant games, exhibitions, improve games, colouring and makeup activities, etc.

3. Q1 cargo volume growth at Chinese ports falls 4pc

While major international ports have witnessed a 3.4 per cent growth in cargo throughput in the first quarter of 2018 compared to the same period in 2017, Chinese ports on the hand have seen volume growth fall 4.1 percentage points to 3.1 billion tonnes. According to the Shanghai international shipping institute's (SISI) latest global port development report for Q1 2018, the throughput growth at Chinese ports was the lowest since the fourth quarter of 2016. Among the segments, domestic trade was relatively worse hit, falling 5.8 percentage points as policy adjustments and a high base from the robust growth in the first three quarters of last year weighed on the figures. But international trade throughput remained relatively stable, with Chinese ports handling 1.0 billion tonnes, an increase of 5 per cent year on year, report UK's searade maritime news.

4. CUPE demonstration in front of Viterra head office in Regina to force the employer to negotiate at the port of Montreal

CUPE members in Saskatchewan will demonstrate in front of the head office of Viterra, a grain distributor, in Regina on Friday, June 8, 2018 in solidarity with the 51 workers at the company, who were locked out by the Port of Montreal more than 20 weeks ago. A delegation of locked out workers will also go there to demand that Viterra return to the bargaining table to arrive at a fair agreement.

5. Maersk to launch new Montreal to Mediterranean box shipping service

Maersk Line is launching an exclusive weekly service between Montreal and the Mediterranean on July 2, 2018 to meet the rising demands of importers and exporters on both sides of the Atlantic, according to the *Shipping Gazette*. The Mediterranean-Montreal Express service will also offer direct calls to Halifax, upgrading Maersk's transatlantic coverage amidst robust trade flows and the perceived positive spin-off from last autumn's free trade agreement between Canada and the European Union. In 2017 Montreal handled a record 1.5 million TEU and loaded container volume rose by seven per cent to North Europe and the Mediterranean in the first quarter of this year. This compares with a 2.1 per cent increase in trade to and from all markets.

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6. Port of NY/NJ handles record 551,117 TEU in April

The port of New York and New Jersey set a new monthly container throughput record in April 2018 after handling 551,117 TEUs. This milestone was reached despite import loads decreasing by 2.1 per cent in April 2018 compared to the same month a year earlier, while export loads rose by 12.9 per cent during the month. This is the third month in a row that export loads have increased by double digits when compared against 2017.

7. UPS expands ocean freight service in 130 new trade lanes

UPS announced a major expansion to its ocean Less-Than-Container Load (LCL) service with the addition of direct sailings in 130 lanes. The origin and destination countries cover most of the globe, including ports in Asia, Latin America, Africa, Europe, U.S. the Caribbean and the Middle East.

8. Montreal port extends longer gate hours program

The terminals at Montreal agreed to extend the longer gate hours program, which began May 14, 2018 and was due to end on June 22, 2018 at least through the summer at a meeting at which 30 port stakeholders reviewed the impact of increasing the hours from beyond the old time of 6 a.m. to 2.30 p.m., to close instead at 7 p.m.

9. Great Lakes, Seaway iron ore trade up 3.1 percent

Shipments of iron ore on the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway totaled 6.3 million tons in May 2018, an increase of 3.1 percent compared to a year ago. According to the Lake Carriers' Association, the May 2018 total is "just about on par with the month's five-year average." Shipments from U.S. Great Lakes ports totaled 5.9 million tons in May 2018, an increase of 2.4 percent. Loadings at Canadian terminals in the Seaway totaled 443,000 tons, an increase of 13.7 percent.

10. Global box volumes up 6pc in April

The latest statistics from industry analyst Container Trade

Statistics (CTS) show that global transport volumes of containerised cargo grew 5.9 per cent to 13.85 million TEU in April 2018 compared with the same month a year ago, on the back of strong growth in imports and exports across Asia, Europe and North America. On a sequential basis, total volumes were down 1.3 per cent from March 2018, but this is generally to be expected based on historical seasonality, reports *American Shipper*. Containerised exports from Far East Asia increased 4.6 per cent year over year to 7.6 million TEU for the month, while import volumes climbed 4.8 per cent to 5.2 million TEU. In North America, container export volumes surged 11.1 per cent to 1.4 million TEU, and imports jumped 7.1 per cent to 2.3 million TEU compared with April 2017.

11. Terminals buffeted by volatility

Container terminal operators are having to grapple with increased market volatility after being buffeted by several other forces that amount to a "perfect storm," says Drewry. About 18 months ago, the London-based consultants identified four related trends impacting terminals: softening demand, higher operating and capital costs due to bigger ships, increased business risk from the reduction in the number of liner alliances and carriers demanding lower prices.

12. Study reveals underwater noise is reduced when ships slow down, offering new science that could protect at-risk whales

Results released on June 13, 2018 by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority-led Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program's Vessel Slowdown Trial show that when vessels slow down, underwater noise that may interfere with the ability of whales to feed is reduced. The ECHO Program initiated the first-of-its-kind voluntary Vessel Slowdown Trial through Haro Strait last summer to study the relationship between slower ship speed, underwater noise levels, and effects on the endangered southern resident killer whales in one of their key feeding areas. During the trial period, operators of cargo ships transiting a corridor of about 16 nautical miles were asked to navigate over listening stations (hydrophones) and reduce their speed to 11 knots, when it was feasible and safe to do so. More than 60 marine shipping industry organizations took part in the trial, allowing enough data to be collected to support rigorous

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analysis and robust scientific conclusions on the effectiveness of the trial. Results from the trial demonstrate that reducing vessel speeds is an effective way of reducing the underwater noise generated by the vessel and reducing total underwater noise in nearby habitats, which can in turn benefit the behaviour and feeding success of the southern resident killer whale. Whales use sound to locate prey and ship noise can interfere with their ability to do that.

13. European Commission to review ocean carrier block exemption

Liner shipping's current exemption from anti-trust rules ends in 2020 and as part of its assessment of whether to grant another five-year block exemption order, the European Commission has called for feedback from those in the container supply chain.

