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✈️ Air Canada Marks Earth Day with Purchase of 9.5 Million Litres of Sustainable Aviation Fuel



Source: Air Canada

Air Canada marks Earth Day by announcing the purchase of 9.5 million litres of Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF). The airline continues advancing initiatives in its Climate Action Plan by strengthening its partnership with SAF producer, Neste, to power flights with Neste MY Sustainable Aviation Fuel™ from San Francisco International Airport. The 9.5 million litres of SAF will generate GHG reductions of approximately 23,500 tonnes of CO₂e calculated based on a full lifecycle assessment. The 23,500 tonnes of CO₂e are equivalent to the annual GHG emissions absorbed by 28,000 acres of forest as per the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency equivalencies calculator. *Air Canada Marks Earth Day with Purchase of 9.5 Million Litres of Sustainable Aviation Fuel, April, 21, 2023, www.aircanada.ca*

✈️ WestJet Cargo and the GTA Group celebration tour continues with second inauguration of dedicated freighter in



Source: WestJet

WestJet Cargo and the GTA Group on April 21, 2023 celebrated the inauguration of the second of three 737-800 Boeing Converted Freighters in Halifax alongside integral partners and key stakeholders. The event was commemorated by a ribbon cutting, signifying the launch of WestJet Cargo and the GTA Group's dedicated freighter service in one of the carrier's six hubs, that will fulfill the large-scale needs of businesses, freight forwarders, shippers and individual customers across North America. WestJet Cargo and the GTA Group's Halifax celebration is the second of three inaugural events, taking place across Canada.

WestJet Cargo and the GTA Group celebration tour continues with second inauguration of dedicated freighter in, April 21, 2023, www.westjet.ca

✈️ Liberals table legislation to overhaul passenger rights charter



Source: CBC

On April 21, 2023, as part of a broader budget bill, a bill was tabled in the House of Commons to tighten passenger air rights. The new provisions ratchet up penalties on airlines, shore up the complaint process and target luggage and flight disruption loopholes that have allowed airlines to avoid customer compensation. The Liberals have put forward legislation that aims to make good on their pledge to tighten passenger rights rules after a year marked by travel chaos and a ballooning complaints backlog. The new provisions ratchet up penalties on airlines, shore up the complaint process and target luggage and flight disruption loopholes that have allowed airlines to avoid compensating customers. The proposed \$250,000 maximum fine for airline violations — a tenfold increase over the existing regulations — encourages compliance, said Sylvie De Bellefeuille, a lawyer with the advocacy group Option consommateurs. So does an amendment placing the regulatory cost of complaints on carriers' shoulders, she said. In theory, the measure gives carriers an incentive to brush up their service and thus reduce the number of grievances against them. The new legislation further demands that airlines institute a process to deal with claims and respond to complaints with a decision within 30 days. The establishment of "complaint resolution officers" at the Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) should also expedite the process, De Bellefeuille said. She also applauded the closure of a loophole that has allowed airlines to avoid compensating passengers for delayed luggage, though not for lost luggage.

Liberals table legislation to overhaul passenger rights charter, April 21, 2023, www.cbc.ca

✈️ Changes to passenger bill of rights will raise prices for travellers, airlines argue



Source: National Post

On April 25, 2023, the Transport Minister Omar Alghabra introduced changes to the government's passenger bill of rights. The changes are contained in the government's budget legislation and should be in force by the fall. Alghabra said he felt the airlines forced his government to bring in tougher rules after last year's performance -- a disastrous 2022 season in the skies -- with delays, cancellations and stranded travellers across the country. "I really think airlines left government no choice, after what we saw, to further clarify the rules and make sure that passenger rights are protected," he said. Under the current system, air travellers who face delays and cancellations for problems in the airline's control are eligible for refunds and compensation. In cases like snowstorms, where the problem is outside of their control, passengers are eligible for refunds, but not compensation. Changes to the airline passenger bill of rights require airlines to pay part of the cost of processing complaints at the Canadian Transportation Agency. Transport Minister Omar Alghabra said that will make them more likely to settle. Canada's airlines say travellers will ultimately pay the price of new passenger protection bills and the burden for keeping people moving shouldn't rest solely with them.