14. Protectionism the cause of slowing growth in world ports

An overall slowdown in first quarter volumes at ports worldwide has been blamed on trade protectionism, after the throughput growth rate decreased by 2.9 percentage points compared to the same period a year earlier, according to the Shanghai International Shipping Institute (SISI). However, SISI's Global Port Development Report published in May 2018 also showed that the cargo throughput itself of the major ports globally maintained growth in the first quarter, rising by 3.4 per cent year on year, reported UK's Port Strategy. The report pointed out that in Q1 the world's economy displayed clearer recovery signals, while manufacturing, consumption and investment continued to gain steam.

15. Canadian grain exports give St. Lawrence Seaway solid start

Robust grain exports have boosted St. Lawrence Seaway shipping this Spring after a slow start due to difficult ice conditions in the Great Lakes. According to The St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation, Canadian grain shipments via the St. Lawrence Seaway totaled 1.9 million metric tons, up 11 per cent compared to the same period last year. These Prairie and Ontario grain exports along with strong regional demand for construction materials like stone, cement and asphalt helped shipping flourish in May 2018 after ice conditions in the St. Marys River and Lake Superior slowed vessel deliveries in April 2018. Total overall cargo tonnage from March 29 to May 31 reached 7.9 million metric tons, down close to four per cent over the same period in 2017.

16. Port of Nanaimo joins WESTAC

The Western Transportation Advisory Council (WESTAC) is pleased to introduce the Port of Nanaimo as its newest member. The Official Representative will be Ewan Moir, President & CEO. Alternates will be Ian Marr, Senior Vice President, Finance & Administration and Jason Michell, Vice President, Terminal Operations. "The Port of Nanaimo looks forward to working with leaders at WESTAC concerned with the safety, sustainability and competitiveness of transportation across the region. As we continue to diversify services at the Port, joining a forum focused on Western Canada's trade-enabling transportation network is fitting" says Ewan Moir, President & CEO, Port of Nanaimo.

17. Los Angeles May volumes fall 3.4pc as alliances favour Long Beach

Changes in alliance choices in San Pedro Bay favouring Long Beach has been blamed for the 3.4 per cent year-on-year drop in container throughput to 768,804 TEU at the Port of Los Angeles decline in May 2018. LA is currently called at by 21 overseas services, 14 of which are operated by one of the three major container shipping alliances, according to *BlueWater Reporting*. Laden imports boxes in May 2018 came to 405,587 TEU, falling 1.8 per cent year on year, while laden exports slipped 0.8 per cent to 168,681 TEU. Empties stood at 194,537 TEU, down 8.9 per cent.

18. European shippers protest bunker surcharges

The European Shippers' Council has sent a letter to European Commissioner for Competition Margrethe Vestager calling emergency bunker surcharges imposed by most large container liner companies "unjustified." "Under the present circumstances, the use of such instrument is unjustified. Oil prices had indeed been rising during the last month, but the latest hike cannot be assimilated to an emergency."

19. Port of Oakland volumes recede after record April

Container cargo volumes at the Port of Oakland slipped 2.9 percent to 204,765 TEUs in May 2018 compared with the same month a year ago, according to the most recent data from the port. The May decline follows an April during which Oakland saw its volumes rise 3.3 percent year-over-year, thanks in large part to a record 75,369 TEUs of loaded imports. Loaded import volumes at the northern California port were steady at 82,465 TEUs in May 2018, but loaded exports sank 8.3 percent.

20. Hutchison Ports offers new inter-modal services for Europe

Hutchison Ports has unveiled its new brand SYNERGY that will deploy intermodal services between terminal operator's Barcelona Europe South Terminal (BEST) in Barcelona and the main railway terminals in Spain and southern Europe, according to *Shipping Gazette*. The company presented SYNERGY at the

International Logistics and Maintenance Exhibition (SIL2018), recently held in Barcelona. The brand was created to adapt to new times, betting on innovation with transparency and neutrality. It will offer port-to-door connectivity services, with a strong commitment to the environment and sustainability.

21. Long Beach May volume up 6pc - LA drops 3.4pc

Long Beach had its busiest May 2018 in history with laden imports rising 7.3 per cent to 361,056 TEU. Exports were up 19.9 per cent to 142,412 TEU while empties fell 4.6 per cent to 183,959 TEU. The Port of Long Beach again trumped its larger rival Los Angeles in terms of growth last month, having handled six per cent more containers year on year than LA, which posted a 3.4 per cent drop in May 2018 volume, according to *Shipping Gazette*. Nonetheless a substantial gap between the port volumes remains with a 768,804 TEU total posted by LA versus 687,427 TEU for Long Beach.

22. US\$20 billion needed for rail in US ports over 10 years

The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) in its State of Freight III report says US ports need US\$20 billion for multimodal rail access in the next 10 years, according to *Shipping Gazette*. The need is pressing, said the AAPA, because of the growing population and the increasing volume of goods that need to be moved, reported Supply Chain Dive, of Washington, DC. According to an association survey, improved and expanded rail access is a priority for ports, with more than 30 per cent reporting that they have identified critical \$50 million-plus rail projects.

23. Prince Rupert Fairview Terminal to expand again

The Port of Prince Rupert and DP World have agreed on terms of a project development plan that outlines the next phase of expansion for the DP World Prince Rupert Fairview Container Terminal. The Phase 2B expansion will increase annual throughput capacity at Canada's second largest container terminal to 1.8 million TEUs (twenty-foot equivalent units) when complete in 2022.

24. Canadian ports planning for growth

Canadian ports are cautiously optimistic even in the face of Donald Trump's threats of a trade war. "We're forecasting 3.6 per cent cargo growth annually over the next five years," said Peter Xotta, vice president planning and operations at the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, at JOC.com's Canada Trade Conference in Toronto. Some of that confidence stems from efforts to increase trade with Europe and Asia and to reduce reliance on the U.S.

25. Making Canadian ports more competitive is vital: Logistec

Attracting Millennials, infrastructure investments and industry collaboration are the three enablers that will ensure Canadian ports and Canada's logistics supply chain become more competitive, according to Madeleine Paquin, president and CEO of Logistec Corp. Speaking at the JOC Canada Trade Conference, presented by IHS Markit, Paquin said that as technology continues to disrupt business for both companies and consumers, our economy is at the same time being confronted by globalization and protectionism. "The solution for Canada is to diversify trade across continents," said Paquin, pointing to recent trade agreements such as CETA and TPP. "We must be there to facilitate these exports and imports." It begins, she says, with attracting talent to the supply chain industry.

26. Port of Oakland box volume dips 2.9pc in May

The US port of Oakland in California handled 204,765 TEU in May 2018, representing a decrease of 2.9 per cent compared with the same month last year. The decrease in May 2018 follows a 3.3 per cent year-on-year increase in container throughput in April 2018, which was largely attributed to handling a record 75,369 TEU of loaded imports, reported *American Shipper*. Loaded import volumes were steady at 82,465 TEU in May 2018, but loaded exports sank 8.3 per cent to 72,045 TEU compared with the same month the previous year, according to data from the port authority. Throughput of empty containers rose by 0.6 per cent to 50,255 TEU, while an 11.8 per cent increase in outbound empties was offset in large part by a 17.2 per cent decline in inbound empties.

27. Port Provides Improved Waterfront Access With Opening Of Atlin Promenade

The Port of Prince Rupert on June 20, 2018 announced the completion of the Atlin Promenade, the latest waterfront improvement project to be funded by the Port. The 80-metre Atlin Promenade will be a significant aesthetic and logistics improvement for cruise business at the Northland Terminal. The Promenade will also serve as a dedicated pedestrian walkway between Prince Rupert's Northland Cruise Terminal and Atlin Terminal, connecting amenities like the Cow Bay Marina and retail stores with the existing Millennium Walkway and Rotary Waterfront Park.

28. The Government of Canada invests in transportation infrastructure improvements at the Nanaimo Port Authority to help move Canadian goods to market

On June 0, 2018, the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, announced a major investment of more than \$6.3 million for a project at the Nanaimo Port Authority that will help local businesses compete by moving goods to market and by making improvements to port infrastructure. The Nanaimo Port Authority will design, build, finance and operate a 60,000 square-foot Vehicle Processing Centre and supporting infrastructure to repurpose its existing Nanaimo Assembly Wharf as a multi-purpose general cargo terminal with an initial focus on automobiles. The project will improve Canada's supply chain for automobiles imported into the country by addressing the significant existing transportation bottlenecks, vulnerabilities and congestion while also providing sustainable economic development opportunities for Nanaimo and Vancouver Island.

29. Port of LB okays spending of nearly US\$1b on port projects

The Long Beach Board of Harbour Commissioners has approved a US\$982 million budget for the Port of Long Beach's upcoming fiscal year, with 70 per cent of the spending focused on modernisation and other construction projects. For the financial year starting October 1, 2018, the Harbour Department plans to spend \$695 million on capital projects including the ongoing Gerald Desmond Bridge Replacement Project and Middle Harbour Terminal Redevelopment at a cost of \$333 million.

30. Report paints cloudy picture of container shipping's future

The report indicates that the container transport industry will face challenges as technology changes the environment, but we are confident that an industry that has shown itself adept at change will rise to meet these challenges. The container's simplicity and modularity has made it the mode of choice for transporting many goods across the globe. "More than 50 years after the introduction of the container, the container transport industry faces the transformative rise of digital, data, analytics, and automation. There is a range of futures where digital fundamentally changes the industry's economics—for the benefit of both customers and industry participants—but getting there will require vision and relentless execution."

31. The Government of Canada invests in road and rail infrastructure for the Port of Vancouver and Canadian National

On June 22, 2018, the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, announced a major investment of \$167 million for three projects that will help Canadian businesses compete globally by making improvements to port infrastructure and by increasing the capacity of the rail infrastructure that serves the south shore port area, ensuring goods move efficiently to market. The first two projects are led by the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, with investment from Canadian National Railway and Canadian Pacific Railway. The third project led by Canadian National, with investment from the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority.

32. CN welcomes federal infrastructure investment in Vancouver supporting trade with Asia, Canadian economy

CN said on June 22, 2018 that the federal government's support of infrastructure investments in Vancouver through the National Trade Corridors Fund (NTCF) will help the long-term expansion of trade between Canada and Asia. "We applaud the Government of Canada's actions to expand Canada's key trade corridors and make them more reliable. We welcome this investment in trade-enabling infrastructure," said JJ Ruest, interim president and chief executive officer at CN. "These investments signal Canada's commitment to trade with Asian economies."

33. The Government of Canada takes immediate action to protect endangered whales through the Oceans Protection Plan

On June 22, 2018, Canada's Whales Initiative was announced in Vancouver by the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, and Jonathan Wilkinson, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change. This \$167.4 million initiative under Budget 2018, will protect and support the recovery of the Southern Resident Killer Whale, the North Atlantic right whale, and the St. Lawrence Estuary beluga whale through comprehensive actions tailored to address the unique combinations of threats.

34. Prince Rupert plans to raise capacity by 33pc

Canada's port of Prince Rupert plans to further expand its Fairview container terminal to boost its annual throughput capacity by 33 per cent to 1.8 million TEU in a bid to raise its market share in North America's competitive Pacific northwest region. Scheduled for completion in 2022, the 22-acre expansion will heat up the battle for market share with Vancouver and the Northwest Seaport Alliance (NWSA) of Seattle and Tacoma. Prince Rupert last year increased its regional market share 0.7 point to 12 per cent. Vancouver's share rose 0.4 point to 48.5 per cent and the NWSA's share declined by 1.1 points to 39.5 per cent, according to PIERS.

35. Long Beach funding terminal electrification project

The Port of Long Beach said it is moving ahead with a \$16.8 million project to build infrastructure to support electric-powered, zero-emissions cargo-handling equipment at its largest terminal. The Port Advanced Vehicle Electrification (PAVE) project will design and build charging outlets for almost 40 pieces of electrical terminal equipment at Total Terminal International's container terminal at Pier T.

36. HK box volume slides 5.4pc yoy in May

The Port of Hong Kong saw container throughput slide 5.4 per cent in May 2018 to 1.73 million TEU compared to the same month last year when throughput totalled 1.82 million TEU, according to Shipping *Gazette*. On a year on year basis May 2018 was the fourth month in a row that container volumes dipped. But when compared to the previous month, the throughput was 6.1 per cent higher than in April 2018 when the port handled a total of 1.63 million TEU. Kwai Tsing terminals handled a total of 1.35 million TEU in May 2018, nine per cent down from the corresponding period in 2017 when box throughput totalled 1.48 million TEU.