Changes to passenger bill of rights will raise prices for travellers, airlines argue, April 24, 2023, www.nationalpost.ca

✈️ Minister of Transport presents proposed amendments to the *Canada Transportation Act* to strengthen air passenger rights and simplify the complaint resolution process

On April 24, 2023, the Minister of Transport, the Honorable Omar Alghabra, announced that proposed amendments to the *Canada Transportation Act* have been introduced as part of Bill C-47, the *Budget Implementation Act*. These proposed amendments would

strengthen Canada's passenger rights regime, streamline the processes for administering air travel complaints before the Canadian Transportation Agency (Agency), and increase air carriers' accountability. In 2019, for the first time in Canadian history, an air passenger rights regime, called the *Air Passenger Protection Regulations* (APPR) was implemented. The regulations clarified minimum requirements and compensation. During the pandemic, the government strengthened these rights to include refunds for cancellations and long delays in situations outside the airline's control, including major weather events or a pandemic. These new proposed amendments to the *Canada Transportation Act* would, among other things, allow the Agency to modify its regulations to: 1. make compensation mandatory for all disruptions, unless the disruption was caused by very limited circumstances that would be specifically defined by regulations; 2. remove exemptions to air carriers' compensation obligations based on broad categories of disruptions (e.g., disruptions outside/within the control of airlines or required for safety); 3. make standards of treatment, such as the provision of food and water, mandatory for all flight disruptions; and 4. establish requirements for delayed baggage and prescribe parameters around refund requirements as a result of a travel advisory issued by the Government. The amendments would also: a. replace the current process for resolving air travel complaints, which includes an adjudication process by Governor in Council-appointed members, with a more simplified process conducted primarily by Agency staff to ensure travellers get quicker decisions; b. impose a greater burden of proof on air carriers where it is presumed that compensation is payable to a complainant, unless the air carrier proves the contrary; c. require air carriers to establish an internal process for dealing with air travel claims; d. broaden the authority of the Agency to set fees and charges to recover its costs; and e. enhance the Agency's enforcement powers with respect to the air transportation sector by allowing the Agency to increase the maximum amount of Administrative Monetary Penalties applicable to the APPR for corporations and by providing the Agency with the authority to enter into compliance agreements with air carriers. *Minister of Transport presents proposed amendments to the Canada Transportation Act to strengthen air passenger rights and simplify the complaint resolution process, April 24, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca*

Government of Canada and Canadian North agree on new terms and conditions of airline merger

In 2019, the Government of Canada approved the merger of First Air and Canadian North, subject to several terms and conditions meant to protect the public interest. Since then, the air transportation landscape has changed dramatically due to the sudden onset of the COVID-19

pandemic. This has had a lasting impact on Canadian North's ability to comply with the existing conditions, while also providing service to northern communities. During the pandemic, Canadian North was exempted from its scheduling obligations, and received \$138 million in direct funding from the Government of Canada. The Minister of Transport, the Honourable Omar Alghabra, on April 21, 2023 announced that the Government of Canada and Canadian North have agreed on new terms and conditions that will allow Canadian North to remain financially viable and sustainable, while continuing to provide required levels of service to rural and remote communities in Northern Canada. The Government of Canada and Canadian North have agreed on a profit cap, which will allow them to adjust fares and routes to remain viable without cutting off communities or placing a significant financial burden on northern travellers.

Government of Canada and Canadian North agree on new terms and conditions of airline merger, April 21, 2023, www.tc.gc.ca

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WestJet Cargo and the GTA Group's celebration tour concludes with third inauguration of dedicated freighter in Vancouver, April 25, 2023, www.westjet.ca

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Air Cargo Priorities: Sustainability, Digitalization & Safety



Source: IATA

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) highlighted three priorities to enable the air cargo industry to maintain momentum against the backdrop of a challenging operating environment. The priorities, outlined at the 16th World Cargo Symposium (WCS), which opened in Istanbul on April 25, 2023 are: 1. Sustainability; 2. Digitalization; and 3. Safety. "Air cargo is a different industry than the one that entered the pandemic. Revenues are greater than they were pre-pandemic. Yields are higher. The world learned how critical supply chains are. And the contribution of air cargo to the bottom line of airlines is more evident than ever. Yet, we are still linked to the business cycle and global events. So, the war in Ukraine, uncertainty over where critical economic factors like interest rates, exchange rates and jobs growth are concerns that are real to the industry today. As we navigate the current situation, air cargo's priorities have not changed, we need to continue to focus on sustainability, digitalization, and safety," said Brendan Sullivan, IATA's Global Head of Cargo.

Air Cargo Priorities: Sustainability, Digitalization & Safety, April 25, 2023, www.iata.org

Air Travel Consumer Report: February 2023 Numbers

The U.S. Department of Transportation on April 27, 2023 released its Air Travel Consumer Report (ATCR) on airline operational data compiled for the month of February 2023 for on-time performance,

mishandled baggage, and mishandled wheelchairs and scooters. The ATCR is designed to assist consumers with information on the quality of services provided by airlines. DOT remains committed to ensuring airline passengers are treated fairly and flights operate as scheduled. For the first two months of 2023, cancellations have stayed below 2% and are far lower than last year's 2.7% cancellation rate. In February 2023, reporting marketing carriers handled 34.3 million bags and posted a mishandled baggage rate of 0.61%, lower than the rate of January 2023 0.73% and higher than the rate to February 2022 rate of 0.60%. In February 2023, airlines reported 12 tarmac delays of more than three hours on domestic flights, compared to 18 tarmac delays reported in January 2023.