RAIL TRANSPORTATION

1. TCRC-T&E and CP reach tentative, four-year agreement

Canadian Pacific Railway Limited (CP) is pleased to announce a tentative four-year agreement with CP conductors and locomotive engineers and a five-year agreement with our KVR conductors and locomotive engineers, ending both strikes. Details of the agreement will be presented to the TCRC membership for ratification. Approximately 3,000 engineers and conductors are represented by the TCRC.

2 Railway carloadings, March 2018

The volume of rail freight carried in Canada totalled 31.8 million tonnes in March 2018, up 0.1% from March 2017. Freight originating in Canada decreased 0.9% from the same month last year to 28.5 million tonnes in March 2018. Non-intermodal freight increased by 1.0% to 314,000 carloads. The amount of freight loaded into these cars fell 1.6% from March 2017 to 25.3 million tonnes. Intermodal freight loadings rose 10.0% from March 2017 to 217,000 units. The gain stemmed from a 10.3% increase in containers-on-flat-cars. In terms of weight, intermodal traffic rose 5.0% to 3.2 million tonnes. Freight traffic received from the United States rose 9.0% to 3.3 million tonnes, as a result of increases in both non-intermodal (+8.7%) and intermodal (+12.5%) freight.

3. Deal in principle reached to restore rail service to northern Manitoba: Feds

An agreement in principle has been reached to restore the only land link, along with hope for a solid economic future, to the town of Churchill in northern Manitoba. The federal government and a consortium of northern communities said on May 30, 2018 night that they had reached a deal to transfer ownership of the area's rail line and port from Denver-based Omnitrix.

4. Canadian Transportation Agency Launches Consultation on Rail Transportation

As part of its Regulatory Modernization Initiative, the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) is launching consultations on rail-related regulations and guidance materials. These consultations will support the implementation of the *Transportation Modernization Act* (Bill C-49), which amends the *Canada Transportation Act (Act)* to introduce new measures related to freight rail. The CTA invites affected stakeholders to share their views to ensure that the CTA's rail-related regulations and guidance materials are relevant, clear and

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5. First quarter 2018: VIA rail increased revenues by 11.4 % and ridership by 12.4%

At the start of the year of its 40th anniversary, VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) transported more than one million passengers over the first quarter of 2018, an increase of 12.4% over 2017. The company closed the quarter with an 11% increase in passenger revenues,

mainly due to the continued popularity of its intercity services on the Québec City-Windsor corridor (the “Corridor”). Over the period, the Corporation reached important milestones for the implementation of its modernization plan to lead Canadians toward a more sustainable future. Funds were allocated from the Government of Canada in its 2018-2019 budget for the acquisition of a new fleet for the Québec City-Windsor Corridor, and for the completion of studies toward the High Frequency Rail project, also known as HFR. These initiatives are key components of VIA Rail’s plan to transform passenger rail service for Canadians through the control and operation of dedicated tracks to passengers and a new fleet of modern trains. HFR will provide communities within the Toronto-Ottawa-Montréal-Québec City corridor with improved scheduling, more frequent service, reduced trip times, and better on-time performance. In March 2018, VIA Rail was recognized for its HFR project and received this year’s award in sustainability at the 11th Global Infrastructure Leadership Forum. VIA Rail has also awarded renovation contracts for a part of its train fleet to remain the most accessible transportation mode in Canada and to better serve its passengers on its long-distance and remote services, which represents an investment of \$138.4 million.

6. CN investing \$340M in B.C.’s rail infrastructure in 2018

CN announced plans to invest approximately \$340 million across British Columbia in 2018 to expand and strengthen the Company’s rail network throughout the province. “We are investing for the long haul with these projects to boost capacity and network resiliency to meet growing traffic on our corridors to and from the West Coast and across B.C.,” said Doug Ryhorchuk, vice-president of CN’s Western Region. “Our investments in infrastructure, equipment and people will help us deliver superior service to our customers across the province and North America. Additionally, our substantial investments to renew our existing railway infrastructure underscore our commitment to operating safely.”

7. CN locomotive engineers on Illinois Central property ratify new contract

CN and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen (BLET) announced on June 4, 2018 that the 475 locomotive engineers on the Company’s Illinois Central (IC) property in the United States have successfully ratified a new collective agreement. This contract, which runs through Dec. 31, 2019, provides wage and benefit improvements in each year of the agreement, in line with the national railway pattern.

8. Planning greater accessibility at VIA rail

On June 6, 2018 in Ottawa, VIA Rail Canada (VIA Rail) held a session with a working group of approximately 20 individuals from British Columbia, Ontario and the province of Québec representing people living with accessibility issues, including individuals with physical, visual and hearing disabilities. The goal of the session was to seek advice and expertise on the best practices with respect to universal accessibility to its services. The Corporation currently has major projects including the procurement of a new fleet for the Québec City-Windsor corridor, and the conversion of 17 stainless steel cars into fully accessible cars. These projects will greatly transform mobility, contribute to Canada’s inclusive growth, and ensure Canadian passenger rail remains at the forefront of accessible transportation for travellers with mobility or other restrictions.

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9. Canadian Pacific replacing grain hopper fleet

Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. on June 7, 2018 unveiled its plans to invest more than half a billion Canadian dollars on new high-capacity grain hopper cars that will allow the Class I railway to transport more grain in each dedicated train. CP's grain shippers can expect to see more than 500 of these new cars in service before the end of the year, the company said. CP's plans for revitalizing its grain hopper fleet are beginning with an initial order for 1,000 cars.

10. U.S. rail volumes climb nearly 5 percent

Total combined U.S. freight railroad traffic in May 2018 increased 4.9 percent to 2.72 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.-based railroads saw carload shipments climb 3.2 percent year-over-year to 1.32 million carloads for the month, while intermodal traffic rose 6.6 percent to just under 1.4 million containers and trailers.