Air Travel Consumer Report: February 2023 Numbers, April 27, 2023, www.bts.gov



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CN and TCRC Reach Tentative Agreement

On April 23, 2023, CN announced that a tentative agreement has been reached with the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC). The union represents approximately 6,000 CN Locomotive Engineers, Conductors, Yard Conductors, and Yard Coordinators working on CN's mainline, shortlines and yards, in Canada. Tracy Robinson, President and Chief Executive Officer, CN "We are pleased to have reached an agreement with the TCRC. We would like to thank their leadership for engaging with CN in proactive and productive discussions, ensuring uninterrupted service for our customers. We look forward to working with them in the future."

CN and TCRC Reach Tentative Agreement, April 23, 2023, www.cn.ca

CN Updating 2023 Guidance Following Strong First Quarter Performance

On April 24, 2023, CN reported its financial and operating results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2023. Diluted earnings per share (EPS) of C\$1.82 increased by 38% on an adjusted basis and 39% on a reported basis. CN's scheduled operating plan demonstrated resiliency against Canadian winter conditions. Tracy Robinson, President and Chief Executive Officer, CN said "We are very proud of our performance this quarter. Safety is at the heart of everything we do and I'm particularly proud of our safety performance. We remain confident in our long-term growth despite current economic uncertainty. Our updated guidance reflects the strength of our scheduled operating model and its ability to drive strong operational results. For the immediate future, we remain focused on running our plan and providing reliable service to our customers." The first-quarter 2023 financial results highlights compared to first-quarter 2022 were: 1.

Record first quarter revenues of C\$4,313 million, an increase of C\$605 million, or 16%. 2. Record first quarter operating income of C\$1,662 million, an increase of C\$435 million, or 35%. 3. Operating ratio, defined as operating expenses as a percentage of revenues, of 61.5%, an improvement of 5.4-points, or an improvement of 5.1-points on an adjusted basis. 4. Record first quarter diluted EPS of C\$1.82, an increase of 39%, or an increase of 38% on an adjusted basis. 5. Free cash flow of C\$593 million, an increase of 4%.

CN Updating 2023 Guidance Following Strong First Quarter Performance, April 24, 2023, www.cn.ca

CN Declares Second-Quarter 2023 Dividend

On April 24, 2023, CN announced that its Board of Directors has approved a second-quarter 2023 dividend on the Company's common shares outstanding. A quarterly dividend of seventy-nine cents (C\$0.7900) per common share will be paid on June 30, 2023, to shareholders of record at the close of business on June 9, 2023.

CN Declares Second-Quarter 2023 Dividend, April 24, 2023, www.cn.ca

CN, UP and GMXT announce new transformational Mexico-US-Canada intermodal service



Source: AJOT

CN, Union Pacific Railroad and GMXT have announced on April 24, 2023 the creation of Falcon Premium intermodal service, a best-in-class Mexico-US-Canada service with a seamless rail connection in Chicago, Illinois. It will directly connect all CN origin points within Canada and Detroit, Michigan to GMXT terminals in Mexico: Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, and Silao, Guanajuato. This service will directly benefit intermodal customers shipping automotive parts, food, FAK (freight all kinds), home appliances, and temperature-controlled products. Falcon Premium service will be the fastest, most reliable intermodal rail service between Canada and Mexico by combining the unique benefits of each partner. The seamless service will leverage GMXT's best-in-class transit times between Silao, Guanajuato, and Eagle Pass, Texas; Union Pacific's superior route from Texas to Chicago and CN's best-in-class service connecting Chicago to all points in Canada through the unique EJ&E Chicago bypass. This new and innovative service allows the maximization of lading weights between Mexico/Canada for greater efficiency for customers. Falcon Premium intermodal service will also contribute to lower greenhouse gas emissions through reduced rail miles and significant truck-to-rail conversion. "Falcon Premium service is a game changer for intermodal customers. By leveraging each partner's best services and routes, we are creating a transformational new product. Our commitment is to run this service with the utmost focus to maximize speed, reliability, and customer satisfaction. This service is an example of how collaboration and cooperation can improve supply chains for customers."

CN, UP and GMXT announce new transformational Mexico-US-Canada intermodal service, April 24, 2023, www.ajot.com

CP Q1 2023 Earnings Review

For CP announced its first quarter 2023 financial results, on April 26, 2023. For the 2023 first quarter compared to the same quarter in 2022 the results were as follows: net income was \$800 million, a increase of

35.59 percent from \$590 million, and diluted earnings per share was \$0.86, a increase of 36.51% from \$0.63; total revenues were \$2.266 billion, a increase of 23.29 per cent from \$ 1.838 billion; operating income was \$829 million, a increase of 54.95 per cent from \$535 million; operating expenses were \$ 1.437 billion, a increase of 10.28% from \$ 1.303 billion and the operating ratio was 63.4, a 7.5 point decrease (i.e. from 70.9).