11. CN investing \$130 million to expand and strengthen Manitoba's rail infrastructure in 2018

CN said on June 8, 2018 that it plans to invest approximately \$130 million in Manitoba in 2018 to strengthen the Company's rail network across the province, including expansion of its primary rail yard in Winnipeg. "We are investing for the long haul," said Doug Ryhorchuk, vice-president of CN's Western Region. "Our project at Symington Yard in Winnipeg, combined with track investments across the Prairies, and new equipment and more people, will help us deliver superior service to our grain and other customers throughout Manitoba and North America. Additionally, our substantial investments to renew our existing railway infrastructure underscores our commitment to operating safely."

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13. CN heavily investing in two provinces

Canadian National (CN), the largest of the two Canada-based Class I railways, is heavily investing in its rail networks across British Columbia and Manitoba. The investments across the two provinces are part of its record \$3.4 billion Canadian (U.S. \$2.6 billion) capital program for 2018.

14. CN must reopen vital Thunder Bay bridge to cars; Ontario's top court rules

One of the country's foremost railway companies will have to ensure cars can use a bridge in Thunder Bay, Ont., under terms of an agreement signed more than a century ago, Ontario's top court ruled on June 11, 2018. In its decision, the Court of Appeal found a lower court ruling that allowed Canadian National Railway Co. to escape its obligation was unreasonable. The matter (an agreement between CN and the City of Thunder Bay over maintenance of a bridge) was considered first in the Superior Court of Ontario (Justice Smith) which sided in favour of CN, the matter was then appealed to the Court of Appeal which ruled in favour of the City. The agreement in question, which dates to 1906, was struck between the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway — now Canadian National — and the Town of Fort William, now incorporated into Thunder Bay. Under the deal, the rail company was to build a "combined railway and highway bridge" over the Kaministiquia River. In return, the town agreed to pay \$50,000. Completed in 1909, the 150-metre bridge was used for rail, vehicle and pedestrian traffic for more than 100 years until 2013, when CN closed it for three days because of a fire. However, CN reopened the span only for rail and pedestrian traffic, not for cars and trucks. The company said motor vehicles could leave the road and end up in the river — something that had never happened in the century of operation. Justice Smith also noted that while CN had maintained the structure for motorized traffic, it always said it had no contractual obligation to do so. He also found that the city had failed to define what changes were needed to make the bridge safe for cars and trucks. Thunder Bay appealed. In effect, the city argued the 1906 agreement was designed to ensure residents would have the right to cross the bridge by any kind of vehicle, and that CN was obliged to maintain the bridge so that could happen. In siding with the city, the higher court said Smith made a basic legal error by undermining the importance of the words "perpetual" and "in perpetuity" in the contract. "CN has a contractual obligation to maintain the bridge for motor vehicles in perpetuity, an obligation it has

breached,” the Appeal Court said. “To rectify its breach, CN must reopen the bridge.” What repairs or upgrades the bridge needs, if any, are for CN to decide, the court ruled. CN will also have to pay the city a total of \$290,000 in legal costs.

15. North America rail traffic up 2.3pc in week ending June 2

Total combined rail traffic in North America for the week ending June 2, 2018 was 692,418 carloads and intermodal units, up 2.3 per cent year on year with 12 US, Canadian and Mexican railways reporting, according to the Association of American Railroads (AAR). North American rail volume for the first 22 weeks of 2018 was 15,720,523 carloads and intermodal units, up 3.2 per cent. US carloads for the week ending June 2, 2018 were 252,162 carloads, up 0.2 per cent year on year while intermodal volume rose 6.3 per cent 257,578 containers and trailers. Canadian railways reported 79,929 carloads for the week, up 6.4 per cent, and 65,817 intermodal units, down 2.2 per cent year on year.

16. CN to invest \$320 million in Alberta

CN announced plans to invest \$320 million across Alberta in 2018 to expand and strengthen the Company’s rail network throughout the province. “We are investing for the long haul with these projects to boost capacity and network resiliency to meet growing demand in grain, energy, forest products and other markets so important to Alberta’s economy,” said Doug Ryhorchuk, vice-president of CN’s Western Region. “Our investments in new double track and yard expansions, combined with new equipment and more people, will help us deliver superior service to our customers in Alberta and North America. Additionally, our substantial investments to renew our existing railway infrastructure underscores our commitment to operating safely.” The Alberta investments are part of CN’s record \$3.4 billion capital program for 2018.

17. CN investing \$210 million in Quebec’s rail infrastructure in 2018

CN said on June 13, 2018 that it plans to invest approximately \$210 million across Quebec in 2018 to strengthen the Company’s rail network throughout the province, improving safety and supporting efficient service. “We are again investing across the province to support a safe and fluid railway network, and our increasing investments in technology are making our Montreal headquarters part of the growing tech economy of Quebec,” said Michael Farkouh, vice-president of CN’s Eastern Region. “We remain committed to investing for the long haul to raise the bar on service for our customers across Quebec and North America, while continuing to strengthen our infrastructure in support of our unwavering commitment to railway safety.” The investments are part of CN’s record C\$3.4 billion capital program in 2018.

18. Commission puts forward action plan to improve security of rail passengers in the EU

On June 13, 2018, the European Commission is presenting an EU action plan to improve the security of rail passengers and staff in the EU by establishing a new cooperation and coordination framework. The goal is to prevent and respond to possible terrorist attacks targeting rail services by creating an effective cooperative environment and make recommendations that will help Member States coordinate rail security actions efficiently.

19. China-Europe rail evolving into reliable, shipper-driven solution

More, faster rail route options with more reliability/visibility, are the chief reasons China-Europe rail use is increasing. Add the historic time advantage over ocean freight and cost advantage over air cargo and the net result is a shift in rail from an “interesting option” to “preferred transport mode” for many shippers.

20. Crude by rail exports hit three year high as Canadian oil discounts rise

The National Energy Board says exports of Canadian crude oil by rail to the United States jumped to a three-year high in March 2018. In a report, the federal agency says average crude-by-rail volumes reached just over 170,000 barrels per day, the highest since December 2014. The NEB says crude-by-rail exports were driven by steep discounts for Western Canadian Select heavy oil versus New York-traded West Texas Intermediate, with the March 2018 average price difference at about US\$23 per barrel.