Q1 2023 Earnings Review, April 26, 2023, www.cpr.ca



CTA announces Volume-Related Composite Price Indices for Crop Year 2023–2024 for CN and CP

The Canadian Transportation Agency (CTA) has announced its determination of the Volume-Related Composite Price Index (VRCPI) for the Canadian National Railway Company (CN) at 1.8295 and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CP) at 1.7616 for the 2023–2024 crop year beginning August 1st, 2023. This is an increase in the VRCPI over the last crop year of 12.11% for CN and 5.43% for CP. These indices will be used in determining CN's and CP's Maximum Revenue Entitlement for the movement of western grain in the 2023–2024 crop year. The Maximum Revenue Entitlement limits the overall revenue earned by CN and CP for shipping regulated grain. Much of this year's price differential (the difference between the forecasted and actual price increases) is directly linked to unexpectedly high fuel and related material costs in 2022. Last year, the Agency's fuel model projected just over 30% increases in railway fuel costs using third-party forecasts available at that time. However, railway fuel costs in 2022 rose by more than 63% in the wake of a notable shortage in the supply of diesel fuel in North America and increased global demand. The net difference of 63% (actual) versus 30% (forecast) has been incorporated into this year's calculations and contributes to the overall net increase. Adjustments were also made for other components, including the material component for CN and CP.

CTA announces Volume-Related Composite Price Indices for Crop Year 2023–2024 for CN and CP, April 27, 2023, www.cta-otc.gc.ca



Ontario Advancing Contract for Yonge North Subway Extension

The Ontario government is one step closer to getting shovels in the ground on the Yonge North Subway Extension. On April 27, 2023, the province issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Advance Tunnel Contract, marking a significant milestone in its plan to reduce gridlock, connect people to jobs and make travel between York Region and Toronto faster and easier.

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Union Pacific Reports First Quarter 2023 Results

Union Pacific Corporation on April 20, 2023 reported 2023 first quarter net income of \$1.6 billion, or \$2.67 per diluted share. These results include \$107 million in other income from a one-time real estate transaction. This compares to 2022 first quarter net income of \$1.6 billion, or \$2.57 per diluted share. "We delivered greater network fluidity and resiliency in the first quarter even as we faced a series of significant weather events," said Lance Fritz, Union Pacific chairman, president, and chief executive officer. "In addition to the impact of weather on carload volumes and costs, higher inflation also reduced our operating income and more than offset our record first quarter operating revenue. Despite a continued challenging environment, our strengthening service product, bolstered by a strong pipeline of new employees, gives us confidence we can capture available demand and improve efficiency the remainder of the year."

Union Pacific Reports First Quarter 2023 Results, April 20, 2023, www.up.com

Norfolk Southern Declares Quarterly Dividend

Norfolk Southern Corporation announced on April 25, 2023 a quarterly dividend of \$1.35 per share on its common stock. The dividend is payable May 20, 2023, to shareholders of record on May 5, 2023. The company has paid a dividend on its common stock for 163 consecutive quarters since its formation in 1982.

Norfolk Southern Declares Quarterly Dividend, April 25, 2023, www.nscorp.com

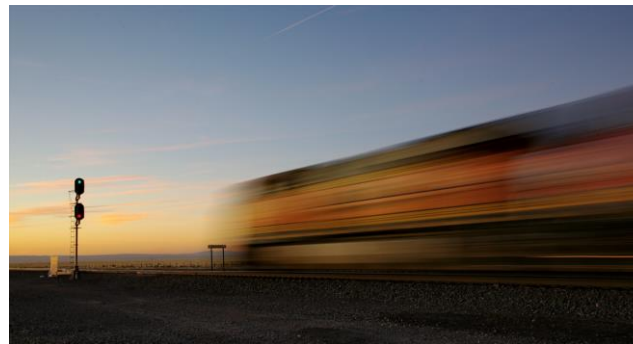
Norfolk Southern reports first quarter 2023 results