21. Owners of the rail line to Churchill, Man., had duty to fix it: regulators

Federal regulators have ruled that the owners of a broken rail line to Churchill were wrong not to repair the line that kept the northern Manitoba community connected to the outside world. The Canadian Transportation Agency says the Hudson Bay Railway Co., owned by Denver-based Omnitrax, had a legal obligation to fix and maintain the line. The line is the only land link to Churchill and was severely damaged by flooding in May of last year. Omnitrax said it could not afford to repair the line and rejected demands from the federal government to fix it.

22. Company appeals Churchill rail ruling in year long attempt to restore service

The company that owns a broken rail line into Churchill, Man., says it is appealing a federal regulatory ruling that requires it to repair the track. Hudson Bay Railway Co. was ordered by the Canadian

Transportation Agency to immediately begin repairs to the track, which is the only land link to the subarctic community of 900 people. In the meantime, and despite the pending appeal, the company says it has started getting repairs underway.

23. CN investing \$210 million to expand and strengthen Saskatchewan's rail infrastructure in 2018

CN said on June 19, 2018 that it plans to invest approximately \$210 million in Saskatchewan in 2018 to expand and strengthen the company's rail network across the province. "We are investing for the long haul with these projects to boost capacity and network resiliency," said Doug Ryhorchuk, vice-president of CN's Western Region. "Our investments in new double track across the Prairies combined with new equipment and more people will help us deliver superior service to our grain, energy and other customers across the province and North America. Additionally, our substantial investments to renew our existing railway infrastructure underscores our commitment to operating safely."

24. CN investing \$30 million in New Brunswick's rail infrastructure in 2018

CN said on June 22, 2018 it plans to invest \$30 million in New Brunswick in 2018 to strengthen the company's rail network across the province, improving safety and supporting efficient service. The investments are part of CN's overall capital program in 2018 and will focus on the replacement, upgrade and maintenance of key track infrastructure. Planned capital work in New Brunswick will support network safety and efficiency.

25. CN investing \$10 million in Nova Scotia's rail infrastructure in 2018

CN said on June 22, 2018 it plans to invest \$10 million across Nova Scotia in 2018 to strengthen the company's rail network in the province, improving safety and supporting efficient service. The investments are part of CN's overall capital program in 2018 and will focus on the replacement, upgrade and maintenance of key track infrastructure. Planned capital work in Nova Scotia will support network safety and efficiency.

26. U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao Announces \$225 Million in Funding for Boston Green Line Extension

U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Elaine L. Chao and other government officials on June 25, 2018 announced the release of a \$225 million federal grant agreement for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Green Line Extension (GLX) light rail project. The grant represents the second instalment of funding for the GLX after FTA signed a \$996 million Full Funding Grant Agreement with MBTA for the 4.7-mile light rail line from Cambridge to Medford.

HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION

1. Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index, April 2018

The Couriers and Messengers Services Price Index (CMSPI) was unchanged in April 2018, following six consecutive monthly increases. The couriers' component was unchanged while the local messengers' and local delivery component increased 0.6%. Year-over-year the CMSPI rose 4.5% in April 2018 compared with the same month last year. Both the couriers (+4.3%) and the local delivery (+5.4%) components increased.

2. Monthly Passenger Bus and Urban Transit, March 2018

Total operating revenues (excluding subsidies) for urban transit companies were \$365.2 million in March 2018, up 4.3% from the same month last year. Ridership was 170.3 million passenger trips over the same period.

3. Transport Canada supports projects to prepare Canada for connected and automated vehicles

Connected and automated vehicles will bring about significant transformation in our transportation system, our communities, and our economy. They have the potential to improve road safety, reduce congestion, increase mobility, protect the environment, and generate new economic opportunities for middle-class Canadians. The Government of Canada welcomes innovation that will help to create Canada's transportation system of tomorrow. That is why Transport Canada is providing \$2.9M in funding under the program to Advance

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Connectivity and Automation in the Transportation System in order to help Canadian jurisdictions prepare for connected and automated vehicles.

4. Deseke acquires Alberta company Aveda

Flatbed, specialized transportation, and logistics solutions provider Deseke Inc., has acquired Alberta oil rig moving company Aveda Transportation and Energy Services. One of the fastest growing companies of its kind in North America, Aveda was purchased for 90 cents per share, or approximately USD\$42.6 million, plus the payoff of USD\$54.8 million in Aveda debt.

5. Groups in Calgary receive funding for research on connected and automated vehicles

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Transport Canada is providing \$2.9M in funding under the program to Advance Connectivity and Automation in the Transportation System in order to help Canadian jurisdictions prepare for connected and automated vehicles. In support of this program, the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, on June 5, 2018 announced \$390,000 in funding to the following groups in Calgary: 1) *City of Calgary* – To establish a connected vehicle test-bed on 16th Avenue North (\$290,000); 2) *Canadian National Institute for the Blind* – To study impacts of connected and automated vehicles on pedestrians with sight loss (\$50,000); and 3) *City of Calgary* – To test an automated shuttle connecting light rail transit with the Calgary Zoo and Telus Spark Science Centre (\$50,000).

6. B.C. trucking industry thriving, but desperately needs workers

B.C.'s trucking industry is facing a dire employment picture, with 10% of industry positions needing to be filled immediately. That's according to Ken Peacock, chief economist and vice-president of the Business Council of B.C., who admitted to attendees of the B.C. Trucking Association (BCTA) annual AGM and Management Conference, "I don't know what you're going to do." With one out of every 10 positions in the industry in the province sitting vacant and companies struggling to find qualified workers, B.C.'s thriving trucking sector is in need of approximately 4,000 people to fill the empty spaces. And the province's industry is indeed thriving, Peacock confirmed, who said the economic outlook for trucking is a "surprisingly good story."

7. Leading indicator of cross-border traveller volume, May 2018

Data indicating cross-border travel by automobile through land ports equipped with the automated Integrated Primary Inspection Line (IPIL) system are now available upon request. The data provide counts of US residents entering Canada through IPIL ports in automobiles licensed in the United States, and Canadian residents returning from the United States through IPIL ports in automobiles licensed in Canada. Data are available by the travellers' state or province of residence and by province of entry into Canada. A traveller's state or province of residence is estimated from the licence plate of the automobile used to enter Canada.

8. Uber Freight takes aim at small fleet operators

Uber Freight, the cargo spinoff of the now-ubiquitous ride-sharing application, is expanding both in terms of its geographic scope and the focus of its operations. Last week, the company said it has grown from the select markets it served previously to power connections between shippers and trucking carriers across the entire continental United States.