Norfolk Southern Corporation announced on April 26, 2023 its first quarter 2023 financial results. For the quarter, income from railway operations was \$711 million, and diluted earnings per share were \$2.04 – down by 34% and 30%, respectively, compared to the first quarter 2022. These results include an initial \$387 million charge associated with the incident in Eastern Ohio and do not reflect any amounts potentially recoverable under the company's insurance policies, which would be reflected in future periods in which recovery is considered probable. Adjusting for the effects of the incident charge,

first quarter results included adjusted income from railway operations of \$1.1 billion and adjusted diluted earnings per share of \$3.32 – improvements of 1% and 13%, respectively, compared to first quarter 2022. "From the beginning, we have been guided by one principle: We are going to do whatever it takes to make it right for East Palestine and the surrounding areas," said Norfolk Southern President and Chief Executive Officer Alan H. Shaw. "We are making progress every day and I'm proud of our people. Our response reflects our strategy of focusing on long-term priorities and value." For the 2023 first quarter the results were: 1. Railway operating revenues of \$3.1 billion, up 7%, or \$217 million, compared to first quarter 2022. 2. Income from railway operations in the first quarter 2023 was \$711 million including a \$387 million charge associated with the Eastern Ohio Incident, a 34% decline compared to \$1.1 billion in the first quarter of 2022. 3. Adjusting for the Eastern Ohio Incident, income from railway operations was \$1.1 billion, up \$13 million or 1% compared to first quarter 2022. 4. Diluted earnings per share were \$2.04 in the first quarter 2023, a decline of 30% compared to first quarter 2022. 5. Adjusting for the Eastern Ohio Incident, diluted earnings per share were \$3.32, up 13%, or \$0.39 compared to the first quarter 2022.

Norfolk Southern reports first quarter 2023 results, April 26, 2023, www.nscorp.com

AAR: Carloads Up, Intermodal Down for Week Ending April 22



Source: Railway Age

It's the second consecutive week that U.S. carloads rose while intermodal volumes fell, and total rail traffic continued to lag 2022 levels, according to Association of American Railroads' (AAR) reports. For the week ending April 22, 2023, carloads came in at 240,584—a 5.1% increase from the same week last year—and intermodal volume was 239,873 containers and trailers—a 10.8% decrease from last year, the [AAR](#) reported on April 26. Total rail traffic was 480,457 carloads and intermodal units, down 3.5% compared with the prior-year period.

Canadian railroads reported 81,037 carloads for the week, up 4.4%, and 64,915 intermodal units, down 9.5% compared with the same week in 2022. For the first 16 weeks of 2023, they reported cumulative rail traffic volume of 2,243,938 carloads, containers and trailers, up 0.5%.

AAR: Carloads Up, Intermodal Down for Week Ending April 22, April 26, 2023, www.railwayage.com



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Roberts Bank Terminal 2 receives approval from the Government of Canada

The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority welcomes the Government of Canada's decision to approve the Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project, announced on April 20, 2023 following a rigorous environmental assessment process that started in 2013. The decision comes as Canada's container trade remains on a long-term growth trajectory, with west coast marine container terminals forecast to hit capacity by the mid- to late-2020s. "With this approval, we can advance one of Canada's most important trade infrastructure projects to date, bolster our national supply-chain resilience, and deliver generational economic benefits for Canadians and Canadian businesses," said Robin Silvester, president and CEO of the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, the federal agency mandated to enable Canada's trade through the Port of Vancouver. "I'd like to thank Indigenous and local communities, scientists, industry, chambers of commerce, and all tiers of government, who have played such an important role in shaping the project to date." The Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project includes building new land and a new three-berth marine container terminal near existing port terminals at Roberts Bank in Delta, B.C. The project will incrementally deliver an additional 2.4 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) of capacity, ultimately increasing Canada's west coast container capacity by approximately one-third.

Roberts Bank Terminal 2 receives approval from the Government of Canada, April 20, 2023, www.portvancouver.com

Port of Vancouver: Accumulated Container Traffic January to March 2023

The Port of Metro Vancouver released its container traffic for the first

quarter of 2023. For the 2023 first quarter, total traffic in terms of TEUs changed -15.3% i.e., to 707,767 from 835,840. Total import traffic for the first quarter of 2023 changed -15.8% i.e. to 365,132 from 433,870. Total export traffic for the first quarter of 2023 changed -14.8% i.e. to 342,635 from 401,970.

Port of Vancouver: Accumulated Container Traffic January to March 2023, April 24, 2023, www.portofmetrovancover.com

Port of Prince Rupert: Accumulated Container Traffic January to March 2023

The Port of Prince Rupert released its container traffic for the first quarter of 2023. For the 2023 first quarter, total traffic in terms of TEUs changed -25% i.e. to 187,543 from 250,394. Total import traffic for the first quarter of 2023 changed -28% i.e. to 92,811 from 128,066. Total export traffic for the first quarter of 2023 changed -23% i.e. to 94,732 from 122,328.

Port of Prince Rupert: Accumulated Container Traffic January to March 2023, April 24, 2023, www.rupertport.com

Port of Montreal: Accumulated Container Traffic January to March 2023

The Port of Montreal released its container traffic for the first quarter of 2023. For the 2023 first quarter, total traffic in terms of TEUs changed -12.10% i.e. to 361,695 from 411 471. Total import traffic for the first quarter of 2023 changed -14.54% i.e. to 177,841 from 208,095. Total export traffic for the first quarter of 2023 changed -9.6% i.e. to 183,853 from 203,376.