9. April 2018 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, fell 0.1 percent in April 2018 from March 2018, falling after reaching an all-time high in March. The April 2018 index level (134.3) was 41.7 percent above the April 2009 low during the most recent recession.

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Patty Hajdu, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, has announced funding of \$2.8 million to Trucking HR Canada on June 14, 2018. The funding is through the Government of Canada's Sectoral Initiatives Program (SIP), to develop the sectoral labor market information needed to shape the industry for the future. The project supports the SIP's goal to address current and future skills shortages by supporting the development and distribution of sector-specific labor market information. The project will develop bilingual innovative tools to help employers to recruit and retain employees from untapped labor pools, such as women, Indigenous people, people with disabilities, visible minorities, veterans/transitioning military personnel and youth.

11. US Driver Pay Surging in '18: Report

Per-mile company driver pay in the first quarter of 2018 surged in the US compared to the same quarter a year ago, according to data from the National Transportation Institute, with some fleets, mostly midsize to large carriers, pressing driver pay ahead by a range of 7 to 11 cents a mile compared to 2017's first three months.

12. FTR: Capacity to remain tight

The North American economy is strong, but capacity is to remain tight for the remainder of 2018, according to experts who spoke during FTR's State of Freight webinar last week. Avery Vise, V.P. of trucking research, said overall the economy is strong, and most key indicators in transportation are positive. However, home sales are tapering off because of home prices, which could stimulate housing starts, he said. As far as the market demand index, during the most recent week – week 23 – there was a record number of loads posted.

13. FedEx FY18 earnings soar on tax cuts

FedEx Corp. earnings surged 52 percent to \$4.57 billion in its fiscal 2018 year, which ended May 31, according to the company's most recent financial statements. The Memphis-based parcel and express carrier posted diluted earnings per share (EPS) of \$12.79 for the year compared with \$11.07 per share in the previous 12-month period as revenues rose 8.6 percent to \$65.5 billion.

14. Cass: U.S. freight market 'extraordinarily strong'

Growth in the North American freight market continued to accelerate in May 2018 despite increasingly difficult comparisons, according to the latest Cass Freight Index Report. Shipment volumes and expenditures extended a run of year-over-year increases that began 20 and 17 months ago, respectively, with volumes up 11.9 percent and spending up 17.3 percent compared with May 2017.

15. ATA: Truck tonnage steady in May

Domestic truck tonnage was relatively steady in May 2018, ticking up 0.7 percent following a revised 2.7 percent increase the previous month, according to the latest reading of the American Trucking Associations' (ATA) advanced seasonally adjusted For-Hire Truck Tonnage Index. The index equaled 113.8 for the month, up 7.8 compared with May 2017 but slowing slightly from the 9.9 percent year-over-year growth rate seen in April.

16. DOT Announces Competition on Advancing Innovative Ways to Analyze Crash Data

The Department of Transportation has launched the Solving for Safety: Visualization Challenge, a national multistage competition for local government, data scientists, technologists, academia and safety experts to analyze risk on the surface transportation system through advanced data analytics.

17. The Government of Canada invests in transportation technologies to improve efficiency at the Buffalo and Fort Erie Border Crossing

On June 26, 2018, the Honourable Karina Gould, Minister of Democratic Institutions, on behalf of the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, announced an important investment of \$2.4 million for three projects to improve border infrastructure that will help Canadian businesses compete by moving goods to market more efficiently. The first project consists of the complete redesign and replacement of existing toll system software, hardware, and signage for six toll collection lanes, as well as a border data analytics system for traffic entering Canada to improve toll system efficiency. The second project involves the design, supply and installation of radio-frequency identification readers and corresponding electrical and IT infrastructure at auto primary inspection lanes and commercial lanes. The third project includes the design, supply and installation of cameras and IT infrastructure to improve the accuracy of border wait time information and improve the flow of border traffic.

18. The future of logistics depends on four key elements

In the fourth edition of the *Logistics Trend Radar*, a pioneering series that started in 2013, DHL reveals 28 key trends that could impact the logistics industry in the next five to ten years. The *Logistics Trend Radar* is developed through the analysis of mega- and microtrends as well as direct input from a large partner eco-

system including research institutes, tech players, start-ups and customers. Most of the insights are collected first-hand from over 10,000 logistics professionals and technology experts who visit the DHL Innovation Centers annually. The findings are then aggregated and reflected on the *Logistics Trend Radar* which acts as a dynamic and strategic foresight tool that tracks the evolution of trends spotted in earlier editions and identifies promising new trends with every update. The four key elements defining the future of logistics are: customer centricity, sustainability, technology and people.

19. Add lanes above or below Highway 401 to ease gridlock, board of trade urges

The Toronto Region Board of Trade is calling for a vertical expansion of Highway 401 near Toronto Pearson International Airport to help alleviate gridlock it says is costing households an extra \$125 per year in higher prices for everyday goods. The business group suggests building lanes above or below the existing highway to add capacity and free up movement on a much-criticized choke point on the route through the Toronto-Waterloo corridor. The idea is one of three released as part of a series of recommendations to improve the moving of goods on the key trade route.

GENERAL TRANSPORTATION

Canada

1. NAFTA trade growth steady but slowing

The total value of cross-border trade between the United States and its partners in the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) — Canada and Mexico — climbed another 5.5 percent to \$100.29 billion in March 2018 compared with the same month a year ago, according to the latest data from the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS). NAFTA trade flows have been on a tear of late, posting year-over-year growth in each of the last 17 months for which after-the-fact data is available, despite ongoing negotiations between the U.S., Mexico and Canada to revise the 24-year-old free trade deal.

2. Supply chain AI investment coming in the next two years: study

A worldwide study of supply chain, procurement and finance business leaders, reveals that 55 per cent of organizations are set to make a major investment in artificial intelligence (AI) over the next two years. A further 25 per cent also plan to make a minor investment in AI to determine its potential ROI over the next two years. The research, conducted by Forrester Consulting and commissioned by Ivalua, revealed that finance, supply chain and procurement business leaders believe that one of the biggest challenges to adopting AI is the poor quality of enterprise data. Almost two-thirds of respondents (59 per cent) said that poor data quality will make it impossible for AI to make accurate and informed decisions, undermining their ability to get value from any AI investment.