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Port of Oakland March container volume rises



Source: AJOT

The Port of Oakland's March 2023 total container volume increased 10.7% over February 2023 volume. Overall exports (loaded and empty containers) rose 13.1% compared to February 2023. Overall imports also rose by 7.9%. This March marks the first month since November 2020 that Port of Oakland loaded exports have outpaced full imports. Loaded exports dropped 6.1% in March 2023, with 65,635 TEUs (twenty-foot containers) versus 69,878 TEUs in March 2022. Empty exports declined 28.8%, registering 26,225 TEUs this March in contrast to 36,832 TEUs in March 2022. Full TEUs continue their downswing compared to March 2022, registering a 23.3% drop, with 125,946 TEU's handled by the Port this March in contrast to 164,148 TEUs in March 2022. This year's first quarter full TEU volume declined by 20.5% compared to the first quarter 2022.

Port of Oakland March container volume rises, April 21, 2023, www.ajot.com

Singapore, Long Beach, L.A. Ports to establish green, digital shipping corridor with a signed MoU



Source: AJOT

The Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore (MPA), Port of Long Beach and Port of Los Angeles, with the support of C40 Cities, signed a memorandum of understanding on April 24, 2023 to establish a green and digital shipping corridor between Singapore and the San Pedro Bay ports complex to support the decarbonization of the maritime industry and improve efficiencies through digitalization. The memorandum was signed by Teo Eng Dih, Chief Executive of MPA; Mario Cordero, Port of Long Beach Executive Director; and Gene Seroka, Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles. The signing was witnessed by Jonathan Kaplan, United States Ambassador to Singapore; S. Iswaran, Singapore's Minister for Transport and Minister-in-charge of Trade Relations; Niam Chiang Meng, Chairman of MPA; Sharon L. Weissman, Long Beach Harbor Commission President; and Edward Renwick, Vice President of the Los Angeles Harbor Commission. "Curbing greenhouse gases from international shipping is essential to fight global warming," said the Port of Long Beach's Cordero. "Creating this green corridor with our partner ports and C40 Cities is part of our strategy to coalesce all of our efforts here and beyond to help advance our goals for cleaner marine fuels for oceangoing vessels, improve efficiencies for the global movement of goods, and to achieve a carbon-neutral future."

Singapore, Long Beach, L.A. Ports to establish green, digital shipping corridor with a signed MoU, April 24, 2023, www.ajot.com



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Urban logistics needs urgent rethink, researchers find



Source: Inside Logistics

The intensification of e-commerce has resulted in fragmented and wasteful urban logistics networks, say researchers from consultancy Roland Berger. The Covid-19 pandemic led to increased online shopping plus, the demand for faster delivery. To keep up, logistics services implemented a fragmented approach, which has now resulted in even more challenges. In a study “From atomization to massification. Urban logistics must make a U-turn to achieve a sustainable future”, Roland Berger experts advise moving away from the current fragmented process of delivery, and urge stakeholders to work closely together to bundle flows and transform the entire ecosystem. Urban environments require additional coordination to realize a more sustainable and efficient delivery system.

Urban logistics needs urgent rethink, researchers find, April 24, 2023, www.insidelogistics.ca

Alberta keen to attract new drivers amid shortage challenge



Source: Today's Trucking

The biggest challenge that the Alberta trucking industry is facing is a shortage of drivers. The province is short 4,000 professional drivers and the number is rising, warned Doug Paisley, chairman of Alberta Motor Transport Association's (AMTA) board of directors. “My company, Lethbridge Truck Terminals, has 53 drivers and the average age is 56 years old. There's no young guys coming in,” he told *TruckNews.com* during AMTA's leadership conference and annual general meeting in Edmonton. The AMTA is lobbying for trade credentials and professional designations for transport drivers. “We need that National Occupational Standard to be established. We need to build criteria-based training. Mandatory Entry Level Training [MELT] gets you a licence but it doesn't mean you can drive. Training must take place after they get their licence. It's expensive and it takes time,” Paisley said.

Alberta keen to attract new drivers amid shortage challenge, April 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

Driving school making false representation, Ontario associations warn



Source: Today's Trucking

The Truck Training School Association of Ontario (TTSAO) is warning that there is a school in the province that falsely claims to be a member of the association, but is not. TTSAO provided *TruckNews.com* with a driver's certificate from Great Canada Driving School that carried the association's logo. The school has no legal standing to claim they are a part of the association, the TTSAO said. "I have a problem with people doing that to us internally and as an industry," Philip Fletcher, TTSAO president said. A cease-and-desist order was delivered to the school by hand last month.

Driving school making false representation, Ontario associations warn, April 25, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

New Brunswick approves 60-ft. extended semitrailers



Source: Today's Trucking

Sixty-foot extended semitrailers will soon be allowed to run across New Brunswick, as the province updates its long combination vehicle (LCV) guidelines. "One more piece of red tape has been removed,

harmonizing LCV regulations across the region," Chris McKee, executive director of Atlantic Provinces Trucking Association (APTA), told *TruckNews.com*. "Some carriers are very eager for this and very pleased this will be happening. The four provinces in our region are tied to each other in terms of inter-provincial trade. It is ridiculous that we had these hinderances," he added.

New Brunswick approves 60-ft. extended semitrailers, April 26, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com

Coalition Asks for Bilateral Cooperation to Address Misaligning Border Policies & Barriers for Trucking Operators



Source: Ontruck

The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) – as a part of a coalition of Canada-U.S. trucking industry associations, including the American Trucking Associations (ATA), National Tank Trucking Carriers, Inc. (NTTC), and Truckload Carriers Association (TCA) – is requesting the Canadian Ambassador to the U.S., Kirsten Hillman, and U.S. Ambassador to Canada, David L. Cohen, work bilaterally to ensure reciprocal treatment, and remove unnecessary trade barriers for cross-border operators and truck drivers, considering the importance of Canada-U.S. trade and the enormous amount of freight moving between our two countries.

Coalition Asks for Bilateral Cooperation to Address Misaligning Border Policies & Barriers for Trucking Operators, April 26, 2023, www.ontruck.ca

North American Transborder Freight up 6.6% in February 2023 from February 2022



Source: BTS

Transborder freight between the U.S. and North American countries Canada and Mexico for February 2023 is as follows: 1. Total transborder freight: \$119.9 billion of transborder freight moved by all modes of transportation, up 6.6% compared to February 2022; 2. Freight between the U.S. and Canada totaled \$59.3 billion, up 5.5% from February 2022; 3. Freight between the U.S. and Mexico totaled \$60.6 billion, up 7.8% from February 2022; 4. Trucks moved \$75.9 billion of freight, up 9.7% compared to February 2022; 5. Railways moved \$16.7 billion of freight, up 9.2% compared to February 2022; 6. Pipelines moved \$9.5 billion of freight, down 3.7% compared to February 2022; 7. Vessels moved \$8.6 billion of freight, down 4.6% compared to February 2022; and 8. Air moved \$4.0 billion of freight, down 6.2% compared to February 2022. *U.S.-Canada trade in both directions for February 2022 is as follows:* 1. Truck: \$32.8 billion; 2. Rail: \$9.1 billion; 3. Pipeline: \$9.0 billion; 4. Air: \$2.5 billion; and 5. Vessel: \$2.4 billion.

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quarter ended March 31, 2023. Alain Bédard, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer said “We generated 69% growth in net cash from operating activities and our free cash flow more than doubled over the past year even as intensifying macro headwinds drove reduced volumes, and despite unfavorable FX fluctuations and the sale of CFI assets last summer.” The highlights for the first quarter of 2023 were as follows: 1. First quarter operating income of \$166.4 million compares to \$219.8 million the same quarter last year, reflecting reduced freight volumes and non-recurring costs, including \$9.5 million in severance and early retirement buyouts in US LTL, \$7.9 million of IT and related transition expenses in US LTL and \$3.7 million of mark-to-market expense related to deferred share units. The results were also impacted by \$6.2 million unfavorable currency translation impact relative to the same period last year and the divestiture of CFI which in the same period last year contributed \$17.4 million in operating income, the proceeds from which remain largely still to be invested. 2. First quarter net income was \$111.9 million compared to \$147.7 million in Q1 2022, while adjusted net income was \$116.5 million compared to \$157.6 million as a result of the items described above. 3. First quarter diluted earnings per share (diluted “EPS”) was \$1.27 compared to \$1.57 in Q1 2022, while adjusted diluted EPS1 was \$1.33 compared to \$1.68. 4. First quarter net cash from operating activities grew to \$232.1 million, up 69% over the prior year period and free cash flow grew to \$195.7 million, up 113% over the prior year period. 5. The Board of Directors approved a \$0.35 quarterly dividend, an increase of 30%. *TFI International Announces 2023 First Quarter Results, April 25, 2023, www.tfiintl.com; and TFI International suffered declines in revenue and net income in the first quarter, but feels optimistic conditions are ripe for a meaningful acquisition later this year, April 27, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com*

TFI International Announces 2023 First Quarter Results



Source: Today's trucking

TFI International Inc. a North American leader in the transportation and logistics industry, on April 25, 2023 announced its results for the first

Reports 2023 First Quarter Financial Results including Record First Quarter Revenue