3. UK role in EU transport 'will continue post Brexit'

Despite widespread concerns about the eventual outcome of Brexit, there are things that are working well in British transport and show great potential beyond the 2019 pull out date, reports the official *UK Transport Times*. "I regularly see the positive impact the UK is having overseas through my role as president of the European Metropolitan Transport Authorities (EMTA)," said Transport for Greater Manchester CEO Jon Lamonte.

4. Canadian customs solutions provider Fenix acquired by WiseTech

WiseTech Global on June 8, 2018 announced the acquisition of Canadian company Fenix Data Systems, a leading customs management solutions provider. Headquartered in Mississauga, Fenix offers a range of cloud-enabled customs compliance solutions including Customs Self Assessment functionality and CBSA direct connection. Fenix's customers include DHL Express, Farrow, ITN Logistics, Swissport Cargo Services, and many other logistics providers and organisations.

5. Canada to Trump: no deal on NAFTA unless U.S. tariffs are lifted

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The Trudeau government has told President Donald Trump he needs to get rid of the punishing U.S. tariffs on Canadian steel and aluminum if there is any hope of successfully renegotiating the North American Free Trade Agreement. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Finance Minister Bill Morneau said that message was communicated clearly to Trump during his meetings at the G7 leaders' summit. Trudeau said he told Trump directly that Canadians "particularly did not take lightly the fact that it's based on a national security reason" and held firm to the government's threat of retaliation.

6. Travel between Canada and other countries, April 2018

US residents made 2.0 million trips to Canada in April 2018, down 4.0% from March 2018 and down 2.8% from April 2017. The declines were mainly attributable to decreases in car travel. Residents of overseas countries (countries other than the United States) made 582,000 trips to Canada in April 2018. This was little changed (-0.1%) from March 2018, but up 1.9% from April 2017. Over three-quarters of these trips were by European and Asian travellers. Canadian residents made 3.8 million trips to the United States in April 2018. An increase in overnight travel was more than offset by a decline in same-day trips, resulting in a slight decline from March 2018 (-0.4%). However, the total number of trips by Canadian residents to the United States was 8.7% higher than in April 2017. Canadian residents made 1.1 million trips to overseas destinations (countries other than the United States) in April 2018, up 2.0% from March 2018 and 8.5% higher than April 2017. This represents the highest April total on record.

7. OECD-ITF Research Reports

The OECD-ITF released a research report on June 22, 2018: 1. Private Investment in Transport Infrastructure: Dealing with Uncertainty in Contracts, Research Report, 22 June 2018. The research report can be found on its website.

8. China, EU to form group to modernize global trade rules

China and the European Union agreed on June 25, 2018 to launch a group that will work to update global trade rules to address technology policy, subsidies and other emerging irritants and preserve support for international trade amid U.S. threats of import controls. Actions such as U.S. President Donald Trump's unilateral tariff hikes in a technology dispute with Beijing show World Trade Organization rules need to keep pace with changes in business, said an EU vice-president, Jyrki Katainen.

9. Trade committee returns to Ottawa to talk about the pain of Trump tariffs

The House of Commons trade committee will be back at work on June 26, 2018 with a special meeting that has one major aim — demonstrating the broad economic pain of the Trump administration's crushing steel and aluminum tariffs. The committee will hear nearly four hours of testimony from a dozen witnesses from representatives of metals and auto companies and their unionized workers. The meeting will bring a number of MPs back to Parliament Hill, uprooting them from their ridings one week after they left the capital for the summer recess. Liberal MP Mark Eyking, the committee chair, said the meeting represents a show of solidarity aimed at Americans, as well as chance to measure the negative impact on Canadian and American workers from the tariffs. On June 1, 2018 U.S. President Donald Trump imposed a 25 per cent tariff on steel imports and a 10 per cent tariff on aluminum coming from Canada, Mexico and Europe. On July 1, 2018, Canada's \$16.6 billion worth of retaliatory tariffs on the metals — as well as dozens of U.S. consumer goods — will kick in, sparking what many see as a summer trade war between two of the world's most integrated trading partners.

10. Finance ministers talk trade as feds told to 'look before you leap' on tariffs

Finance ministers from across the Canadian federation were gathered on July 26, 2018 in the national capital to explore a number of challenges weighing on their economies — with a particular focus on the intensifying trade dispute with the United States. The twice-yearly gathering of finance chiefs began just days before Canada is set to impose retaliatory tariffs on U.S. products. The federal government's move, a tit-for-tat response to the Trump administration's stinging tariffs on steel and aluminum imports, will take effect on July 1, 2018. The federal, provincial and territorial governments have maintained a common front in dealing with U.S. Donald Trump's protectionist policies, which includes the difficult renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement. It's important for Canada to stand its ground and to speak with one voice on the tariff dispute, said Manitoba Finance Minister Cameron Friesen. But when it comes to retaliatory measures, he's urging the feds to proceed cautiously.

11. 'Absolutely irreparable damage': Steel firms crushed by Trump tariffs call on Ottawa for support

Canadian steel producers are pleading with Ottawa for relief from U.S. import tariffs, with some companies saying Canada's plan to introduce its own levies next month could further diminish their already battered

bottom lines. The comments came during House committee hearings in Ottawa on July 26, 2018, where cash-flow-starved Canadian firms warned that U.S. President Donald Trump's tariffs on steel and aluminum had already stalled major capital investments in Canada, and could lead to widespread layoffs.

12. Ottawa pledges support for industries caught in trade war with United States

Finance Ministers from across the Canada expressed deep concerns about the economic damage that could result from a larger trade fight with the U.S. They also urged Ottawa to take steps to help affected companies and workers. Finance Minister, Bill Morneau pledged federal support for Canadians entangled by the trade dispute, but he offered few details. It is important for Canada to stand its ground and to speak with one voice on the tariff dispute, Manitoba Finance Minister Cameron. But when it comes to retaliatory measures, he urged the feds to proceed cautiously. "Were absolutely going to stand behind Canadian businesses who are challenged by these tariffs," he said. Quebec Finance Minister Carlos Leitao said his province would also unveil a package to help industries and workers hurt by the tariffs.