Mullen Group Ltd., one of Canada's largest logistics providers, on April 27, 2023 reported its financial and operating results for the period ended March 31, 2023, with comparisons to the same period last year. Key highlights for the 2023 first quarter are: 1. Record first quarter revenue of \$497.8 million, up 9.0 percent due to increases in fuel surcharge revenue, incremental revenue from acquisitions and from general rate increases at most Business Units. 2. Operating income before depreciation and amortization (“OIBDA”) of \$77.0 million, up 27.7 percent, primarily due to increases in the LTL segment and the S&I segment. 3. Net income of \$31.7 million, up 93.3 percent and earnings per share up 100.0 percent to \$0.34. 4. Repurchased and

cancelled 2,190,173 Common Shares for \$31.6 million representing an average price of \$14.45. 5. Return on equity improved to 13.2 percent. *Reports 2023 First Quarter Financial Results including Record First Quarter Revenue, April 27, 2023, www.newswire.com*

US/WORLD

Economic Trucking Trends: Q1 earnings paint grim picture as freight conditions deteriorate



Source: Today's Trucking

Publicly traded U.S. fleets have begun reporting Q1 earnings, and they aren't pretty. Spot market rates continue to be below operating costs, squeezing smaller carriers out of the marketplace. But equipment demand remains healthy, albeit at lower levels than we've seen. Truck tonnage has seen its sharpest decline since the start of the pandemic, and industry forecaster FTR has reported worsening overall trucking conditions. These are some of the economic highlights (lowlights?) from the week that was, delivered to you in the first of our weekly Economic Trucking Trends roundup.

Economic Trucking Trends: Q1 earnings paint grim picture as freight conditions deteriorate, April 21, 2023, www.todaystrucking.com



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Travel between Canada and other countries, February 2023



Source: Statcan

In February 2023, the overall number of international arrivals to Canada—non-resident visitors and returning Canadian residents—remained at over three-quarters (76.2%) of the level from February 2020, before widespread travel restrictions were introduced to combat COVID-19. Residents of overseas countries took almost two and half times as many trips to Canada in February compared with the same month in 2022, and over four-fifths (81.4%) of the trips taken in February 2020. US residents took 945,100 trips to Canada in February; three times the number taken in February 2022, and 73.8% of those taken in the same month of 2020, before the pandemic. Canadian residents returned from 3.3 million trips abroad in February 2023, triple the number from the same month in 2022 and over three-quarters (76.5%) of the pre-pandemic level from February 2020. For more current estimates of international arrivals to Canada, please see the "Leading indicator of international arrivals to Canada" for the March 2023 reference month.

Travel between Canada and other countries, February 2023, April 21, 2023, www.statcan.gc.ca

Wheat farmers ask Canada to step in as strike threatens exports



Source: AJOT

The Wheat Growers Association is calling for the Canadian government to allow outside workers to weigh and inspect grain at a Vancouver port as a massive strike by public sector workers threatens shipments. Unionized inspectors at the Cascadia Terminal have purposely targeted the port, according to a news release by the group, which advocates for farmers. The protests could further tighten global supplies already affected by the war in Ukraine. "A strike is one thing, but to intentionally target a port that is critical to the lives of grain farmers and to the entire Canadian economy is the height of reckless irresponsibility," the group's President, Gunter Jochum, said in the release. Last week Keystone Agricultural Producers of Manitoba and the Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan, also warned the strike could cause delays inspecting grain before it's loaded onto ships as well as disrupt efforts to bring temporary workers into Canada in time for the spring planting season.

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A video from the event was also taken by CILTNA member, Victor Osei-Bonsu MILT. The video can be found on our YouTube Channel here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tnMrvMc_3E&t=2s



On April 18, 2023 the Pacific Chapter of CILTNA held a Reception/Presentation **"The Changing Face of the BC Marine Industry: The Evolution from Forests to Fuels."**

The panel included:

Moderator: Alex Rueben, Executive Director, Association of British Columbia Marine Industries (ABCMI)

Paul Hilder, President, Council of Marine Carriers (CMC)

Captain Nathan Boutilier, Vice President BC Coast Pilots

Michael Lowry, Senior Communications Manager Western Canada Marine Response Corporation

The event was a success and all who attended found it very informative and insightful.

**2023 CILTNA SPRING OUTLOOK CONFERENCE
CONFÉRENCE PRINTEMPS DE L'ALTAN 2023**

WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY 2023 @ 08:00 ET

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This will be a hybrid event which means that registrants can choose attend in-person at the KPMG Canada Office or online virtually through Teams. ***Registration for in-person attendance will be due by Wednesday, May 3***

Schedule of events:

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION	08:00 – 08:10 ET
SPRING CONFERENCE: SESSIONS 1 – 4	08:15 – 12:00 ET
LUNCHEON WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER	12:00 – 13:15 ET
SPRING CONFERENCE: SESSIONS 5 – 7	13:15 – 16:15 ET
CLOSING REMARKS	16:15 – 16:30 ET

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